

WORD OF GRACE

Part 23: Authority | Text: Romans 13

Genesis chapters 1-11 - What God established for us was and is good.

- Free will Genesis 2:16 _____
- Marriage Genesis 2:24 _____
- Family Genesis 4:1, 2 _____
- Government Genesis 10:8-10 _____

Romans 13:1-5

Government was set up to God to minister God's boundaries and protect the obedient.

- Colossians 1:16 Thrones and authorities
- Daniel 10:12-14 Prince of Persia
- Daniel 10:20, 21 Prince of Greece
- Isaiah 24:21 Heaven and earth
- Isaiah 9:7 Government on His shoulders

Colossians 1:16 (NKJV) For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.

Isaiah 24:21 In that day the Lord will punish the powers in the heavens above and the kings on the earth below.

Christian's attitude toward government

- _____ 1 Peter 2:13, 14
- _____ 1 Timothy 2:1, 2
- _____ Proverbs 11:10, 11
- _____ www.senate.gov, www.house.gov

Titus 3:1 (NLT) Remind your people to submit to the government and its officers. They should be obedient, always ready to do what is good.

Christian's conduct toward Government rules.

- Law of Liberty Galatians 5:13
- Law of Expedience 1 Corinthians 10:23
- Law of Love Galatians 5:14, 15

1 Corinthians 10:23 (NLT) You say, "I am allowed to do anything"--but not everything is helpful. You say, "I am allowed to do anything"--but not everything is beneficial.

Does a Christian have a God-given right to rebel against the laws of the land?

- Acts 5:29, 41, 42
- Daniel 3:6, 16-18

Romans 13:6, 7

I have to pay taxes!

- Matthew 22:15-17
- Matthew 17:25-27

Matthew 22:15-17 Then the Pharisees went out and laid plans to trap him in his words. (16) They sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians. "Teacher," they said, "we know you are a man of integrity and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren't swayed by men, because you pay no attention to who they are. (17) Tell us then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay taxes to Caesar or not?"

Romans 13:8-14

The law of love will always keep us in the right place with God.

Debt: Deuteronomy 15:6 | Deuteronomy 28:12 | Proverbs 22:17
Deuteronomy 23:20 (NLT) You may charge interest to foreigners, but not to Israelites, so the Lord your God may bless you in everything you do in the land you are about to enter and occupy.

Golden Rule: Galatians 5:13 | James 2:8 | Matthew 7:12

Dress in light: Ephesians 4:24 | Ephesians 5:8-13 | Colossians 1:12, 13
Galatians 3:27 | 2 Corinthians 5:16
Colossians 3:10-12 (NLT) In its place you have clothed yourselves with a brand-new nature that is continually being renewed as you learn more and more about Christ, who created this new nature within you. (11) In this new life, it doesn't matter if you are a Jew or a Gentile, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbaric, uncivilized, slave, or free. Christ is all that matters, and he lives in all of us. (12) Since God chose you to be the holy people whom he loves, you must clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.

D12 Group Discussion Questions

1. Discuss the scriptures under Romans 13:1-5 and apply them to your life.
2. Discuss the spiritual forces on our city and county.
3. Talk about Acts 5:29-42 and apply to today.
4. Talk and pray about the scriptures under Romans 13:8-14

Prayer Focus

Let's agree for a Spirit of repentance to run through our government and through us.