

Practical Christian Living Based On The Gospel– 12:1-15:13

ROMANS

Romans 13:1-14

Lesson 13

The Gospel – Demands Christians To
Be Submissive, Loving & Watchful

The Gospel – God's Power To Save Man

The Just Shall Live By Faith

Romans 1:16-17 (NKJV)

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¹ Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God. ² Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves. ³ For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil. Do you want to be unafraid of the authority? Do what is good, and you will have praise from the same.

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⁴ For he is God's minister to you for good. But if you do evil, be afraid; for he does not bear the sword in vain; for he is God's minister, an avenger to *execute* wrath on him who practices evil. ⁵ Therefore you must be subject, not only because of wrath but also for conscience' sake.

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⁶ For because of this you also pay taxes, for they are God's ministers attending continually to this very thing.

⁷ Render therefore to all their due: taxes to whom taxes *are due*, customs to whom customs, fear to whom fear, honor to whom honor.

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The Origin of Government (13:1,2)

- ◆ **God has all authority** – (Ps. 22:28; Dan. 2:2-21,37; 4:17)
- ◆ **Whatever authority government has is derived from God** – (Acts 17:24-28; John 19:11; Dan. 5:18-21)
- ◆ **A government exists because God allows it to exist** – (Jer. 18:6-10; 25:12-17; Dan. 4:17) – *{does not imply endorsement!}*



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- ◆ **To oppose government is to oppose God and violate His law** – (1 Pet. 2:13; Titus 3:1)
- ◆ **The ONLY occasion that we have the right to refuse to obey the government is when it requires disobedience to God** – (Acts 5:29)
- ◆ **To resist brings judgment upon one's own self** – {*Not only from the gov.!*}



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The Function of Government (13:3,4)

- ◆ **Government is in place to restrain evil and promote good – (1 Pet. 2:14)**
- ◆ **For government to forsake this purpose is to bring harm upon itself and its soon end – (Prov 14:34)**
- ◆ **Any nation that wants to be successful, productive and enduring will honor what is right and good –**



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- ◆ **Christians are told not to avenge themselves** – (12:19-21)
- ◆ **Government is one of God's agencies of providing justice to the evil doer** – (1 Pet. 2:14)
- ◆ **This would include the death penalty**
– Gen 9:5,6; Exo. 21:12,14,29; Lev. 24:17; Num. 35:16-19, 30:31; Deut. 17:6; 19:11-13; 27:24,25; Rom. 1:32)



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A Christians Obligation To Government (13:5-7)

- ◆ **“Be subject”** – (13:1,5; 1 Pet. 2:13,14,17) – [*to avoid punishment; for conscience*]
- ◆ **“Pay taxes”** – (13:6,7; Mat. 22:17-21; Luke 20:25)
- ◆ **“Render therefore to all their due”** – (1 Tim. 2:1,2; Titus 3:1; 1 Pet. 2:13-17)



The Gospel – Demands Christians To: Love Each Other

Romans 13:8-10 (NKJV)

⁸ Owe no one anything except to love one another, for he who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹ For the commandments, "*You shall not commit adultery,*" "*You shall not murder,*" "*You shall not steal,*" "*You shall not bear false witness,*" "*You shall not covet,*" and if there is any other commandment, are *all* summed up in this saying, namely, "*You shall love your neighbor as yourself.*" ¹⁰ Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

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A Christians Obligation To Love - (13:8-10)

- ◆ **“Owe no one anything except to love one another”** – (13:8; 1 Pet. 2:13,14,17) – [owe, (OPHEILO), is contrasted with due, (OPHEILE) – Love is obligated to one / submission & taxes to the other]
- ◆ **Not speaking of financial debt–**
(Prudent warnings and restraints are issued in other passages, but not strict prohibition - (Prov. 11:15; 22:7,26,27))



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- ◆ **Love is the basis and motivation for keeping God's Law** – (1 John 4:20-5:5)
– [*Love is NOT a substitute for Law, but the motive behind keeping it*]
- ◆ **“For the commandments . . . are all summed up in the saying ‘you shall love your neighbor as yourself’”** –
(*Adultery, murder, stealing, bearing false witness, are wrong because they violate the law of love*) – (Mk 12:29-30)



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- ◆ **Love is the practical expression of God's Law** – (13:10; 1 Cor. 13:1-8) – [*Love does no harm to his neighbor*]
- ◆ **Therefore if one loves as he should he will have fulfilled the Law** – (13:10) – (he will not commit adultery, murder, steal, bearing false witness, etc. {1 Cor. 6:9-11; Gal. 5:19-21}– but will do good to his neighbor) – (Mat 22:40)



The Gospel – Demands Christians To Be: Watchful

Romans 13:11-14 (NKJV)

¹¹ And *do* this, knowing the time, that now *it is* high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation *is* nearer than when we *first* believed. ¹² The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. ¹³ Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. ¹⁴ But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to *fulfill its* lusts.

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The Season For Being Watchful - (13:11,12)

- ◆ **“Knowing the time”** – (13:11; 2 Cor. 6:2)
– [*Describe the times in which we live*]
- ◆ **Now it is high-time to awake out of sleep** – (13:11; Eph 5:15-17; 1 Pet 5:1-8; James 4:7; 1 Cor. 16:13)
- ◆ **“For now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed”** - (13:11; 1 Thes 5:1-10) – It is later than we think . . .
Each day we get closer to eternity.



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The Reason For Being Watchful - (13:11,12)

- ◆ **“For now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed”** – (13:11; 1 Cor 15:52; 1 Thes 4:17; 1 Pet. 1:4,5) – The day of redemption is drawing near
- ◆ **“The night is far spent, The day is at hand”** - (13:12; 2 Pet 3:10-14) – The coming of Christ and the day of judgment.



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The Preparation Necessary To Be Watchful - (13:12-14)

- ◆ **“Cast off the works of darkness”** – (13:12; Eph. 5:11; 2 Cor. 6:14; Col 3:5-10; 1 Thes 5:4,5)
- ◆ **“Put on the armor of light”** - (13:12; 2 Cor. 6:7; Eph. 6:10ff; Col. 3:12-17; 1 Thes 5:8)
- ◆ **“Walk properly”** – (13:13; Eph. 5:15,16; Gal. 5:16,25; Rom. 8:1-4;)



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(13:14; Gal. 3:26,27; 4:19; 2 Cor. 11:2; Col. 3:10-12; 1 John 2:6)
- ◆ **“Make no provision for the flesh”**
- (13:14; Gal. 5:16-19,24; 1 Pet. 2:11; 1 John 2:15-17; 1 Thes. 5:21,22; [also Mat. 6:8,33; Luke 12:22-31])



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The Gospel Teaches That Those Who Follow Christ Must Be:



- ✦ **Submissive To The Government – (13:1-7)**
- ✦ **Loving Toward Others – (13:8-10)**
- ✦ **Watchful – Preparing For the Lord's Return – (13:11-14)**

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