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

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<sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves. <sup>3</sup>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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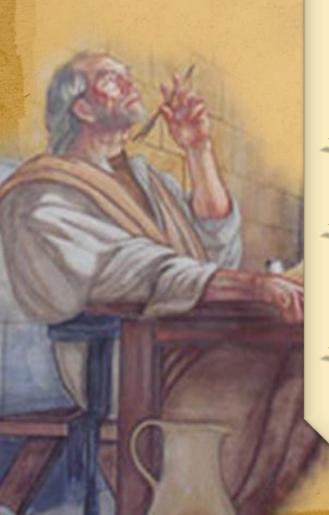
<sup>4</sup> For he is God's minister to you for good. But if you do evil, be afraid; for he does not bear the sword in vain; for he is God's minister, an avenger to *execute* wrath on him who practices evil. <sup>5</sup> Therefore you must be subject, not only because of wrath but also for conscience' sake.

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- <sup>6</sup> For because of this you also pay taxes, for they are God's ministers attending continually to this very thing.
- <sup>7</sup> Render therefore to all their due: taxes to whom taxes *are due*, customs to whom customs, fear to whom fear, honor to whom honor.

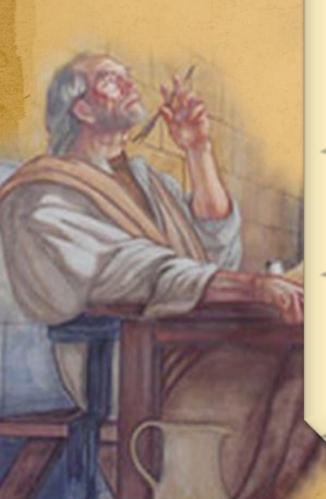
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### The Origin of Government (13:1,2)

- ◆ 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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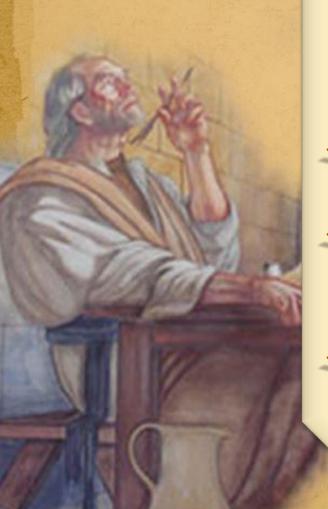
- ◆ To oppose government is to oppose God and violate His law – (1 Pet. 2:13; Titus3:1)
- ◆ The ONLY occasion that we have the right to refuse to obey the government is when it requires disobedience to God – (Acts 5:29)
- To resist brings judgment upon one's own self {Not only from the gov.!}

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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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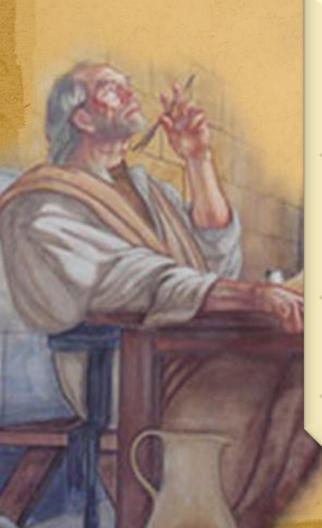


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- Christians are told not to avenge themselves – (12:19-21)
- Government is one of God's agencies of providing justice to the evil doer – (1 Pet. 2:14)
- This would include the death penalty

   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)**

<sup>8</sup>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." <sup>10</sup> 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)

### Watchful

#### Romans 13:11-14 (NKJV)

<sup>11</sup> 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. <sup>12</sup> 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. <sup>13</sup> Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. <sup>14</sup> But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to *fulfill its* lusts.

### Watchful

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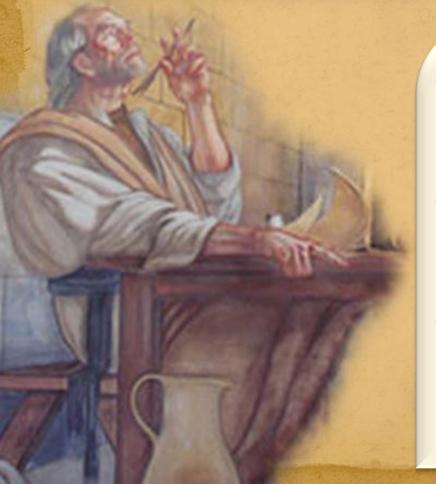
- "Cast off the works of darkness" (13:12; Eph. 5:11; 2 Cor. 6:14; Col 3:5-10; 1 Thes 5:4,5)
- \*Put on the armor of light\* (13:12; 2 Cor. 6:7; Eph. 6:10ff; Col. 3:12-17; 1 Thes 5:8)
- **"Walk properly"** (13:13; Eph. 5:15,16; Gal. 5:16,25; Rom. 8:1-4; )

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- ◆ "Put on the Lord Jesus Christ" –
  (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)

# The Gospel – God's Power To Save Man The Gospel Teaches That Those Who Follow Christ Must Be:



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

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