



God, Gospel and Government (Romans 13:1-7)

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### Submit to the Governing Authorities

- “Let everyone be \_\_\_\_\_ to the governing authorities.” (v1a)

### Government Authority is from God

- “Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which \_\_\_\_\_ has established. The authorities that exist have been established by \_\_\_\_\_.” (v1)

### Government is God’s Servant

- “For the one in authority is God’s \_\_\_\_\_ for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for rulers do not bear the sword for no reason. They are God’s \_\_\_\_\_, agents of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer...This is also why you pay taxes, for the authorities are God’s \_\_\_\_\_.” (v4, 6a)

### God’s Purpose for Government

- To legislate \_\_\_\_\_ order within society – commending what is \_\_\_\_\_ (v3) and punishing what is \_\_\_\_\_ (v4).

### Peter in Agreement with Paul

- “\_\_\_\_\_ yourselves for the Lord’s sake to every human authority: whether to the emperor, as the supreme authority, or to governors, who are sent by him to \_\_\_\_\_ those who do wrong and to \_\_\_\_\_ those who do right.” (1 Peter 2:13-14)

### Universal Mandate to Obey Government?

- Not if obeying the \_\_\_\_\_ means disobeying \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ➔ Pharaoh & \_\_\_\_\_ (Ex 1:17)
  - ➔ King Neb & \_\_\_\_\_ (Dan 3:18)
  - ➔ King Darius & \_\_\_\_\_ (Dan 6)
  - ➔ Sanhedrin & \_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 4:18)

### Give to Caesar what is Caesar’s

- “Give to everyone what you owe them: If you owe taxes, pay \_\_\_\_\_; if revenue, then \_\_\_\_\_; if respect, then \_\_\_\_\_; if honor, then \_\_\_\_\_.” (Rom 13:7)
- “Honor the \_\_\_\_\_.” (1 Pet 2:17)

### Give to God what is God’s

- “Give back to Caesar what is \_\_\_\_\_, and to God what is \_\_\_\_\_.” (Matt 22:21)
  - ➔ Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ the government’s limited claim on us and \_\_\_\_\_ the government’s total claim on us.

### Jesus’ Coming Government

- “For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the \_\_\_\_\_ will be on his \_\_\_\_\_. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end.” (Isaiah 9:6-7a)

### Next Steps

- 1) Give to \_\_\_\_\_ what is \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) Give to \_\_\_\_\_ what is \_\_\_\_\_