

THE CHRISTIAN IN RELATION TO CIVIL AUTHORITY
(Romans 13:1-7)

VII. THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD REFLECTED – SERVICE and APPLICATION (12:1- 15:13)

A. The Believer’s Relationship To God (12:1-2)

B. The Believer’s Relationship To Others Within The Body (12:3-16)

C. The Believers Relationship To Those Without

D. The Believer’s Relationship To Civil Authority (13:1-7)

1. God’s instruction here... “Let every soul _____ to the governing authority (13:1a)

- Some examples of this in scripture:

- Who is this instruction to?

- Paul’s point: No matter _____ you live, or what _____ of government you live under, the Christian life is _____, by God’s grace!

2. The biblical _____ for this instruction are indicated by the word... “for”(gar)

a. There is the _____ of God in this... as ... “There is no _____ except from _____”

- As sovereign, God is the _____ authority, whose power is _____ in its scope!

b. Because of the _____ or _____ of God for this... as ... “The authorities that _____ are _____ by God”

- Some examples of these are God’s _____ :

- What do we mean when we refer to “divine institutions”?

3. The authority of divine institutions is _____ & _____ in its scope!

- How & when did human government come to be?

- 4. Human government was designed to protect man from _____doers domestically, and foreign _____ nationally!

- Can human government control the “sin nature” of fallen man?

- 5. As we think of nations, God established _____ as the ideal form of government at the Tower of Babel, so _____, or _____ form of government is in _____ to God’s will for the world.
 - *Why is that?

- 6. What happens when we fail to heed God’s instructions here? (13:2)
 - a. We will _____ the instruction or arrangement of God!(13:2a)

- Are there legal ways we can resist human government?
 - b. What should we expect as a _____ for resisting the ordinance of God (13:2b)

 - c. Are there biblical exceptions to submitting to civil authorities?

- What should this mean to you?