

**THE CHRISTIAN IN RELATION TO CIVIL AUTHORITY pt 2**  
**(Romans 13:1-7)**

**VII. The Righteousness of God Reproduced (12:1-15:13) - Service & Application**

**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 Those Without (12:17-21)**

**D. The Believers Relationship To Civil Authority (13:1-7)**

1. God's instruction here ... "Let every soul \_\_\_\_\_ to the governing authority (13:1a)
- 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 arrangement or \_\_\_\_\_ of God for this... as ... "The authorities that exist are \_\_\_\_\_ by God"
  - Some examples of these are God's \_\_\_\_\_ Institutions:
  - The authority of divine institutions is \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ in its scope!
3. Human government was designed to protect man from \_\_\_\_\_ domestically, and foreign \_\_\_\_\_ nationally!
4. As we think of nations, God established \_\_\_\_\_ as the ideal form of government at the Tower of Babel ( Gen. 11), so \_\_\_\_\_, or a \_\_\_\_\_ form of government is in \_\_\_\_\_ to God's will for the world.
- What happens if we \_\_\_\_\_ to heed God's instructions here? (13:2)
  - 1) We will \_\_\_\_\_ the instruction or arrangement of God!(13:2a)
- Are there legal ways we can resist human government?

- 2) What should we expect as a \_\_\_\_\_ for resisting the ordinance of God (13:2b)
- Are there biblical exceptions to submitting to civil authorities?
5. The \_\_\_\_\_ regarding civil authority's \_\_\_\_\_ towards its citizens. (13:3-4)
- a. God has designed human government like all divine institutions to provide for the \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ of its people.
  - b. In light of God's design, civil authorities are to \_\_\_\_\_ those who do \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ those who do \_\_\_\_\_ !
- What does this assume?
  - What does the term "*terror*" mean or imply?
- c. In God's arraignment, the governing official is to be viewed as a \_\_\_\_\_ of God to you for \_\_\_\_\_ (13:4a)
  - d. For those who openly \_\_\_\_\_ against the governing authority, what should they do?(13:4b)
- What is the reason for this ? (13:4c)
    - a. According to scripture, human government has the God-given authority to exercise \_\_\_\_\_ for capital crimes committed, resulting in \_\_\_\_\_ to the evil doer (Gen 9:6 & Romans 13:4)

Some Principals About Capital Punishment To Note:

- 1) Capital punishment was instituted by \_\_\_\_\_ after the Genesis Flood (Genesis 9:6)
- 2) Capital punishment exacts \_\_\_\_\_ for certain capital crimes!
- 3) Capital punishment is \_\_\_\_\_ a violation of the 6<sup>th</sup> commandment... "*Thou shall not kill*" (Exodus 20;13)
- 4) Capital punishment when consistently practiced is an effective \_\_\_\_\_ to crime!
- What did the Apostle Paul think of capital punishment? ( Acts 25:11)
- 5) Even godless men understand certain crimes \_\_\_\_\_ the death penalty! (Acts 28:1-4; Luke 23:40-41)