

Class: Teachers

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Text: Romans 13

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Memory Verse:

Rom 1:16

Christians as Citizens

Concept development: Christianity - Obedying government

* Words to define: ordained, revelling, chambering, wantonness, strife, jealousy

Body:

The Christian under civil government Christian's duty to civil government

Must be in subjection to them [Titus 3:1]

A special need at this time for this encouragement * Jews taught gospel first, Jews were always rebellious, hostile to Roman government at this time - Paul was telling them they had to obey Roman government.

The Jews were a rebellious people against other governments (Roman)

The new Christian may not understand that Christ is our spiritual King

God has all power and is in control of all things (v2)

The governments are ordained of God or set in place by God

He gives governments the power to act as his agent

As an avenger of wrath on the evil doer

To set order and laws that men may work together

Not always do the governments follow God's plan

To resist (defy) the power of the government you resist (defy) the ordinance of God - obey parents or will be consequences

The rulers are not a terror to good works but to evil works

* ③ We obey the laws of the land because:

① We obey the Lord (conscience's sake) [1 Peter 2:13-14] - if we break the laws, our conscience should

② Of the wrath [punishment] of the government

Which laws are we to obey? Speed, running lights, etc. rather us

We are to pay taxes, fees and customs when they are due

We are to honor and respect [fear] our leaders

Governments can be evil, devil can have control - but God can have ultimate use or control of them. God set up government to rule. Sometimes they stray.

The Christian and his neighbor

Owe no man anything

Do not go into debt?

Pay off the debt when it is due

Love is the only debt that cannot be paid off and is always owed to all men

Do not sin against your neighbor

* Adultery, murder, stealing, coveting

But love your neighbor as your self - easy to see other's faults, not ours

Resists (v3) - defiance defying God's ordinance if we disobey laws, we not only disobey law of the land, but God's law

We are to always and in every situation act as becoming a Christian with spiritual things in mind

Not to walk as in the dark (stumbling) but upright as in the light

We are to make no provisions for the flesh to fulfill its lust - wasteful, gluttony, how we dress for certain entertainment

going on vacations, missing services

you could also compare children obey your parents also disrespectful, laws our for our protection - speeding, etc. Americans have to mark freedom if we don't teach our children total submission, how will they submit to God

Attitude of defiance - if you accidentally go over speed limit, if you go too fast, you need to be careful they don't stop you about that, but we disobey our laws, we are also setting an example for other people watching

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Christians as Citizens

Words to define:

Ordained -

Revelling -

Chambering –

Wantonness –

Strife –

Jealousy –

1. How are Christians to be subject to governing authorities?
2. Who is in control of all things?
3. If we resist the laws of man, Who do we also resist?
4. Do all governments follow God's plan? If your answer is no name some of the governments that do not.
5. Why is it good to have laws?
6. If we want to be unfraid of rulers and laws then what should we do.
7. In verse 8 we are told to own no one anything except _____.
Why?
8. How are we to love our neighbors? Explain how this can be done.
9. Give examples of things we can do to be good citizens.
10. How are christians to walk? Rd verse 13

11. In verse 13, what is the greatest of the three?

12. In verse 10, what is that which is perfect?

13. What should we use for a guide in this world?

14. What are some reasons some people do not follow after God's word?