

Christians as Citizens

Concept development: Christianity – Obeying government

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

Body:

The Christian under civil government

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

A special need at this time for this encouragement

The Jews were a rebellious people against other governments

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

God has all power and is in control of all things

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

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

We obey the laws of the land because

We obey the Lord (conscience' sake) [1 Peter 2:13-14]

Of the wrath [punishment] of the government

Which laws are we to obey?

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

We are to honor and respect [fear] our leaders

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

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

CLASS: SR. HIGH
TEXT: ROM. 13

DATE: 2000
TEACHER:

LESSON 2

MEMORY VERSE: ROM. 1:6

WORDS TO DEFINE:

ORDAINED:

REVELLING:

CHAMBERING:

WANTONNESS:

STRIFE:

JEALOUSY:

QUESTIONS

1. – Must Christians obey the civil government? (Give verses)
2. – Why do you think Paul was telling the Christians in Rome to obey the government?
3. – What would happen to the Christian who resisted the government according to Rom. 13:2?
4. – What is one way that God uses the civil government?
5. – Be ready to discuss your views on capital punishment after reading Rom. 13:4.
6. – Do we need to pay all taxes, fees, and customs, levied by the government?
7. – Must we show respect for our governmental leaders?
8. – When is the only time we do not have to obey the civil government?
9. – Is it a sin to go into debt?
10. – What is the one debt we can never pay off and is always owed to all men?
11. – When is the only time we are permitted by God to not act like a Christian?

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ABC REFERENCE XI-2

A VERSE TO REMEMBER:

Sunday : For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. Rom. 3:23

Wednesday : For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. Gal. 3:27

QUESTIONS TO ANSWER: (Sunday)

1. What or who are governing authorities ?
2. Why should we submit to them ?
3. Who is the supreme authority ?
4. If we resist governing authorities, who are we really resisting?
5. If we do good, should we fear the authorities ?
6. Should those who practice evil fear authority ?
7. List ways the government executes wrath on those who practice evil.
8. Should Christians pay taxes ?
9. Should Christians refuse to pay back any debts ?
10. What can we owe others ?
11. How does love for others fulfill the Law ?
12. How are the commandments summed up or fulfilled by " Love your neighbor as yourself " ?
13. What did Paul mean in Vs. 11 " awake out of sleep " ?
14. What are the works of Darkness?
15. What is the " Armor " of light ? Ref. Eph. 6:11-17
16. In the "Christian Walk" what are some things we should not participate in ?
17. How do we put on Christ ? Ref. Gal. 3:27

18. What are the works of the flesh ? Ref. Gal. 5:19-24

19. What type of Citizen should a Christian be ?

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS : (Wednesday)

1. Report on a biblical example (s) of obedience to God being in conflict with government law. I.E. Daniel
2. Give report explaining Rom. 13:8 and the relationship of owing no man anything and loving one another.
3. Report on Luke 20:19-26 and relate it to the teaching in Rom. 13.
4. Report on ways a Christian can be a "model citizen".
5. Report on ways a Christian can control how their taxes are to be spent ?
6. Illustrate and explain the " Armor" described in Eph. 6 . (Draw on Poster or Board)
7. Review past memory work. (entire class)