

Paul's Letter to the
Romans

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6 REASONS FOR CHRISTIANS TO SUBMIT TO THEIR GOVERNMENT



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- 2) God has placed them there. (v. 1)
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- 4) They preform a function (reward good, punish evil). (v. 3)
- 5) They are “Ministers of God” and given a “sword” to do it. (v. 4)
- 6) You know its right (your conscience). (v. 5)

ROMANS 13:1-7

1 Every person is to be in subjection to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are established by God.

2 Therefore whoever resists authority has opposed the ordinance of God; and they who have opposed will receive condemnation upon themselves.

3 For rulers are not a cause of fear for good behavior, but for evil. Do you want to have no fear of authority? Do what is good and you will have praise from the same;

4 for it is a minister of God to you for good. But if you do what is evil, be afraid; for it does not bear the sword for nothing; for it is a minister of God, an avenger who brings wrath on the one who practices evil.

5 Therefore it is necessary to be in subjection, not only because of wrath, but also for conscience' sake.

6 For because of this you also pay taxes, for rulers are servants of God, devoting themselves to this very thing.

7 Render to all what is due them: tax to whom tax is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honor to whom honor.



ROMANS 13:1



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- ✓ Federal, state and local governing bodies set over you.
- ✓ The laws and the people who enforce those laws.
- ✓ Christians are to allow themselves to be placed under
the governing authorities set over us.

ROMANS 13:1-2



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Ordinance: “That which has been ordered or commanded” (BDAG).
Sometimes translated “ordained.”

Resists: Means you’ve dug your heels in, you are NOT going to submit.

LUKE 2:1-5



“Now in those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus, that a census be taken of all the inhabited earth. This was the first census taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. And everyone was on his way to register for the census, each to his own city. Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, in order to register along with Mary, who was engaged to him, and was with child.”

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"The civil magistrate did not come into being through the machinations of man; rather, civil government is an institution established by God. God has established the church with its redemptive mission and the government for the well-being of everyone. Government might well be called a common-grace ministry. The church dispenses the elements of special grace, that which has to do with our salvation, whereas civil government attends to the common good of the human race, not only for Christians but for all people." R. C. Sproul



ROMANS 13:-3



3 For rulers are not a cause of fear for good behavior, but for evil. Do you want to have no fear of authority? Do what is good and you will have praise from the same;

- ✓ This is a “Proverbial truth.”
- ✓ It’s a general statement about our rulers that is generally true but not ALWAYS true.
- ✓ Like the book of Proverbs.

ROMANS 13:4

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