

THE BOOK OF ROMANS

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO GRACE.
THE FOUNDATION OF NEW TESTAMENT THEOLOGY.

Romans 13:1-7

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD — PART 3

The Gospel of Grace. The Foundation of New Testament Theology
And How The Justified Shall Live by Faith in Jesus Christ Alone.

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

Spiritual Worship, Godly Service, Dedication, Devotion, Sacrifice, The Will of God.

Romans 13:1-7

Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God. **2** Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves. **3** For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil. Do you want to be unafraid of the authority? Do what is good, and you will have praise from the same. **4** For he is God's minister to you for good. But if you do evil, be afraid; for he does not bear the sword in vain; for he is God's minister, an avenger to execute wrath on him who practices evil. **5** Therefore you must be subject, not only because of wrath but also for conscience' sake. **6** For because of this you also pay taxes, for they are God's ministers attending continually to this very thing. **7** Render therefore to all their due: taxes to whom taxes are due, customs to whom customs, fear to whom fear, honor to whom honor.

Our relationship with authority is an exercise
in submission to God. Let's remember that we need a change of mind,
brainwashing if you will.

Romans 12:1-2a ESV

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies ^bas a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.² Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind,

The Earthly Limitations of God Given Government

“...An earthly city glories in itself,
but the Heavenly City glories in the Lord.”

Augustine of Hippo, City of God

THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD

1.) Reveals The Sovereignty of God vs. 1-4

1a.) The Reality of Divine Government vs. 1

1b.) The Priority of Divine Government vs. 1b

THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD REVEALS THE SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD

1c.) The Fear of Divine Government vs. 2-4

Verse 2

2 Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance
of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves

Resist grk: antitassomai
to position oneself against or in oppose to the governing authority.

Ordinance grk: diatage;
divine institutions, the base or foundational rules or customs of God made known
to man as revealed in the Scriptures and through all God has created.

We are living in – right now, a profound and never before seen
form of government unlike another in history.

<https://www.awesomestories.com/images/user/8debc34b97.jpg>

“In the name of God, Amen. We, whose names are underwritten, the Loyal Subjects of our dread Sovereign
Lord King James, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, King, defender of the Faith, etc.:
Having undertaken, for the Glory of God, and advancements of the Christian faith, and the honor of our King
and Country, a voyage to plant the first colony in the Northern parts of Virginia; do by these presents, solemnly
and mutually, in the presence of God, and one another; covenant and combine ourselves together into a civil
body politic...”

Verse 3

3 For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil. Do you want to be unafraid of the authority? Do what is good, and you will have praise from the same.

Question:

To What Extent did The Roman Empire have Authority
over it's citizens and the world it ruled?

Answer:

For the Non-Christian, Rome had absolute authority.
But to the Christian, Rome had limited authority.

We remember that the Apostle Paul gave us a powerful example
as to how we as believers are to utilize all things for the glory of God.
Paul, using his Roman Citizenship, advanced the Gospel of the Kingdom
while jailed at Caesarea by the Sea for preaching about Jesus Christ.

Acts 25:10a, 11b-12

10 So Paul said, *"I stand at Caesar's judgment seat, where I ought to be judged.
11 I appeal to Caesar."* **12** Then Festus, when he had conferred with the council, answered,
"You have appealed to Caesar? To Caesar you shall go!"

Paul Uses His Legal Roman Politic to Advance the Gospel to Rome

Verse 4

4 For he is God's minister to you FOR GOOD. But if you do evil, be afraid; for he does not bear the sword in vain; for he is God's minister, an avenger to execute wrath on him who practices evil.

Kings, Prime Ministers, Presidents & Elected Officials all are
allowed power to advance what is good.
But who decides what is good or what is bad?
(Humans do not – humans cannot)

Romans 1:18-22

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, **19** because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them. **20** For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, **21** because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. **22** Professing to be wise, they became fools.

Fool grk: moraine:
to be empty-headed, void, a willful ignorance, choosing to be
as a moron,

Psalms 19:1

The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows His handiwork.

Psalms 14:1

The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God."

**Jesus being the perfect example of this
"Beautiful Fear" in Action !**

Mark 12:13-17

Then they sent to Jesus some of the Pharisees and the Herodians, to catch Him in His words.

14 When they had come, they said to Him, *"Teacher, we know that You are true, and care about no one; for You do not regard the person of men but teach the way of God in truth. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not? 15 Shall we pay, or shall we not pay?"* But Jesus, knowing their hypocrisy, said to them, *"Why do you test Me? Bring Me a denarius that I may see it."* **16** So they brought it. And He said to them, *"Whose image and inscription is this?"* They said to Him, *"Caesar's."* **17** And Jesus answered and said to them, *"Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's."* And they marveled at Him.

Caesar had coins minted with his image on them –
Caesar had one side with his face on it – and the deity (mammon)
On the other side (his choice).

<https://www.forumancientcoins.com/Coins/11758q00.jpg>

The Demon Deity Mammon(a)

is an ancient Canaanite god who became an honored deity by the Phoenician who were arguably the wealthiest state of the ancient world. Mammon (was) is the lord of wealth, prosperity, riches and greed. Mammon was the god who – { if properly spoken to } would in turn give you what YOU desired or wanted.

Mammon's worshippers would literally chant, conjure, and repeat their desire for wealth, prosperity & riches until gotten.

But God minted human beings in His Own Image.
So which currency is more valuable to you?

Revelation 3:12
(The Philadelphians)

He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go out no more. (the earthquake of 17 ad.)

I will write on him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, (ancient pagan tattoos of ownership by a deity.)the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God. And I will write on him My new name.

Examples of WHY WE SHOULD BE IN AWE (fear)

Daniel 4:17b

“ For the Most High rules in the kingdom of men, Gives it to whomever He will, And sets over it the lowest of men.’

Daniel 2:20-21

Daniel answered and said: “Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, for wisdom and might are His. **21** And He changes the times and the seasons; He removes kings and raises up kings; He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding.

2 Corinthians 10:3-6

For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. **4** For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, **5** casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, **6** and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled.

We are to be the most Ardent of Christ-Followers

1. The Christian is to be the Most Biblical and God Honoring.
2. The Christian is to be the Best of Citizens of Any Community.
3. The Christian is to be the Wisest of Voices in Private & Public.
4. The Christian is to be the Consciences of the City, State and Nation.
5. The Christian is to be the Brightest of Lights in the Darkest of Places.
6. The Christian is to be the Saltiest of Salts where Decay and Death is.
7. The Christian is to be the Most Loving and Attractive in the Culture.
8. The Christian is to be Much Hated and Rejected among all who disagree.

But As Christ-Followers...

1. We must be Courageous
2. We must be Informed
3. We must be Vigilant
4. We must be Winsome
5. We must be Blameless

It's Time for Godly Obedience

Acts 5:17-29, 40-42

Then the high priest rose up, and all those who were with him (which is the sect of the Sadducees), and they were filled with indignation, **18** and laid their hands on the apostles and put them in the common prison. **19** But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, **20** “Go, stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this life.” **21** And when they heard that, they entered the temple early in the morning and taught. But the high priest and those with him came and called the council together, with all the elders of the children of Israel, and sent to the prison to have them brought. **22** But when the officers came and did not find them in the prison, they returned and reported, **23** saying, “Indeed we found the prison shut securely, and the guards standing outside before the doors; but when we opened them, we found no one inside!” **24** Now when the high priest, the captain of the temple, and the chief priests heard these things, they wondered what the outcome would be. **25** So one came and told them, saying, “Look, the men whom you put in prison are standing in the temple and teaching the people!” **26** Then the captain went with the officers and brought them without violence, for they feared the people, lest they should be stoned. **27** And when they had brought them, they set them before the council. And the high priest asked them, **28** saying, “Did we not strictly command you not to teach in this name? And look, you have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine and intend to bring this Man’s blood on us!” **29** But Peter and the other apostles answered and said: “We ought to obey God rather than men. **40** And they agreed with him, and when they had called for the apostles and beaten them, they commanded that they should not speak in the name of Jesus and let them go. **41** So they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for His name. **42** And daily in the temple, and in every house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.

We are here today to use BOTH our Biblical Commissioning of Jesus Christ
AND

We are here today to use our God given POLITICAL FREEDOM to preach His Name

We Preach & Proclaim the Name of Jesus

- Because, In the Name of Jesus, The Power of Sin is Destroyed.
- Because, In the Name of Jesus, Lives are Transformed.
- Because, In the Name of Jesus, Death is Defeated.
- Because, In the Name of Jesus, The Lost are Found.
- Because, In the Name of Jesus, There is (Selfless) Worship.
- Because, In the Name of Jesus, There is The Love of Others.
- Because, In the Name of Jesus, There is Reconciliation.
- Because, In the Name of Jesus, There is Healing.

THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD

2.) Reveals The Lordship of God

vs. 5-7

THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD REVEALS THE LORDSHIP OF GOD (JESUS CHRIST)

2a.) His Divine Government (Lordship) Over His People

vs. 5

Verse 5

5 Therefore you must be subject, not only because of wrath but also for conscience' sake.

STATING THE OBVIOUS In the public, civic sense...

But after the Resurrection;
to say, "Jesus is Lord," became a way of declaring Jesus' deity. It began with Thomas' exclamation when Jesus appeared to the disciples after His resurrection:
"Thomas said to him, 'My Lord and my God!'" (John 20:28)

Revelation 22:21

The grace of our **Lord** Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

Lord grk: kurios:
the authority, the master, your owner, the relationship between
a slave and the master.

Revelation 19:16

And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written:
KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

LORD grk: kurios:
the authority, the master, your owner, the relationship between
a slave and the master.

1 Peter 2:13-14

Therefore submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake, whether to the king as supreme, **14** or to governors, as to those who are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and for the praise of those who do good.

WHAT MAY NOT BE SO OBVIOUS IS...

THESE ARE THE DAZE OF DECEPTION

And there is a great separation taking place in our day.

I personally believe that the winnowing of God's hand has begun, and the church is being (1) refined, (2) perfected, (3) washed, & (4) we are being prepared for the Daze ahead.

Titus 2:11-13

For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, **12** teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, **13** looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ. (LORD JESUS)

You need not worry or be afraid as a true child of God. Just know this -- the Holy Spirit is preparing us as we suffer, here & now...

The Calling of His People is Clear

Matthew 28:18-19a

And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, *"All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 Go therefore and make disciples*

THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD REVEALS THE LORDSHIP OF GOD (JESUS CHRIST)

2b.) His Divine Government (Lordship) Over Your Family vs. 6

Verse 6

6 For because of this you also pay taxes, for they are God's ministers attending continually to this very thing.

STATING THE OBVIOUS

We are to always pay taxes with the money you've been loaned from God.
(Paying taxes is part of our stewardship as believers)

WHAT MAY NOT BE SO OBVIOUS IS...

IS THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD THE AUTHORITY IN YOUR HOME ?

- Are you a Father who is leading his home?
- Are you a Mother leading her home?
- Are you a Husband over your wife?
- Are you a Wife over your husband?
- Are you a Single Man or Woman – Jesus is Over you?

Or maybe you're a teenager, - - are you cooperating with & praying for your parents, your brother, sister and your family?

THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD REVEALS THE LORDSHIP OF GOD (JESUS CHRIST)

2c.) His Divine Government (Lordship) Over You

vs. 7

Verse 7

7 Render therefore to all their due: taxes to whom taxes are due, customs to whom customs, fear to whom fear, honor to whom honor.

STATING THE OBVIOUS

All of these acts of obedience toward The Powers of this earth, serve God in two (2) key ways. (#1) Our obedience to them is actually our obedience to our LORD. (#2) Our obedience to them actually serves as a warning of their coming condemnation & judgement in the end.

WHAT MAY NOT BE SO OBVIOUS IS...

Isaiah 8:13

But the LORD of hosts, Him you shall honor as holy.
Let Him be your fear, and let Him be your dread.

- Am I really, factually following after Jesus?
- Who is really in charge of my life – Really?
- How do I begin my day?
- How much time do I devote to God and His word each day?
- When I go about my day – who is in charge?
- Does the Bible direct my process and my actions?

Romans 10:8-10

But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith which we preach): **9** that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. **10** For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

End of Study

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