

# The Government is Appointed by God.

## Romans 13:1

- 13:1** 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.

## **Introduction:**

In the last few years there has been a renewed interest in the relationship of the church and the Government. This came, in large part, due to the intrusion of the government into the worship services during the Covid era.

Some states were requiring that churches could no longer meet for worship, and later if they did, they could not sing, had to wear mask and stand six feet apart. Many churches complied and even some shut their doors for over a year. Yet others did not comply and never stopped meeting. Others like ourselves and Grace Community Church, stopped meeting for a few weeks to seek what the real dangers this virus posed and after seeing that it was not what they said it was, we began meeting again.

Thankfully, our state government did not impose the kind of restrictions on church assemblies and worship like California and other states.

But through all of this and because of God's gracious providence, many church leaders and pastors began taking a harder look at what the Bible says regarding the relationship between the church and the Government.

I do believe that this has been essential and a needed reevaluation of what is expected of Christians and churches regarding the overreaches of governmental authorities.

It is very interesting that we arrive at Romans 13 for just such a time as this with an election for the highest governmental authority in our country this Tuesday.

And depending on which way this goes, will greatly affect how much more we will have to think about the relationship of the church with the Government of the United States.

We are in a very unique position in our country where we have the privilege to vote for our representatives in our government. We have certain freedoms to speak up and speak out regarding the laws and abuses of our leaders. Most nations in the world do not have this at all.

I was reading this week of the Taliban that has usurped the control of that nation. I can assure you. that if you live there, especially if you are a women, you have no say in what the government does or who it is that will rule over you.

Here are some of laws they have implemented since 2022

1. Girls from grades 4-6 must cover their faces on their commute to school.
2. Later in 2022, All women were expected to cover their faces and wear burkas
3. Female students were banned from taking videos and photos on the university campus.
4. Women were forbidden from pursuing agriculture, mining, civil engineering, veterinary and journalism. The Taliban said those subjects are too difficult for women.
5. By the end of 2022, all female students were banned from all public and private universities.
6. Women were banned from all television, shows and movies and any movies showing women are not permitted.
7. If they had to appear on TV for any reason, they had to cover their faces.
8. Women were banned from travel except with a man or a “legitimate person” and are only able to travel so far in a day.
9. Women are banned from outside work and must stay home unless absolutely necessary travel.
10. They stopped issuing drivers licenses for women.

11. On May 7th, the Taliban issued a “recommendation and implementation” plan regarding proper hijab, stating that the best hijab is for women to wear a burqa or stay home.
12. Women are no longer allowed to speak or sing in public.

There has been tension and struggle in the heart of the Christian and debates throughout the centuries as to how we should live in the City of Man, yet be a citizen in the City of God.

As you know we are now citizens of a city made without hands. We are as Paul puts it.

Philippians 3:20 (NKJV)

those who's ...citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Colossians 1:13 (NKJV)

<sup>13</sup> He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed *us* into the kingdom of the Son of His love,

Colossians 3:2 (NKJV)

<sup>2</sup> Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.

John 18:36 (NKJV)

<sup>36</sup> Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight, so that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now My kingdom is not from here.”

As a result of these verses, some Christians have struggled with passivity or at least the appearance of passivity. Just no involvement, no care, to desire to engage with their governments.

During the first several centuries of the church, many Christians were so little involved with the societies in which they lived that sometimes they were considered outsiders in their own communities. They were not unloving, uncaring, or insensitive to others, but they lived very distinct and separated lives. And although they were not pacifists or opposed to civil government, few Christians enlisted in military service or sought government office. The third-century Christian writer Tertullian commented that, under the pagan Roman Empire, Christians were not executed for inflammatory

teaching or behavior but for presumed antisocial tendencies. Even though that view was biased, it nevertheless reflected the church's focus on the kingdom of God rather than the kingdoms of man.

Sadly, that focus does not characterize most of the church today

A few decades ago, we had the a large push to change the direction of our country through the efforts of Jerry Falwell and the Moral Majority and later the efforts of men like Chuck Colson.

While there was nothing wrong with calling on Christians to get involved and to see better laws passed that prohibits the degradation and legalization of immorality in our culture. The problem was and is to a great extent today that many have grown to believe that this is the best way or perhaps the only way. So we opted for a more carnal approach to a moral reformation of our nation.

Even spiritual and moral battles are often fought by worldly, materialistic means. Many of the "weapons of our warfare are ... of the flesh" and ineffective, rather than spiritual and

“divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses” (2 Cor. 10:4).

MacArthur, J. F., Jr. (1991). [Romans](#) (Vol. 2, p. 214). Moody Press.

Prayer, preaching and evangelism are considered down the list of priorities when it comes to the political change in our nation. While political activism, protest, rallies and having the right candidate in office becomes primary.

Hours and days and months are spent by Christians working politically for a solution, when the spiritual means of prayer and the word and living a Godly life are looked on as necessary but non effective.

These temptations to find our solution in government is real. And the temptation to be disillusioned with government because of its moral failure and pagan practice can be just as bad.

I don't think the Holy Spirit had Paul write Romans 13 because the government was going to be Godly and Christian and desire to honor Christ and implement the Law of God.

In fact when Jesus returns and is ruler over the earth, we won't be asking the question, How do we submit to this government and the kingship of Christ.



NOOOOO . We will be eager to obey. Loving to submit and able to do so completely

But Paul wrote this because men are evil and God ordain government to keep in check evil men. It was for the purpose of bringing order and morality to society.

But ..... a big problem is, the government that is put in place to keep evil at bay is often filled with men who are evil and have no limits on there desire for power and authority.

So Pauls helps us answer some of the questions that we will have living as a citizen of Heaven in the City of Man ruled by sinful men.

And to be sure, we are not the first church or first generation of christians that have had to ask the hard questions of how to live under and oppressive, godless and pagan government and we wont be the last.

“Five centuries ago, in 1521, the Protestant Reformer Martin Luther was summoned to appear before Charles V, the emperor of the Holy Roman Empire and the most powerful monarch in Europe. Luther had been excommunicated from the Roman Catholic Church a few months prior. He was charged with heresy for his vocal opposition to theological

error and religious corruption in the church. If convicted, Luther would likely be sentenced to death. The imperial council, known as a diet, met in the city of Worms, located in modern-day Germany. Luther arrived on April 16, 1521, and appeared before the assembly the following day at 4:00 in the afternoon.

A stack of his books was presented, and he was asked if he would recant the alleged heresies they contained. Recognizing what was at stake and wanting to give a careful answer, the German Reformer asked for more time. He was given twenty-four hours.

The following day, on April 18, 1521, Luther boldly declared before the council that he would not recant his views. Famously, he said, “Unless I am convinced by Scripture and plain reason—I do not accept the authority of the popes and councils, for they have contradicted each other—my conscience is captive to the Word of God. I cannot, and I will not recant anything for to go against conscience is neither right nor safe. God help me. Amen.”

Instead of complying and falling in line, he boldly defied those in authority over him, including the emperor himself.

Busenitz, Nathan; Coates, James. God vs. Government: Taking a Biblical Stand When Christ and Compliance Collide (pp. 121-122). Harvest House Publishers. Kindle Edition.

The Question is...

Did Martin Luther do the right thing? Or did he defy and disobey the Governing authorities and sin against God?

After all

God says.

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Or should he obey they authorities in this instant and trust that God will get the truth out by other means.

Or another way of asking this

1. Does the Government have absolute rule?
2. Do I have to obey everything the government tells me to do?
3. If the Government is godless and pagan does not honor Christ or the Law of God, do I have to obey them?

4. Because the government is immoral and doing evil things, do I have to pay my taxes?

“Christians and churches have become divisively polarized over the issue of compliance with government authority. Because civil powers have, in ways not seen before, acted aggressively and intrusively in usurping control over the kingdom of Christ, believers have had to face the collision of their duty to government authority and their submission to the lordship of Christ.

Busenitz, Nathan; Coates, James. God vs. Government: Taking a Biblical Stand When Christ and Compliance Collide (p. 11). Harvest House Publishers. Kindle Edition.

Well, to help us understand what our responsibility as Christians is to the Government, We will consider for the next few weeks Romans 13:1-7

And to begin with, we will start with a foundational understanding and a broad application and then we will address some more specific concerns.

- I. The Command regarding the Governing Authority.
- II. The Creation of the Governing Authority.
- III. The Certainty of the Existing Governing Authority.

## I. The Command regarding the Governing Authority.

**13:1** Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities

Romans 13:1 (LSB)

Every person is to be in subjection to the governing authorities.

**To the higher powers** (ἐξουσιαις ὑπερεχουσαις  
[*exousiais*

Robertson, A. T. (1933). [Word Pictures in the New Testament](#) (Ro 13:1). Broadman Press.

soul-person —

**ψυχῆ<sup>c</sup>, ἧς *f*:** (a figurative extension of meaning of ψυχῆ<sup>a</sup> ‘inner self, mind,’ 26.4) a person as a living being — ‘person, people.’ ψυχαὶ ὡσεὶ τρισχίλια ‘about three thousand people’ Ac 2:41

Louw, J. P., & Nida, E. A. (1996). In [Greek-English lexicon of the New Testament: based on semantic domains](#) (electronic ed. of the 2nd edition., Vol. 1, p. 105). United Bible Societies.

Luther asked, “Is there some mysterious reason why he does not say ‘every person’ but rather ‘every soul’? Perhaps it is because it must be a sincere submission and from the heart” *Reformation Commentary on Scripture, Romans, Book 2, p. 153.*

Ventura, R. (2023). [\*Expository Outlines & Observations on Romans: Hints and Helps for Preachers and Teachers\*](#). Mentor.

be subject— —

36.18 **ὑποτάσσομαι; ὑποταγή, ἦς f; ὑπέικω**: to submit to the orders or directives of someone— ‘to obey, to submit to, obedience, submission.’

Louw, J. P., & Nida, E. A. (1996). In [\*Greek-English lexicon of the New Testament: based on semantic domains\*](#) (electronic ed. of the 2nd edition., Vol. 1, p. 467). United Bible Societies.

*hupotassō*, which was often used as a military term referring to soldiers who were ranked under and subject to the absolute authority of a superior officer. The verb here is a passive imperative, meaning first of all that the principle is a command, not an option, and second that the Christian is to willingly place himself under all **governing authorities**, whoever they may be.

MacArthur, J. F., Jr. (1991). [\*Romans\*](#) (Vol. 2, p. 213). Moody Press.

It is used of our submission and obedience to

**God**

James 4:7 (NKJV)

<sup>7</sup> Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

**Scriptures**

1 Corinthians 14:32 (NKJV)

<sup>32</sup> And the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets.

### **Of the church to Christ**

Ephesians 5:24 (NKJV)

<sup>24</sup> Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so *let* the wives *be* to their own husbands in everything.

### **Of Wives to their husbands**

Ephesians 5:22 (NKJV)

<sup>22</sup> Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord.

### **Of children to their parents**

Luke 2:51 (NKJV)

<sup>51</sup> Then He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was subject to them, but His mother kept all these things in her heart.

**Servants to their masters**, or employees to their employer or boss.

1 Peter 2:18 (NKJV)

<sup>18</sup> Servants, *be* submissive to *your* masters with all fear, not only to the good and gentle, but also to the harsh.

**of sinners inability** to submit to the Law of God.

Romans 8:7 (NKJV)

<sup>7</sup> Because the carnal mind *is* enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be.

IT is used a number of times **for ruling authorities.**

Titus 3:1–2 (NKJV)

**3** Remind them to be subject to rulers and authorities, to obey, to be ready for every good work, <sup>2</sup> to speak evil of no one, to be peaceable, gentle, showing all humility to all men.

1 Peter 2:13–15 (NKJV)

<sup>13</sup> Therefore submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake, whether to the king as supreme, <sup>14</sup> 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. <sup>15</sup> For this is the will of God, that by doing good you may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men—

The clarity of this verse is obvious.



All persons, everyone, no matter where you are or what government you are under....Obey and submit to them.

This is a universal command with out exception and without restriction.

In this passage Paul is not addressing every issue that is possible, but rather laying our a broad and comprehensive command that is able to age apply in all settings.

Because the apostle was writing to the church in Rome, the capital of the empire, some interpreters suggest that he was giving a unique warning to Christians there because of the greater danger to traitors and insurrectionists, real or imagined. Most people did not enjoy the legal protection of presumed innocence, especially in regard to crimes against the state. Long considered a sect of Judaism, with its rebellious inclinations, the church was especially suspect

MacArthur, J. F., Jr. (1991). [Romans](#) (Vol. 2, p. 212). Moody Press.

Others have suggested that this command is given in the context of Nero but not at the time when Nero became violent toward the Christians. The

implications is that if Paul had written this when Nero was burning Christians that maybe he would have worded verse 1 differently and had exceptions to the rule or maybe it would have been altogether different.

But that makes no sense. The people of God had lived under all kinds of governments from good to extremely evil and murderous.

There is not a command for Capitalist Governments and a different one for Communistic.

or one for democratic and another for socialistic.

or one for a representative Republic and another for a dictator or Emperor.

### **The Command is very clear...**

Romans 13:1 (LSB)

Every person is to be in subjection to the governing authorities.

Let every single one of you be in continual submission and obedience to the government....period.

Paul gives no qualifications or conditions. Every civil authority is to be submitted to willingly.

## 1 Timothy 2:1–6 (NKJV)

Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, *and* giving of thanks be made for all men, <sup>2</sup> for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. <sup>3</sup> For this *is* good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, <sup>4</sup> who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

There are no exceptions, or restrictions here..

We are to pray for all kings and all in authority. These are the same kings and all who are in authority the he desires to be saved. The assumption is that most of these are lost pagan rulers.

no exception related to the rulers' competence or incompetence, morality or immorality, cruelty or kindness, or even godliness or ungodliness.

MacArthur, J. F., Jr. (1991). [Romans](#) (Vol. 2, pp. 213–214). Moody Press.

He gives the same instruction in his letter to Titus

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He admonished the Thessalonian Christians “to make it your ambition to lead a quiet life and attend to your own business and work with your hands, just as we commanded you; so that you may behave properly toward outsiders and not be in any need” (1 Thess. 4:11–12).

MacArthur, J. F., Jr. (1991). *Romans* (Vol. 2, p. 214). Moody Press.

Believers are to be model citizens, known as law abiding not rabble-rousing, obedient rather than rebellious, respectful of government rather than demeaning of it. We must speak against sin, against injustice, against immorality and ungodliness with fearless dedication, but we must do it within the framework of civil law and with respect for civil authorities. We are to be a godly society, doing good and living peaceably within an ungodly society, manifesting our transformed lives so that the saving power of God is seen clearly.

In his significant book *Toward a Biblical View of Civil Government*, Robert D. Culver writes,

Churchmen whose Christian activism has taken mainly to placarding, marching, protesting, and shouting might well observe the author of these verses [Rom. 13:1–7] and then they might observe him first at prayer, then in counsel with his friends, and, *after that*, preaching in the homes and marketplaces. When Paul came to be heard by the mighty, it was to defend his action as a preacher (albeit in the streets) of [the] way to heaven. ([Chicago:

Moody Press, 1975], p. 262, emphasis in original)

MacArthur, J. F., Jr. (1991). [Romans](#) (Vol. 2, p. 213). Moody Press.

I. The Command regarding the  
Governing Authority.

## II. The Creation of the Governing Authority.

This leads us to the second and very important  
foundational statement in verse 1

1 Let every soul be subject to the governing  
authorities. ***For there is no authority except  
from God***

***γὰρ.*** — — *because*

**For** the conjunction explaining the reason for the  
command

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*For there is no authority except from God*

God is the only one who has absolute authority....Just like He is life and Light. there is no life apart from Him. There is no light apart from him.

Well, He is power and authority. THE Power. THE Authority. All power and all authority originates with him.

It does not mean that when men get power from God that they have absolute power. That power is still subject to the Higher power that delegated to them. And it does not mean that men will always use that power and authority for good.

There would be no electricity apart from God. That power comes from God. But men can use it to give lights to a city or men can use it to kill a man.

All Paul is saying right now is that we need to recognize that governments do not originate power and authority from within themselves. They are *delegated that power and authority from God. God gives it and He can take it away.*

In the ***United States Declaration of Independence***  
It states,

*We hold these truths to be self-evident, that  
all men are created equal, that they are  
endowed by their Creator with certain  
unalienable Rights, that among these are  
Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.*

*unalienable Rights*,...rights are those that are not dependent on the laws or customs of any particular culture or government, and so are *universal*, *fundamental* and *inalienable* (they cannot be repealed by human laws, though one can forfeit their enjoyment through one's actions, such as by violating someone else's rights

Another way of saying this is that these rights, are grace privileges delegated to us by God. God delegates life to us, freedom to us, the pursuit of happiness to us.... but we can mess it up.

*So Pauls says that we should be subject to and obey the governing authorities because that power has been delegated to them by God.*

No matter what form it takes, no human government at any time in history, at any place on earth, among any people on earth, at any level of society, has ever existed or will ever exist apart from the sovereign **authority** of **God**, because all “power belongs to God” (Ps. 62:11). The entire world, everything in heaven and earth, including Satan and his hosts, are subject to their Creator. God sovereignly created and absolutely controls the universe, with no exceptions or limitations. Also without exception, the power that any person, group, or society may possess is divinely delegated and circumscribed. How well or how poorly that power is used is another matter. Paul’s point here is that this power has only *one source*—God.

MacArthur, J. F., Jr. (1991). [Romans](#) (Vol. 2, p. 218). Moody Press.

Sproul says, “That means that if I show no respect to a person whom God has set in authority between Himself and me, my disrespect carries beyond that person and ultimately lands on God as the giver of the authority.”

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1 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.***

**τάσσω** *tássō*; fut. *táxō*. To place, set, appoint, arrange, order. In the NT, used figuratively, meaning to set in a certain order, constitute, appoint

Zodhiates, S. (2000). In [The complete word study dictionary: New Testament](#) (electronic ed.). AMG Publishers.

**and the authorities that exist are appointed** or established and ordered (the use of the perfect tense verb highlighting an ongoing state resulting from past action, meaning that all governments that have ever existed or will exist are all determined); **by God.**

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Proverbs 8:15–16 (NKJV)

- <sup>15</sup> By me kings reign,  
And rulers decree justice.  
<sup>16</sup> By me princes rule, and nobles,  
All the judges of the earth.

Daniel 2:19–22 (NKJV)

<sup>19</sup> Then the secret was revealed to Daniel in a night vision. So Daniel blessed the God of heaven.

<sup>20</sup> Daniel answered and said:

“Blessed be the name of God forever and ever,  
For wisdom and might are His.

<sup>21</sup> 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.

<sup>22</sup> He reveals deep and secret things;  
He knows what *is* in the darkness,  
And light dwells with Him.

Daniel 2:37–38 (NKJV)

<sup>37</sup> You, O king, *are* a king of kings. For the God of heaven has given you a kingdom, power, strength, and glory; <sup>38</sup> and wherever the children of men dwell, or the beasts of the field and the birds of the heaven,

He has given *them* into your hand, and has made you ruler over them all...

Daniel 4:17 (NKJV)

<sup>17</sup> ....That the Most High rules in the kingdom of men,  
Gives it to whomever He will,  
And sets over it the lowest of men.'

John 19:10–11 (NKJV)

<sup>10</sup> Then Pilate said to Him,(Jesus) ....Do You not know that I have power to crucify You, and power to release You?"

<sup>11</sup> Jesus answered, "You could have no power at all against Me unless it had been given you from above. ....

The autocratic, ruthless, and demonic regimes of Adolf Hitler, Joseph Stalin, and Mao Tse Tung were no exceptions to God's command to be subject to civil authority. The equally ruthless empires of ancient Assyria and Babylon were no exceptions. The Roman empire, sometimes ruled by caesars who proclaimed themselves to be gods, was no exception. The apostate and heretical "Christian" kingdoms of the Middle

Ages were no exceptions. Shaman ruled primitive and animistic tribes of South America are no exceptions. *There are no exceptions*

MacArthur, J. F., Jr. (1991). [Romans](#) (Vol. 2, pp. 219–220). Moody Press.

You may say, that is hard to believe that you could say that every evil government has been ordained and appointed by God.

Well,

I didn't say it, I read it. God said it. These are His Words.

As Jesus said to Pilate. "you would have no power except it were granted to you from above.

But just because God ordains and appoints governments and rulers and kings does not mean He is the author of their evil.

God appoints and ordains marriage but he is not the author or the originator of divorce or abuse in marriages.

God ordained the Family but he is not the author or originator of the disfunction and brokenness of a family.

God ordained the church, but is not the author of the the false teaching, division and disorderly nature of some churches.

God ordains the salvation of sinner but is not responsible for the lack of appropriation of sanctification and the disobedience of the Christian.

So God can ordain nations and kings and rulers to exist but not be responsible for the abuses and evil committed by these nations and rulers.

So what does Paul conclude from the fact that God is the only one who grants authority to the Government and that all governing authorities that exist are because He appointed them and delegate authority to them??

## vessel 2

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

So does that mean that there's never a time that we can resist or defy or disobey the government?

Does the Government have absolute rule in all areas of our life.

Are there any places in our life for the government has no say?

Or is it absolute?

No matter what... no matter when... no matter  
where?

Next week we tackle those questions.

## Psalm 11:1–7

- 1 In the Lord I put my trust; How can you say to my soul,  
“Flee *as* a bird to your mountain”?
- 2 For look! The wicked bend *their* bow,  
They make ready their arrow on the string,  
That they may shoot secretly at the upright in heart.
- 3 If the foundations are destroyed,  
What can the righteous do?
- 4 The Lord *is* in His holy temple,  
The Lord’s throne *is* in heaven;  
His eyes behold,  
His eyelids test the sons of men.
- 5 The Lord tests the righteous,  
But the wicked and the one who loves violence  
His soul hates.
- 6 Upon the wicked He will rain coals;  
Fire and brimstone and a burning wind  
*Shall be* the portion of their cup.
- 7 For the Lord *is* righteous,  
He loves righteousness;  
His countenance beholds the upright.

