

**-Romans 13:1-7**

***-God, the Church, & Government***  
***Part II***

**-60.4 “Give harmony and peace to us and to all who dwell on the earth, just as you did to our ancestors when they reverently called upon you in faith and truth, that we may be saved, while we render obedience to your almighty and most excellent name, and to our rulers and governors on earth.**



-61.1-3 “You, Master, have given them power of sovereignty through your majestic and inexpressible might, so that we, acknowledging the glory and honor that you have given them, may be subject to them, resisting your will in nothing. Grant to them, Lord, health, peace, harmony, and stability, so that they may blamelessly administer the government that you have given them. For you, heavenly Master, King of the ages, give to human beings glory and honor and authority over creatures upon the earth. Lord, direct their plans according to what is good and pleasing in your sight, so that by devoutly administering peace and gentleness the authority that you have given them they may experience your mercy. You, who alone are able to do these and even greater good things for us, we praise through the high priest and benefactor of our souls, Jesus Christ, through whom be the glory and the majesty to you both now and for all generations and for ever and ever. Amen.” 1 Clement

**-1 Peter 2:13-17 (LSB) 13 Be subject for the sake of the Lord to every human institution, whether to a king as the one in authority, 14 or to governors as sent by him for the punishment (εἰς ἐκδίκησιν) of evildoers and the praise of those who do good. 15 For such is the will of God that by doing good you may silence the ignorance of foolish men. 16 Act as free people, and do not use your freedom as a covering for evil, but use it as slaves of God. 17 Honor all people, love the brethren, fear God, honor the king.**



**-Matthew 5:44-45 (LSB) 44 “But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, 45 so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven; for He causes His sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.**

**-Proverbs 28:15-16 (LSB) 15 Like a roaring lion and a rushing bear is a wicked ruler over a poor people. 16 A leader who lacks discernment abounds in oppressions, But he who hates greedy gain will prolong his days.**

**-Proverbs 29:2 (LSB) When the righteous increase, the people are glad, But when a wicked man rules, people groan.**



**-Proverbs 29:4 (LSB) By justice the king causes the land to stand, But a man of bribes tears it down.**

**-Romans 2:14-15 (LSB) 14 For when Gentiles who do not have the Law naturally do the things of the Law, these, not having the Law, are a law to themselves, 15 in that they demonstrate the work of the Law written in their hearts, their conscience bearing witness and their thoughts alternately accusing or else defending them,**

**-“...what any religious tradition describes as God's will is no concern of this Congress.”—  
Representative Jerry Nadler (Dem.  
NY) 2021**



**-Isaiah 5:20-23 (LSB) 20 Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, Who substitute darkness for light and light for darkness, Who substitute bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter! 21 Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes And understanding in their own sight! 22 Woe to those who are mighty men in drinking wine And valiant men in mixing strong drink, 23 Who declare the wicked righteous for a bribe, And remove the righteous standing of the ones who are righteous!**

**-Acts 17:30 (LSB) “...God is now  
commanding men that everyone  
everywhere should repent,”**

**-2 Thessalonians 1:8-9 (LSB) 8  
executing vengeance on those who  
do not know God and to those who  
do not obey the gospel of our Lord  
Jesus. 9 These will pay the penalty  
of eternal destruction, AWAY FROM  
THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD AND  
FROM THE GLORY OF HIS MIGHT,**



-1 Peter 2:18 (LSB) Servants, be  
subject to your masters with all  
fear, not only to those who are  
good and considerate, but also to  
those who are crooked.

-Ephesians 5:21-22 (LSB) 21 and being subject to one another in the fear of Christ. 22 Wives, be subject to your own husbands, as to the Lord.

**-We are to testify in every way to the Lordship of Christ over our own lives and over all creation.**



**-1 Peter 2:11-12 (LSB) 11 Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from fleshly lusts which wage war against the soul, 12 by keeping your conduct excellent among the Gentiles, so that in the thing which they slander you as evildoers, they may because of your good works, as they observe them, glorify God in the DAY OF VISITATION.**

**-“Yet from the outset Christianity has labored for this end (the end of slavery); not by impairing the right of property, not by outward violence, nor sudden revolution; this, under the circumstances, would have only made the evil worse; but by its moral power, by preaching the divine descent and original unity of all men, their common redemption through Christ, the duty of brotherly love, and the true freedom of the spirit. It placed slaves and masters on the same footing of dependence on God and of freedom in God, the Father, Redeemer, and Judge of both. It conferred inward freedom even under outward bondage, and taught obedience to God and for the sake of God, even in the enjoyment of outward freedom. This moral and religious freedom must lead at last to the personal and civil liberty of the individual.”**



**-“The church, in her persecuted condition, had as yet no influence at all over the machinery of the state and civil legislation. And she was at that time so absorbed in the transcendent importance of the higher world and in her longing for the speedy return of the Lord, that she cared little for earthly freedom or temporal happiness.”—Philip Schaff, *History of the Christian Church***



**-“But in general the Christians of those days, with their lively sense of foreignness to this world, and their longing for the heavenly home, or the millennial reign of Christ, were averse to high office in a heathen state.”**

**-Matthew 24:42-44 (LSB) 42 “Therefore stay awake, for you do not know which day your Lord is coming. 43 “But be sure of this, that if the head of the house had known at what time of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed his house to be broken into. 44 “For this reason you also must be ready; for the Son of Man is coming at an hour when you do not think He will.”**

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**-John Knox: “Madam, as right religion took neither original strength nor authority from worldly princes, but from the Eternal God alone, so are not subjects bound to frame their religion according to appetites of their princes. Princes are oft the most ignorant of all others in God’s true religion, as we may read in the Histories, as well as before the death of Christ Jesus as after. If all the seed of Abraham should have been of the religion of Pharaoh, to whom they were long subjects, I pray you, Madam, what religion should there have been in the world?”**

**-Or, if all men in the days of the Apostles should have been of the religion of the Roman Emperors, what religion should the have been upon the face of the earth? Daniel and his fellows were subjects to Nebuchadnezzar and unto Darius, and yet, Madam, they would not be of their religion; for the three children said: 'We make it known unto thee, O King, that we will not worship thy Gods.' Daniel did pay publicly unto his God against the expressed commandment of the King. And so, Madam, ye may perceive that subjects are not bound to the religion of their princes, although they are commanded to give them obedience."**



**-Queen Mary: “But yet, they resisted not by the sword?”**

**-Knox: “God, Madam, had not given them the power and the means...If their princes exceed their bounds, Madam, no doubt they may be resisted, even by power.**

**For there is neither greater honour, nor greater obedience, to be given to kings or princes, than God hath commanded to be given unto father or mother. But the father may be stricken with a frenzy, in which he would slay his children. If the children arise, join themselves together, apprehend the father, take the sword from him, bind his hands, and keep in prison till his frenzy be over past—think ye, Madam, that the children do anything wrong?**

**-It is even so, Madam, with princes that would murder the children of God that are subjects unto them. Their blind zeal is nothing but a mad frenzy, and therefore, to take the sword from them, to bind their hands, and to cast them into prison, till they be brought to a more sober mind, is no disobedience against princes, but just obedience, because it agreeth with the will of God.”**



**-Queen Mary: “Well then, I perceive  
that my subjects shall obey you,  
and not me.”**

**-Knox: “God forbid that ever I take upon me to command any to obey me, or yet to set subjects at liberty to do what pleaseth them! My travail is that both princes and subjects obey God...God craves of Kings that they be foster-fathers to His Church, and commands Queens to be nurses to His people.”**