

Series: Romans

“A Biblical Exposition Regarding Our Citizenship”

(Sunday Morning October 31st, 2021)

Passage: Romans 13:1-7

Titus 3:1-2 “1 Remind them to be subject to rulers, to authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good deed, 2 to malign no one, to be peaceable, gentle, showing every consideration for all men.”

1 Tim 2:1-2 “1 First of all, then, I urge that entreaties and prayers, petitions and thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men, 2 for kings and all who are in authority, so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity.”

I. We Should be Submissive to the A_____ of Government

1) Our C_____

a. The E_____ of It

Luke 23:2 “And they began to accuse Him, saying, ‘We found this man misleading our nation and forbidding to pay taxes to Caesar, and saying that He Himself is Christ, a King.’”

Acts 24:5 “For we have found this man a real pest and a fellow who stirs up dissension among all the Jews throughout the world, and a ringleader of the sect of the Nazarenes.”

b. The E_____ to It

Acts 5:29 “But Peter and the apostles answered, ‘We must obey God rather than men.’”

2) Our C_____

Acts 17:26 “and He (God) made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined their appointed times and the boundaries of their habitation”

John 18:36 “Jesus answered, ‘My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, then My servants would be fighting so that I would not be handed over to the Jews; but as it is, My kingdom is not of this realm.’”

We should be involved in our government, we should “s_____ the w_____ of the city” as the Prophet Jeremiah encouraged us to do. (Jer 29:7)

John 19:11 “Jesus answered, ‘You would have no authority over Me, unless it had been given you from above;...’”

II. We Should be Aware of the R_____ of Government

1) It’s C_____

Gen 9:6 “Whoever sheds man’s blood, by man his blood shall be shed, for in the image of God He made man.”

The government has other responsibilities and objectives, but the main one involves p_____
it’s c_____.

a. The Law of Moses Was Designed to Enforce J _____

Deut 19:12 (Reference)

b. The Law of Moses Was Designed to be a D _____

Deut 13:10-11 "10 So you shall stone him to death because he has sought to seduce you from the LORD your God who brought you out from the land of Egypt, ...11 Then all Israel will hear and be afraid, and will never again do such a wicked thing among you."

c. The Law of Moses Was Designed to be S _____

Deut 25:2 "then it shall be if the wicked man deserves to be beaten, the judge shall then make him lie down and be beaten in his presence with the number of stripes according to his guilt."

Eccl 8:11 "Because the sentence against an evil deed is not executed quickly, therefore the hearts of the sons of men among them are given fully to do evil."

2) It's C _____

Lev 19:9-10 "9 Now when you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap to the very corners of your field, nor shall you gather the gleanings of your harvest. 10 'Nor shall you glean your vineyard, nor shall you gather the fallen fruit of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the needy and for the stranger. I am the LORD your God."

III. We Should be Committed to the S _____ of Government

1) Our C _____

Matt 22:17 "Tell us (The Pharisees and Herodians) then, what do You think? Is it lawful to give a poll-tax to Caesar, or not?" (Emphasis Added)

Matt 22:19-21 "(Jesus Said to Them) 19 Show Me the coin used for the poll-tax.' and they brought Him a denarius. 20 And He said to them, 'Whose likeness and inscription is this?' 21 They said to Him, 'Caesar's.' Then He said to them, 'Then render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's; and to God the things that are God's.'" (Emphasis Added)

Taxes can have some positive benefits, and the first Biblical record of an income tax was designed by our Lord and i _____ by J _____.

Gen 47:24-26 "24 At the harvest you shall give a fifth to Pharaoh, and four-fifths shall be your own for seed of the field and for your food and for those of your households and as food for your little ones.' 24 So they said, 'You have saved our lives! Let us find favor in the sight of my lord, and we will be Pharaoh's slaves.' 26 Joseph made it a statute concerning the land of Egypt valid to this day, that Pharaoh should have the fifth; only the land of the priests did not become Pharaoh's."

2) Our C _____

1 Sam 24:6 "(David Said)...far be it from me because of the LORD that I should do this to my lord, the LORD's anointed..."

1 Kings 18:46 "Then the hand of the LORD was on Elijah, and he girded up his loins and outran Ahab to Jezreel!"

It is really simple and appropriate for us to apply this in a practical way by expressing gratitude to people like p _____ o _____ who put their lives on the line for us.

Acts 16:30 "and after he (The Roman Jailer) brought them out, he said, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?'"

Acts 16:31 "They said, 'Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, ...'"

