

The Christian and Government

Romans 13:1-14

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Romans 12 and 13 –

❖ **The Instruction** – *“Be subject to the governing authorities” (1a)*

❖ **The Explanation** – Government is _____. (1b-4)

“From a human perspective, rulers come to power through force or heredity or popular choice. But the ‘transformed mind’ recognizes behind every such process the hand of God.” Douglas Moo

1. What if we resist? (2)

a. We _____ against _____. (2a)

b. We _____ . (2b)

2. Why would we be judged? (3-4)

a. For rulers _____ . (3-4a)

b. For rulers _____ . (4b)

❖ **The Motivation** –

The believers’ motivation for submission is not simply ... (5-6)

1. Judgment – *“not only to avoid God’s wrath” (5a)*

2. _____ - *“but also for the sake of conscience” (5b-6)*

❖ **The Application –**

1. _____ – “pay to all what is owed to them” (7-10)

- taxes –
- revenue –
- respect –
- honor –

“Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.” (8)

*** Christians are _____, _____.**

2. _____ – “to wake from sleep” (11-14)

- Cast off the _____.
- Put on the _____.

*** Christians are _____, _____.**

IMPLICATIONS

1. There is no such thing as _____ of _____ and government.
2. We are invited to _____ in _____ for the sake of the common good.
3. Our _____ and our _____ are both _____ and _____.
4. Our allegiance to _____ is not _____.