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“God, Government, and the Church” Part 2

Romans 13:1-7

Memory Verse: Romans 13:2

I. God Is the Source of All Human Authority (13:1)

- A. Acts 17:25-26
- B. Exodus 9:16
- C. Daniel 2:21
- D. Psalm 75:6-7
- E. Proverbs 21:1
- F. Isaiah 44:28-45:1

II. Submission to God Is Always by Proxy (13:1-2)

- A. Three Spheres of Authority
 - 1. The home
 - 2. The church
 - 3. The state (government)
- B. Failure to submit to human authority is rebellion against God himself.
- C. Ephesians 6:1
- D. Colossians 3:20
- E. Ephesians 5:22-24
- F. Hebrews 13:17
- G. Acts 22:30-23:5

III. Submission Is Always Unconditional but Limited (13:2)

- A. We cannot submit to authorities that require what God forbids or forbid what God requires.
- B. What do we do as Christians when government’s laws contradict God’s laws?
 - 1. Passive responses
 - a. Pray (1 Timothy 2:1-2)
 - b. Live as servants of God (1 Peter 2:13-17)
 - 2. Active responses
 - a. Appeal to the authority
 - b. Confront the authority
 - c. Defy the authority
 - d. Flee from the ungodly authority

Conclusion

- A. 1 Peter 2:21-24
- B. Philippians 2:5-11
- C. The Gospel Definition