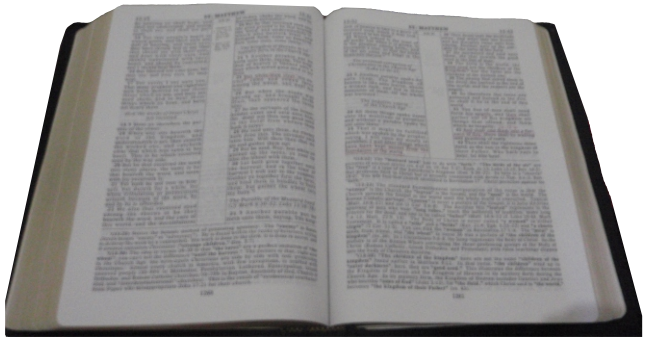


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Romans
13

Comparing spiritual things with spiritual

The entrance of thy words giveth light
Ps. 119:130

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Romans 13- The Christian and Government

This chapter deals with relationships with the world system and government.

13:1- All people are to be subject unto (obey) the higher powers

- The subject here is **Authority**

- Lk. 20:17-26

- Summary of God's chain of Authority

1- God the Father has all power

- Rom. 13:1-2

2- All power (authority) is given to Jesus Christ

- Mt. 28:18

3- Jesus Christ gave spiritual power to his apostles

- Lk. 24:49

- Acts 1:8

- Lk. 9:1, 10:19

4- Upon Adam's sin Jesus Christ allowed the Devil the power for "all kingdoms of the world"

- The Devil futher gives this power to whomever he will, (within God's permissive will)

- Lk. 4:5-6

5- The Devil is the god of the current organized world system.

5- Strife- Scorn, quarrels, contentions, discord, arguments

6- Envying- this is a root sin and is always accompanied by strife.

- Isa. 14:12-15

- Eve in Gen 3

- 1Cor. 3:3

- James 3:14-16

13:14- If you are a believer, then live like a believer ought to live.

- Rom. 6:1, 11

- This verse is not dealing with getting saved, it is putting on a new suit of clothes

- This is the practical righteousness that is to be lived out in a believer.

- Rev. 19:8

- We are not to provide a means for th flesh to get the victory.

- If you are tempted to sin by use of the intermet or cable TV, get rid of it

- So it don't provide a means for your weakness in the flesh.

- If you are tempted by impulse spending, don't go to the store or the mall.

- Don't set yourself up to fail in the flesh.

- 2Cor. 4:4

- Eph. 6:11-12

6- Why has God's power been given out like it has been

- Jer. 27:1-11

- Nebuchadnezzar represents the Devil, a god of this world

- Jer. 27:6-8

13:1- Every soul- Lost and saved

- Is commanded here to be subject to the authorities.

- Tit. 3:1

- Note- God makes no mention concerning the worthiness of the powers. (notice plural "s")

- Motivation- Why should believers be subject to authorities.

- 1Pet. 2:13-17- Gives believers 3 reasons

1- **2:13-** For the Lord's sake

2- **2:15-** To be in the will of God

3- **2:16-** As part of our service to God

- All governmental powers are "of God" and "ordained of God" (God given responsibilities)

- When there is a conflict between obeying the authorities and the expressed will of god, a believer must obey God.

- Acts 5:29- The context of this chapter is preaching and teaching the truth about Jesus Christ

- Acts 5:20, 25, 28, 30

13:2- Resisting or disobeying the authorities is equated with resisting and disobeying God.

- Throughout history, evil powers misuse this doctrine by establishing a military to back up their evil ambitions, Moslems, Catholics

- Baptist have always stood for the separation of Church and State.

- Which means we are against the government establishing a state religion that everybody must follow.

- To disobey authorities has consequences

- Gal. 6:7- Be not deceived...

13:2- Damnation

- This use of damnation is referring to the just penalty of disobeying the powers that be.

- 1Cor. 11:29- Dealing with the Lord's Supper not the eternal damnation in Hell.

13:3- The authorities are **supposed to be** a terror to evil.

- If rulers do right, then people benefit by obedience and submission to the authorities and you will be recognized for doing good.

- 1Pet. 3:8-13

- Believers are to cast off (stay away from or have no fellowship with... rather reproved them) works of darkness (sin).

- Eph. 5:11-13

13:12- Armour fo light

- Believers are to put on the armour of light

- 2Cor. 6:1-10

- Eph. 6:10-18

13:13- Walk honestly - We are to walk honestly

- Honestly is found only 2 other places in the KJB

- 1Th. 4:9-12

- Heb. 13:18

- Believers are not to walk in these 6 other ways.

1- Rioting- civil disturbances and disorderly conduct.

2- Drunkenness- Believers are to be total abstainers, and not even social drinking

3- Chambering - Sins that are normally carried on a bed chamber

- Heb. 13:4

4- Wantonness- Found in only 1 other place in KJB

- 2Pet 2:18- Which gives the definition

- Lust of the flesh

- To get light from Jesus Christ, believers need to wake up.

- Ehp. 5:14-17

- Most believers are spiritually asleep when it comes to winning people to Christ.

- Believers who live just for themselves are unusable to God and that is why we have groups of them in dead churches and all their men's programs and no power of God on them.

13:11- Our salvation

- This is referring to believers being delivered at the Rapture.

- The salvation of the soul is a present possession for every believer.

- Here the Bible is referring to the completed salvation at the Rapture.

- Rom. 8:23

13:12- It is time to be busy in the Lord's work

- Five things that will happen soon in the last chapter of the Bible.

- Rev. 22:6,7, 10, 12, 20

13:12- The day is at hand

- The time is short; all things are ready for the Lord's return.

- Heb. 10:37

- Just as we are commanded to always fear God, the Bible here we are supposed to be afraid of the legitimate powers that be.

- Fear (notice "be afraid" referred to in both **13:3, 4**) is a proper motive for behavior, it will keep you out of a lot of trouble.

- If the authorities are corrupt and do evil, then we as believers cannot go along and should take a stand against the evil authority.

- An example: The fiery furnace experience of Shadrach, Meshach, and bedd-nigo

- Dan. 3:14-18

13:4- Legitimate authorities who rule righteously are God's ministers.

- God uses these ministers as a "revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil."

- Under God's system, law enforcement is to EXECUTE WRATH,

- Not to keep offenders separate from society, not to rehabilitate the criminal, not to get offenders to pay their debt to society.

- God's system of executing wrath:

- The purpose to the sword was for execution.

- Here we have NT doctrine authorizing capital punishment.

- In the OT people under the law were put to death for all the following offenses.

1- Murder

- Gen. 9:6

- Lev. 24:17, 21

- Num. 35:16-31

2- Stealing, Kidnaping, and selling man

- Ex. 21:16

3- Cursing his father or mother

- EX. 21:17

- Lev. 20:9

4- An owner an ox that knows his ox is dangerous and the ox kills someone.

- Ex. 21:29

5- Anyone who lies with a beast

- Ex. 22:19

- Lev. 20:15-16

6- Anyone who works on the Sabbath

- Ex. 31:14

- Num. 15:32-36

7- Anyone giving his seed to Molech, a pagan idol of Ammonites

- Lev. 20:2

- Nowhere in Paul's epistles is the Body of Christ commanded to observe the Sabbath, although believers ought to live by the other nine.

- Notice in **Mt. 19** Jesus when quoting the Law leaves out the Sabbath.

- Mt. 19:16-19

- All ot God's commandments are summed up in two commandments

- Mt. 22:36-40

- Lk. 6:31- And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise.

13:10- Believers should show genuine love

- Rom. 8:4

- Genuine love means to do nothing to others that would be wrong to do

- Gal. 6:2- Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.

- The Holy Spirit produces the love of God in our lives when we walk in fellowship withe God.

13:11- Believers need to wake up.

- It is shameful that so many believers do not know God very will at all.

- 1Cor. 15:34

We may understand from this that to spend more than you have (buying on credit) is worse than being foolish.

- Easy credit, mortgages, car loans, and interest payments of various types have put Americans in financial bondage and has taken away millions that could be going to support missionaries.

- God says to owe no man anything, except for the debt of love, which we can never fully pay off.

- Jh. 15:12

- 1Jh. 4:11

- 1Pet. 1:22

- Even though many lost people don't appreciate it, the most loving thing you can do is to have compassion for their soul.

- Pray for them, and give them the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

- Rom. 1:14-16

13:9- The moral laws of the 10 Commandments

- Notice first that "thou shalt not bear false witness" has been omitted from many of the modern Bibles.

- Does this make I OK for them to lie to us?

- Notice the law on keeping the Sabbath is not included in the list,

- The Sabbath is no longer in affect for believers today.

- Seven Day Adventists wrongly believe that keeping the Sabbath is still in force today as a moral law.

8- Adulterers and adulteresses

- Lev. 20:10

9- Fornication with your fathers wife or a man with his daughter in law

- Lev. 20:11-12

10- Sodomy

- Lev. 20:13

11- Anyone who has a familiar spirit or is a wizard witch

- Lev. 20:27

12- Anyone who blasphemes the name of the Lord

- Lev. 24:16

13- Any stranger that comes near the tabernacle, the priests office, or the sanctuary

- Num. 1:51; 3:10, 38

14- False prophets who turn the people away from God and his truth.

- Deut. 13:5

15- Anyone who rebels against or disobeys the commandments of God

- Josh. 1:18

16- Failing to seek the Lord God

- 2Ch. 15:12-15

13:5- Two reasons to be subject to the authorities

1- Fear of the consequences of doing wrong

- Gal. 6:7b- that shall he also reap

2- To keep a good conscience

- Acts 23:1; 24:16

- Heb. 13:18

- 1Pet. 3:18

- If we believers must suffer, we must always make sure it is for doing right according to the word of God and not for being an evildoer.

- 1Pet. 4:15-16

13:6-7- We are to pay our taxes and other obligations when due.

- Why? Because **13:5** and the 3 reasons given earlier in:

- 1Pet. 2:13-16

- The governing authorities are God's ministers who make their living off the tax money that is being paid by those being ministered to.

- In the same way Pastors today are supposed to be supported from the tithes and offerings given by those who are being ministered to.

- 1Tim. 5:17-18

- 1Cor. 9:9-14

- Positions of authority deserve our respect because of the positions itself.

- Should a person bring dishonour to his position through doing wrong or immorality, we still respect the position since it has been "ordained of God"

- The office of President is to be respected even when the person is corrupt or immoral.

- Believers are to honour the Lord to give Him our firstfruits, not our leftovers

- Pr. 3:9

- Believers are to honour our parents and love our neighbor as ourselves.

- Mt. 19:19

- The Bible tells us to also honour widows, elders. Pastors (double honour), masters (bosses), all men, husbands are to honour their wives.

13:8- God's command to stay out of financial debt.

- Pr. 22:7

- This is likely the most violated command in the Bible, and it brings about bondage.

- God's system of finances is the opposite of the world's system.

- The world says buy now, pay later.

- Pr. 21:20- God says a fool spends up everything he has