

<p>Historical state–church relations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Catholic: Church over state State suppresses heresies. ● Protestant: State and church State enforces Christian morality. ● Anabaptist: Separate church & state Freedom of conscience & association. ● Communist: State over church State dictates doctrines and practice. 	
<p>Romans 13:1-7 (NRSVue)</p> <p>¹ Let every person be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except from God, and those authorities that exist have been instituted by God.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Subject: Keep putting oneself under. ● Authority: <i>exousia</i>, lawful right to rule. ● Institute: Perf tense: once for all. 	
<p>Human Government</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. God / religion 2. Constitution / clergy 3. Legislature / laws /decrees 4. Courts / judges / ayatollahs 5. Executive / PM / president / caliph 6. Military / police / militias 7. Regulators / deep State / 8. Inspectors / prosecutors 	
<p>Inhuman government</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Devil / ‘god of this world’ 2. Gods / <i>cosmocrats</i> (Eph. 6:12). 3. Demons / ‘rulers & authorities’ 4. Globalists / secret societies 5. Banks / fiat currency / national debt 6. Cartels / militarized criminals 7. Mafia / organized criminals 8. Gangs / local criminals 	

<p style="text-align: center;">Ecclesial governance</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Father, Son & Spirit 2. Angels / messengers & protectors 3. Scripture / laws, statutes, judgments 4. Conscience / freedom of belief 5. Elders / respected spiritual guides 6. Husbands / love, provide, protect 7. Wives / manage house & business 8. Parents / train and correct children 	
<p style="text-align: center;">Social control</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Family / parents / siblings 2. Friends / peers / taverns 3. Neighbors / 'the Joneses' / HOAs 4. Associations / churches / clubs 5. Banks / lenders / financiers 6. Advertisers / media influencers 7. Employers / bosses / work mates 8. Cartels / gangs / criminals 	
<p>² Therefore whoever resists authority resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Subject: <i>Hypo·tassō</i>, put self under. ● Appoint: <i>Dia·tagé</i>, put through. ● Resist¹: <i>Anti·tassō</i>, put self against. ● Resist²: <i>Ant·histémi</i>, stand self against. ● Judgement: Condemnation, sentence. 	
<p>³ For rulers are not a terror to good conduct but to bad. Do you wish to have no fear of the authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive its approval, ⁴ for it is God's agent for your good.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Rulers: <i>Archōn</i>. Officials. ● Fear: <i>Fobos</i>. As you fear fire, God. ● Approval: Tacit, seldom spoken. ● Agent: <i>Diakonos</i>, deacon, servant. 	

<p>But if you do what is wrong, you should be afraid, for the authority does not bear the sword in vain! It is the agent of God to execute wrath on the wrongdoer.</p> <p>⁵ Therefore one must be subject, not only because of wrath but also because of conscience.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Wrath: Both God's and Gov's. ● Conscience: "Knowing good & evil." 	
<p>⁶ For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are God's agents, busy with this very thing.</p> <p>⁷ Pay to all what is due them: taxes to whom taxes are due, revenue to whom revenue is due, respect to whom respect is due, honor to whom honor is due.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Agent: <i>Leitourgos</i>, religious worker. 	
<p style="text-align: center;">Random thoughts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Submission does not mean approval. ● Submission implies faith in God. ● Every authority replies to another. ● They protect us if we remain peaceful. ● Religious authorities are the most evil. ● Secular authorities are preferable. ● Constitutional republics are the safest. ● Christians must pray to remain safe. 	
<p style="text-align: center;">"You shall love your neighbor as yourself."</p> <p>¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Shall: Hebrew idiom = "must." ● As: "as [you love] yourself." ● The law: Lit., "a fulfilling of law." ● Neighbor: Jesus: "anyone in need." ● Does: "Activity involving effort." 	

Romans 13:8-10 (NRSVue)

⁸ Owe no one anything, except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹ The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; you shall not murder; you shall not steal; you shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, ...

Romans 13:11-14

¹¹ Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ...

- **Time:** “season,” long period.
- **Moment:** “hour,” short period.
- **Wake:** Resurrection = final salvation

¹² the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³ let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy.

- **Armor:** Truth... right... gospel... faith.
- **Walk:** Obey Jesus in our behavior.

¹⁴ Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

- **Put on:** Show how to obey Jesus.
- **Lord:** The One whom we obey.
- **Provision:** *Pro·noia*, forethought, plan.
- **Flesh:** Natural body, self, sin.
- **Desires:** Lust, illicit desires.

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