

FELLOWSHIP NOTES ~ October 18th, 2020

“God and Government”

Part 1: “Biblical Principles of Government”

Romans 13:1-7

Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe [obey] everything I have commanded you...” Matthew 28:19-20a

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, and see, the new has come!” 2 Corinthians 5:17

“But our citizenship is in heaven, and we eagerly wait for a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humble condition into likeness of his glorious body, by the power that enables him to subject everything to himself.” Philippians 3:20-21

Principles of Government:

1. God commands that we be _____ who are law-abiding, obedient, and respectfully submissive toward government (civil) authority – Rom. 13:1a

Question: As a disciple of Jesus, am I a law-abiding citizen, respectfully submissive toward government and those who represent it?

2. All governments are ultimately not only created by God but allowed by God to possess _____ over its citizenry – Rom. 1:13b

3. Failure to submit to governing authorities is _____ against God – Rom. 13:2a

Question: As a disciple of Jesus, am I in any way acting in or living in rebellion against the civil authorities that God has placed over me? If so, I need to repent.

4. God has empowered civil authorities to _____ those who resist government’s authority – Rom. 13:2b

5. Government exists to _____ and to _____ – Rom. 13:3-4a



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6. God has empowered civil authorities to inflict the _____ on wrong-doers – Rom. 13:4b

7. God has authorized government the right to _____ on its citizens because employees of government are actually serving God by serving government – Rom. 13:6

8. God expects citizens to _____ and when they do, they are not only recognizing the rightful role of government, but they are also honoring God – Rom. 13:7

Question: Do I have a bad attitude about paying taxes? Am I honest in the way I report and pay my taxes?