**Romans 13 Listening Sheet**

Now that you are saved by God’s grace thru faith alone in Christ alone, now that you are declared righteous and forgiven because of Christ, now that you are freed from sin and Law, and indwelled and led by the Spirit, how then shall we live?

What does a grace-based, Christ-like, Spirit-enabled life grounded in the sovereign mercies of God look like at home, in church, your neighborhood, your nation?

**The Answer?** Romans 12:1 – 15:13, The Practice of Righteousness, Based on the Mercies of God

**Chapter Recap:** Paul continues to build on Rom. 12:1-2 by laying out three different Christian \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ required to live a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ life in God’s eyes.

1. Be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to governing \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 1-7).
2. Love your \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (vv.8-10).
3. Pursue \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (vv.11-14).
4. **Be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ authorities.**
   1. Who?
   2. What?
   3. Why?
      1. Resisting authority = resisting God.
      2. Opposing authority brings condemnation.
      3. Opposing authority brings the fear of punishment.
      4. For believers, opposing authority also violates your conscience.
   4. How to demonstrate subjection?

The whole passage speaks to God’s exquisite \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and meticulous \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in ordaining and sustaining human government.

SEE Daniel 4:17, 25, 34-35.

Remember, we hold a \_\_\_\_\_\_ citizenship. But being citizens of heaven submitted to divine government does not exempt us from submission to human government.

What about the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Revolution, Christian and Jewish \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in Nazi Germany or Pastor James Coates?

Expositor’s: “we assume Paul is presenting the norm/ideal [of human gov’t] … The way is then open to justify revolution in cases where rights are denied and liberties taken away, making life intolerable for freedom-loving men and women, since the state has ceased to fulfill its God-appointed function. However, Christians will not as a church lead in revolution, but only as citizens of the commonwealth … Subjection to the state is not to be confused with unthinking, blind, docile conformity.”

1. **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ your neighbor.**
   1. Why?
   2. How?
2. **Pursue \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**
   1. Why?
   2. How?