

Romans XIII/Session 13
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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, church, neighborhood? As a citizen?

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

Righteousness Review: 1:16-17, 3:9-10, 3:21-26, 6:12-14, 9:30-31, 10:9-10, 12:1-2

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).

1. Be _____ to _____ authorities.

- a. Who?
- b. What?
- c. Why?

- i. Resisting authority = resisting God. Can't end well.
- ii. Opposing authority brings condemnation.
- iii. Opposing authority brings the fear of punishment.
- iv. For believers, opposing authority also violates your conscience.

d. 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 does not exempt us from submission to 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."

2. _____ your neighbor.

- a. Why?
- b. How?

3. Pursue _____.

- a. Why?
- b. How?

- i. Wage WAR by Laying aside darkness and putting on armor
- ii. Live RIGHT by Laying aside fleshly sins and behaving properly
- iii. Plan for PURITY by making no provision for the flesh but instead putting on the Lord Jesus Christ