



Romans 13: Transformed to Honor and Love

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Romans 3:10 – There is no one righteous, not even one.

Romans 3:23 – For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

Romans 5:8 – But God demonstrated His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners Christ died for us.

Romans 6:23 – For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:1 – Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

Romans 10:9 – That if you confess with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

Romans 10:13 – Everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord will be saved.

I. Submit to governing authorities.

“By Me kings reign and rulers make laws that are just; by Me princes govern, and all nobles who rule on earth.”
Prov. 8:15-16

- God has established governing authority. (1 Tim. 2:1-2; Titus 3:1-2)
- Authorities are established so that we can live in peace.
- Rebelling against authority is rebelling against what God has instituted.
- Disobedience to the authorities will bring judgement.

II. Should a Christian submit to evil authorities?

“Judge for yourselves whether it is right in God’s sight to obey you rather than God...We must obey God rather than men!”
Acts 4:18, 5:29

- Not all authorities are good. (Is. 10:11-12; Jer. 25:8-12; Hos. 8:4)
- When an authority demands we do something contrary to God’s commands we have an obligation to disobey the earthly authority. (Dan. 3,6; Rev. 13)
- We do not have the freedom to disobey simply because we don’t like the policy or the person.

III. Do everything in love.

“Stop doing wrong, learn to do right! Seek justice, encourage the oppressed. Defend the cause of the fatherless, plead the case of the widow...Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke?” Is. 1:17, 58:6

- Love is the only debt that will remain outstanding.
- Love is the fulfillment of the law.
- Protest can be voiced without disobedience.
- Wake up! Clothe yourselves with Christ and avoid all sinful desires.

“I am not ashamed of the gospel because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes...”
Romans 1:16