



## Church and “State”

### ROMANS 13

1. The Big Point: Be **Subject** (v. 1, 5)

2. The Grounds (v. 2-5)

a. God **institutes** the authorities

“Two cities”?

“Two rules”?

b. The authorities serve God by rewarding **good** and punishing **evil**

3. The fine print: Pay your **taxes!** (v. 6-7)

4. Task and Time

a. Love your **neighbor** (v. 8-10)

b. Know the **times** (v. 11-14)

John 18:36 (ESV) *Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world.”*

Mark 12:17 (ESV) *Jesus said to them, “Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” And they marveled at him.*

1 Peter 2:13–17 (ESV) <sup>13</sup> *Be subject for the Lord’s sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, <sup>14</sup> or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. <sup>15</sup> For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. <sup>16</sup> Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. <sup>17</sup> Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor.*

Acts 5:29 (ESV) *But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than men.”*

Revelation 13:7–8 (ESV) <sup>7</sup> *Also it [the beast] was allowed to make war on the saints and to conquer them. And authority was given it over every tribe and people and language and nation, <sup>8</sup> and all who dwell on earth will worship it, everyone whose name has not been written before the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who was slain.*