

BOOK TO THE ROMANS  
THE GOSPEL [GOOD NEWS] OF GOD  
SALVATION: THE DIVINE METHOD OF DELIVERANCE FROM SIN  
X. PRACTICAL DOCTRINES: THE GOSPEL APPLIED

## 5 THE CHRISTIAN: HUMANS GOVERNMENTS AND CIVIL RULES

A Romans 13:1-Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, **for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God.** <sup>2</sup>Consequently, he who rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. <sup>3</sup>For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and he will commend you. <sup>4</sup>For he is God's servant to do you good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword for nothing. He is God's servant, an agent of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer. <sup>5</sup>Therefore, it is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also because of conscience. <sup>6</sup>This is also why you pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, who give their full time to governing. <sup>7</sup>Give everyone what you owe him: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor.

i. Ten Duties of a citizen - keep in mind these people were a conquered people

1. Be subject to civil Government	<p><b>Matthew 22:21</b> "Caesar's," they replied. Then he said to them, <b>"Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's."</b></p> <p><b>1 Peter 2:13-17</b> Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every authority instituted among men: whether to the king, as the supreme authority, <sup>14</sup>or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right. <sup>15</sup>For it is God's will that by doing good you should silence the ignorant talk of foolish men. <sup>16</sup>Live as free men, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as servants of God. <sup>17</sup>Show proper respect to everyone: Love the brotherhood of believers, fear God, honor the king.</p> <p><b>John 19:11</b> Jesus answered, <b>"You would have no power over me if it were not given to you from above. Therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin."</b></p>
2. Be afraid to disobey civil rules	<p>Verse 3</p> <p><b>Proverbs 24:21</b> Fear the LORD and the king, my son, and do not join with the rebellious,</p>
3. Pay taxes	<p>This entire set of verses</p> <p><b>Matthew 22:17-21</b> Tell us then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" <sup>18</sup>But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said, <b>"You hypocrites, why are you trying to trap me?"</b> <sup>19</sup>Show me the coin used for paying the tax." They brought him a denarius, <sup>20</sup>and he asked them, <b>"Whose portrait is this? And whose inscription?"</b> <sup>21</sup>"Caesar's," they replied. Then he said to them, <b>"Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's."</b></p>

4. Do Good - support those in authority	<b>Matthew 20:26</b> Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, <b>Titus 3:1</b> Remind the people to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready to do whatever is good,
5. Render to all men what they are due	Verse 7 Withhold nothing from civil government; taxes, customs, respect, and honor to all men over you in public life.
6. Honor civil rulers	see 1 Peter 2:13-17 above <b>Exodus 22:28</b> "Do not blaspheme God or curse the ruler of your people. <b>Acts 23:5</b> Paul replied, "Brothers, I did not realize that he was the high priest; for it is written: 'Do not speak evil about the ruler of your people.'"
7. Pray for civil rulers	<b>1 Tim. 2:1-2</b> I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone-- <sup>2</sup> for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. <b>1 Peter 2:1-2</b> Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind. <sup>2</sup> Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation,
8. Obey civil Law	<b>Ezra 7:26</b> Whoever does not obey the law of your God and the law of the king must surely be punished by death, banishment, confiscation of property, or imprisonment.
9. Do not curse rulers	<b>Eccles. 10:20</b> Do not revile the king even in your thoughts, or curse the rich in your bedroom, because a bird of the air may carry your words, and a bird on the wing may report what you say.
10. Work for Peace	<b>Romans 12:18</b> If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.

#### 6 Eight Commands regulating Christian conduct to Neighbor

A Romans 13:<sup>8</sup>Let **no debt remain outstanding**, except the continuing debt to **love one another**, for he who loves his fellowman has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup>The commandments, "**Do not commit adultery**," "**Do not murder**," "**Do not steal**," "**Do not covet**," and whatever other commandment there may be, are summed up in this one rule: "**Love your neighbor as yourself**." <sup>10</sup>**Love does no harm to its neighbor**. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

I. When you really love you will not;

1. Transgress the moral law	verse 8 and 10
2. Deprive any man of his wife	Verse 9
3. Rob any woman of her virtue	Verse 9
4. Take the life of anyone	Verse 9

5. Hate anyone	Verse 9 - <b>1 John 3:15</b> Anyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life in him.
6. Take the property of anyone	Verse 9
7. Rob a man of his good name	Verse 9
8. Covet one thing or another	verse 9
9. Love only yourself	Verse 9
10. Work ill towards anyone	Verse 10

7. Twelve Commands regulating Christian conduct before God

- a. Romans 13:<sup>11</sup>And do this, understanding the present time. The hour has come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. <sup>12</sup>The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. <sup>13</sup>Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the sinful nature.

1. Cast of the Works of Darkness	<p>Genesis 25:30-34 He said to Jacob, "Quick, let me have some of that red stew! I'm famished!" (That is why he was also called Edom.) <sup>31</sup>Jacob replied, "First sell me your birthright." <sup>32</sup>"Look, I am about to die," Esau said. "What good is the birthright to me?" <sup>33</sup>But Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore an oath to him, selling his birthright to Jacob. <sup>34</sup>Then Jacob gave Esau some bread and some lentil stew. He ate and drank, and then got up and left. So Esau despised his birthright.</p> <p><b>Hebrews 12:14-16</b> Make every effort to live in peace with all men and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord. <sup>15</sup>See to it that no one misses the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many. <sup>16</sup>See that no one is sexually immoral, or is godless like Esau, who for a single meal sold his inheritance rights as the oldest son.</p>
2. Put on the Armour of light	<p><b>John 8:12</b> When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "<b>I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.</b>"</p> <p><b>Luke 11:22</b> <b>But when someone stronger attacks and overpowers him, he takes away the armor in which the man trusted and divides up the spoils.</b></p> <p><b>2 Cor. 6:7</b> By the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armour of righteousness on the right hand and on the left,</p> <p><b>Ephes. 6:11</b> Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.</p> <p><b>Ephes. 6:13</b> Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.</p>

3. Walk decently and well behaved	<p><b>1 Cor. 14:40</b> But everything should be done in a fitting and orderly way.</p> <p><b>1 Thes. 4:12</b> so that your daily life may win the respect of outsiders and so that you will not be dependent on anybody.</p>
4. Stop Reveling and drinking	<p><b>Galatians 5:21</b> and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.</p> <p><b>1 Peter 4:3</b> For you have spent enough time in the past doing what pagans choose to do--living in debauchery, lust, drunkenness, orgies, carousing and detestable idolatry.</p>
5. Quit all immoral living	<p><b>Mark 7:22</b> greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly.</p> <p><b>2 Cor. 12:21</b> I am afraid that when I come again my God will humble me before you, and I will be grieved over many who have sinned earlier and have not repented of the impurity, sexual sin and debauchery in which they have indulged.</p> <p><b>Ephes. 4:19</b> Having lost all sensitivity, they have given themselves over to sensuality so as to indulge in every kind of impurity, with a continual lust for more.</p> <p><b>2 Peter 2:18</b> For they mouth empty, boastful words and, by appealing to the lustful desires of sinful human nature, they entice people who are just escaping from those who live in error.</p>
6. Refrain from quarreling, contention and jealousies	<p><b>zelos, dzay'-los</b> from Greek 2204 (zeo) properly <i>heat</i>, i.e. (figurative) <i>zeal</i>" (in a favorable sense, <i>ardor</i>; in an unfavorable one, <i>jealousy</i>, as of a husband [figurative of God], or an enemy, <i>malice</i>) :- emulation, envy (-ing), fervent mind, indignation, jealousy, zeal.</p>
7. Clothe yourself with the character of Christ	<p><b>2 Peter 1:3</b> According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that <i>pertain</i> unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: <b>4</b> Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.</p>

<p>8. Make no provision for lusts</p>	<p><b>1 Cor. 6:9-11</b> Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders <sup>10</sup>nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. <sup>11</sup>And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.</p> <p><b>Galatians 5:19-21</b> The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; <sup>20</sup>idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions <sup>21</sup>and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.</p> <p><b>Col. 3:5-10</b> Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. <sup>6</sup>Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. <sup>7</sup>You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. <sup>8</sup>But now you must rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. <sup>9</sup>Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices <sup>10</sup>and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.</p>
<p>9. Know the time</p>	<p><b>Luke 12:53-57</b> They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law." <sup>54</sup>He said to the crowd: "When you see a cloud rising in the west, immediately you say, 'It's going to rain,' and it does. <sup>55</sup>And when the south wind blows, you say, 'It's going to be hot,' and it is. <sup>56</sup>Hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of the earth and the sky. How is it that you don't know how to interpret this present time? <sup>57</sup>"Why don't you judge for yourselves what is right?</p>
<p>10. Wake up</p>	<p><b>Joel 3:1-21</b> <sup>9</sup>Proclaim this among the nations: Prepare for war! Rouse the warriors! Let all the fighting men draw near and attack. <sup>10</sup>Beat your plowshares into swords and your pruning hooks into spears. Let the weakling say, "I am strong!" <sup>11</sup>Come quickly, all you nations from every side, and assemble there. Bring down your warriors, O LORD!</p>
<p>11. Know that the darkness rule of this world is about over</p>	<p>Joel 3:17 <sup>17</sup>"Then you will know that I, the LORD your God, dwell in Zion, my holy hill. Jerusalem will be holy; never again will foreigners invade her. <sup>18</sup>"In that day the mountains will drip new wine, and the hills will flow with milk; all the ravines of Judah will run with water. A fountain will flow out of the LORD'S house and will water the valley of acacias. . . . <sup>20</sup>Judah will be inhabited forever and Jerusalem through all generations. <sup>21</sup>Their bloodguilt, which I have not pardoned, I will pardon." The LORD dwells in Zion!</p>
<p>12. Know that the DAY is at hand</p>	<p>Joel 3:1-8 "In those days and at that time, when I restore the fortunes of Judah and Jerusalem, . . . <sup>2</sup>There I will enter into judgment against them concerning my inheritance, my people Israel, for they scattered my people among the nations and divided up my land.</p>