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# Politics & Religion





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**2 Chronicles 7:14 <sup>14</sup> If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.**

# What Are The Politics Of Today?

- Bitterness, Hatred, Criticism
- Spin/Fraud
- Vilification of Candidates
- Cynicism
- Religion & Politics Don't Mix



# How Do Christians Feel About Politics?

- Turn America Back To God
- Elect Christian Candidates
- Put God Back Into American Institutions





# How Do Christians Feel About Politics?

- Respect for Religious Freedom & Diversity
- Church-State Separation
- Politics & Religion Don't Mix



# How Do Christians Feel About Politics?

- Use The Church To Control Politics
- Legislate Christian Morality
- Churches Become Political Action Groups





# Can The Christian Vote Make A Difference?

- Yes
- Moral Values Issues
- MSNBC/CNN Etc
- Family Values



# What Should A Citizen Do?

- Uninformed Citizens
- Informed Citizens
- Gather Information
- Vote
- Run For Office
- Community Organizations
- Pray For Our Leaders



# What Does The Bible Say?

- “Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Yahshua.” (Philippians 1:27)
- We Are To Be Good Citizens





# What Does The Bible Say?

- Dual Citizenship
- 1<sup>st</sup> Century Jews
- Jesus And Taxes
- "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's (Matthew 22:21)



Denarius of  
Caesar Augustus



Denarius of  
Tiberius Caesar

**Romans 13 <sup>1</sup>Let everyone be subject 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, whoever rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves.**

# What Does The Bible Say?

- Romans 13:1-2
- Kingdom of God,  
Belonging to God
- Christians  
Recognize The  
Power Of Both  
Kingdoms
- Paul's Challenge





# What Does The Bible Say?

- God Is Orderly
- There Is No Chaos With God
- Because Of Evil, God Has Given Us Government



**<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 you will be commended.**

# What Does The Bible Say?

- Romans 13:3
- “Do What Is Right And God Will Commend You”
- Obey God Rather Than Man





**<sup>4</sup> For the one in authority is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for rulers do not bear the sword for no reason. They are God's servants, agents of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer.**

# What Does The Bible Say?

- Romans 13:4
- “To Do Good”
- “Bear The Sword”



**<sup>5</sup> Therefore, it is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also as a matter of conscience.**



**The Greek word *hupo-tasso*, which has been translated as “submit” or “be subject,” literally means to arrange stuff respectfully in an "orderly manner underneath".**

**A second meaning of the same  
Greek word (not used by Paul)  
means “to obey”.**

**New Testament Greek, “to  
submit” does not always mean  
to *obey*!**

**Paul himself did not obey civil authority. Nor did he suggest that the state and its officials must always and absolutely be obeyed. He recognized that the power of law can be used for justice or for injustice and evil. So he urged his readers to be subject insofar as conscience allows.**



**'How can you advocate  
breaking some laws and  
obeying others?'**

**The answer lies in the fact that  
there are two types of laws:  
just and unjust.**

**One has not only a legal but a  
moral responsibility to obey  
just laws.**

**Conversely, one has a moral responsibility to disobey unjust laws.**

**St. Augustine said that 'an unjust law is no law at all.'**



**Romans 13 is not a manifesto on the divinely ordained power of the state, and it does not call for absolute obedience to civil authorities. Instead it offers a provisional account of the limits of civil authority for all people of conscience.**

# What Does The Bible Say?

- Romans 13:5
- God's Servants
- Obey God



**<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 to everyone what you owe them: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor.**



# What Does The Bible Say?

- Romans 13:6
- Taxes
- Benefits Of Government
- Taxes & Good Citizens
- Transform The World In Yahshua's Name



**<sup>8</sup> Let no debt remain  
outstanding, except the  
continuing debt to love one  
another, for whoever loves  
others has fulfilled the law.**

**<sup>9</sup> The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery,” “You shall not murder,” “You shall not steal,” “You shall not covet,”<sup>[a]</sup> and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.”**



**10 Love does no harm to a neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.**

**Romans 13 presupposes an ideal system of government. This was not always, if ever, the case with the Roman Empire. “The most obvious counterproof would be the execution of Yahshua under Pontius Pilate, the Roman governor of Judea,”.**

**Acts 4: <sup>18</sup> So they called them and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Yahshua. <sup>19</sup> But Peter and John answered and said to them, "Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you more than to God, you judge. <sup>20</sup> For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard."**



## Revelation 6:8

**“O Sovereign Lord, holy and true, how long before you will judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?”**

**About those who attempted to use Romans 13 to compel submission to German atrocities, Dietrich Bonhoeffer wrote, “No state is entitled to read St. Paul’s words as a justification for its own existence.”**

**In his “Letter from a Birmingham Jail,” Martin Luther King Jr. argued that we can not and should not obey unjust laws.**



# What should Christians do when governments who are supposed to do good instead do evil?

1. Obey them
2. Non-violently resist only when necessary
3. Pray for them
4. Preserve goodness
5. Show goodness

# What America Needs

- Christians Being Christians
- Champion The Cross
- The Kingdom Of God
- Witness To Our Culture
- Love One Another



# What America Needs

If We Live As  
Christians,  
We Will Render  
Great Service  
To This Nation  
That We All Love





**As Christians, the law  
cannot be our ultimate  
moral guide.**

**The Bible must be our  
moral guide.**