

Be a Loving Citizen

Romans 13

Introduction

Election Time is Here!

God made government

Genesis 9 Man given dominion to establish governmental order

Levitical Theocracy / Monarchy/ Tribal/ Democracy/ Republic/ Socialism/ Totalitarianism/ Communism/ Constitutional Republic.

All these governments have one problem: They are human created and human operated.

There is only one perfect form of government: Theocracy

Revelation 21 God will bring a perfect government

Government is necessary. Imagine no laws, no speed limits, no police, no courts

Anarchy brings world-wide floods; anarchy brings darkness.

The Purge Movie Example

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Verse 1-7 Live Legally

1. All powers are God ordained (John 19:11 – Pilate)
2. You rebel against the government, you rebel against God
3. They will receive damnation
4. Rulers are meant to punish evil
5. Rulers are meant to reward good
6. Obey for conscience sake
7. Pay tribute that is due
8. Custom to whom custom
9. Honor to whom honor
10. Nero Story/Claudius/Agrippina/Britanicus

11. Executed wife to marry mistress Popea/Found young boy that looked like Popea
12. Stomped Popea to death
13. Committed incest with sister and mother
14. Was a cross dresser
15. Disguised himself to rob people in market place
16. Dressed as wild animal to ambush women and children to harm them
17. Burned Rome
18. Killed Christians brutally
19. Committed Suicide
20. Ruled during Paul and Peter's martyrdom
21. Paul wrote to submit to government
22. Daniel 4:17 God put leaders into place
23. Matthew 22 Render to Caesar
24. Acts 5:29 Obey God over government
25. 1 Peter 2:13-17 Obey leaders

Verses 8-10 Love Unconditionally

1. Be a person that pays off debts
2. This verse does not forbid borrowing money (Proverbs 22:7)
3. Love people
4. Fulfill the golden rule
5. Don't commit adultery
6. Don't kill
7. Don't steal
8. Don't falsely accuse
9. Don't covet
10. Love your neighbor as your self
11. Love fulfills the law

Verses 11-14 Walk Honestly

1. Wake up
2. Be aware of all that is going on around you
3. Salvation is near
4. Forsake works of darkness
5. Put on the armor of light
6. Walk honestly
7. No fighting
8. No drinking
9. No chambering
10. Don't be a jealous envious contentious person
11. Put on Jesus
12. Make no provision for the flesh
13. Verse 14 Augustine

Conclusion

1. God establishes the governments at hand
2. We put on Jesus when dealing with government issues
3. The government is to be respected and not worshipped.
4. Obey all laws unless they contradict God's commands
5. Be citizens in society that love their neighbors
6. Be people that walk honestly in society.