

HOPE Rising

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope."

Romans 15:13 ESV

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Hope Rising From a Grateful Heart

Romans 13:1-10

Notes:

Romans 13:1-14

Four Symbols of Roman Culture:

- Crown of Absolutism
- Burden of Taxation
- Bondage of Slavery
- Fists of Resistance

Notes:

“Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos into order, and confusion to clarity. It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, a stranger into a friend.” —Melody Beattie

Grateful:

**In Christ, I can honor the _____
of God even when I struggle with the
daily _____ of government.**

Romans 13:1-2

Notes:

“Whereas it is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favor...Now therefore I do recommend and assign Thursday the 26th day of November next to be devoted by the people of these states to the service of that great and glorious Being, Who is the beneficent Author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be—that we may then all unite in rendering unto Him our sincere and humble thanks—for His kind care and protection of the people of this country previous to their becoming a nation...”

—George Washington, 1789

Notes:

“We are to be the conscience of the nation through faithful preaching and godly living, confronting it not with political pressure of man’s wisdom—including our own—but with the spiritual power of God’s Word...Some evangelical pastors and Christian leaders have turned from emphasizing the gospel to emphasizing politics, from emphasizing the Word of God to emphasizing coalitions to ‘impact culture.’ Some Christians expect the government to be not only the church’s ally but its primary partner. But the state is temporal and only affects things temporal. It is foolish and wasteful stewardship that devotes a great deal of time trying to bring people better morality—which is at best transient—but little time bringing them the gospel which offers eternal life....Our task is the proclamation of the gospel.” —John MacArthur

Notes:

*We need a bigger view of God,
not a better voice in government
to change America.*

Notes:

Grateful:

**In Christ, I can _____ the
demand of government without
_____ my
commitment to God.**

Romans 13:5-7

Matthew 22:21

Notes:

Grateful:

**In Christ, I can live _____
because the law of love
_____ my life.**

Romans 13:8, 10

Notes:

Grateful:

**In Christ, I have _____
for holy living and the _____
of a future hope beyond this
present darkness.**

Romans 13:11-14

Notes:

*Sanctification is being clothed
with Christ.*



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