

# A Gospel Response to Government (Pt. 5)

*Romans 13:1-7*

- I. A Universal Command to Submit to Government (1a)
- II. The Reasons to Submit to Government (1b-6)
  - A. God established the principle and structures of all human authority (1b).
  - B. God has appointed all who currently occupy positions of authority in government (1c).

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- C. If you refuse to submit to a gov't official (without biblical grounds), you are opposing God's ordinance (2).
- D. God has assigned gov't the role of maintaining order by punishing wrong and praising good (3).

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- E. God established government and appointed rulers for our good (4a).
  1. To Express God's Common Grace (4a)
  2. To Restrain Evil Behavior (3a)
  3. To Promote Good Behavior (3b)
  4. To Protect the Safety of its Citizens (4b)
    - a) By punishing its citizens who practice evil (4b)
    - b) By maintaining armed forces that guard against outside threats (4b)

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5. To Promote the General Good & Welfare of its People (4a, 6-7).
  - a) By providing necessary public services through taxes (6-7)
  - b) By ensuring an ordered society where citizens can live in tranquility and peace (1 Tim. 2:2)
6. To Protect the Afflicted, Needy, and Oppressed (Ps. 72:1-4, 12-14; 82:3-4)
7. To Reveal God's Government
  - a) The fact of His government (Ps. 103:19)
  - b) The character of His government