

# **The Believer and Government**

## **Romans 13: 1-7**

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## Verse 1 - 2

The believer is to be subject to government

God to you: **“Be subject”** = **“hupotasso”** = to place under authority

**This is not a suggestion, but a command, an imperative in the Greek**

**Governmental authority is from God, appointed by God**

**Hear Peter on this – 1 Peter 2: 13**

**God has ordained government to deal with lawlessness and to restrain evil**

**We are subject to the government unless the government mandates we do something counter to Scripture**

## Verse 3 - 4

Believer: The government is God-appointed  
for good

**As previously stated, governments do restrain evil**

**In general, governments are:**

***“not a terror to good works, but to evil”***

**In the extreme, God has ordained capital punishment as a deterrent to evil – Genesis 9: 6**

***“Hands that shed innocent blood”* are:**

***“to’evah”* = an abomination to God!**

When a society turns from God, like Israel did, the result is  
Deuteronomy 28: 28

*“I will strike you with madness, blindness, and  
confusion of heart”*

Do you see this in America today?

A society that turns from God will call evil good and good  
evil – Isaiah 5: 20-21

Without government, antifa reigns, chaos reigns, and society  
implodes



**Yes that is a building on fire  
but it's a mostly peaceful riot**



**Careful America, *guard your freedom!***

**Totalitarians want full control and dictatorial government, requiring complete submission to the state**

**My perspective:**

**Treasure your freedom, resist totalitarianism, resist socialism in all its forms**

**In summary:**

**Government is good and beneficial to society, and absolutely necessary for order**

## Verse 5 - 7

Believer: You are responsible to government  
*God says!*

**Our conscience is God-given to help us do right and flee wrong**

All humans know right and wrong – God has written His law on every heart – **Romans 2: 15**

**Because of conscience, I pay taxes, I obey the laws of the land, I pay customs, I respect those in authority**

**CLOSING: THINK ABOUT IT**

**We are citizens of another kingdom; we get our orders from our King**

We are to obey our King whether we feel like it or not –

***“Whatever happens, conduct yourself in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ.” – Philippians 1: 27***

**Live here like you belong to another kingdom, another King!**

## WHEN NOT TO OBEY THE GOVERNMENT:

When the government demands that believers stop teaching the Word of God, or stop meeting together as the people of God (*think Covid*)

Our greatest authority is the True God, not the government god - Acts 5: 27-29

WE  
MUST  
OBEY  
**GOD**  
RATHER  
THAN  
MEN

ACTS 5:29

## WHEN NOT TO OBEY THE GOVERNMENT (cont.):

**Follow those who lead in God's truth – Hebrews 13: 7**

*“Remember those who have led you, who have spoken the Word of God to you, considering the results of their conduct, imitate their faith.”*

**When the government wants you to do immoral actions that it deems good**

**Stand brothers and sisters!**

**Stand for truth, *STAND FOR OUR KING!***

***“Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong.  
Let all that you do be done with love.”***

**1 Corinthians 16: 13**

**We are living in the day of the falling away –**

**2 Thessalonians 2: 3**

**The Church is compromising left and right, caving to world think!**

**Hear Paul’s warning:**

The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons. Such teachings come through hypocritical liars, whose consciences have been seared as with a hot iron.

1 Timothy 4:1-2



May we have an attitude of another-kingdom believer

**“Whatever happens *conduct yourself in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ.*” Philippians 1: 27**

May our hearts cry out for Jesus’ kingdom, Jesus’ government!

**Our Battle Cry:**

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ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN”***

***MARANATHA CHURCH!***

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Even so, come,  
Lord Jesus!

*~ Revelation 22:20 ~*