

# UNBOUND

## THE BOOK OF ROMANS

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Part 13: Love and Submission

Sunday, November 26, 2017

Romans 13:1-2 Everyone must submit to governing authorities. For all authority comes from God, and those in positions of authority have been placed there by God. <sup>2</sup> So anyone who rebels against authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and they will be punished.

1. We are called to a life of \_\_\_\_\_.

The Bible teaches us to submit ...

- To Government Authorities – Romans 13:1-2
- To Spiritual Leaders – Hebrews 13:17

Hebrews 13:17 Obey your spiritual leaders, and do what they say. Their work is to watch over your souls, and they are accountable to God. Give them reason to do this with joy and not with sorrow. That would certainly not be for your benefit.

- To Husbands - Ephesians 5:22-24
- To Parents - Ephesians 6:1
- To Employers - 1 Peter 2:18
- To Elders - 1 Peter 5:5
- To One Another – Ephesians 5:21
- To God – James 4:7

❖ We'll never submit to God whom we can't see, if we're not willing to first submit to a person we can see.

Romans 13:3-5 For the authorities do not strike fear in people who are doing right, but in those who are doing wrong. Would you like to live without fear of the authorities? Do what is right, and they will honor you. <sup>4</sup> The authorities are

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- Woodmen Campus - Wednesday @ 6:45p

God's servants, sent for your good. But if you are doing wrong, of course you should be afraid, for they have the power to punish you. They are God's servants, sent for the very purpose of punishing those who do what is wrong. <sup>5</sup> So you must submit to them, not only to avoid punishment, but also to keep a clear conscience.

2. We are called to honor, \_\_\_\_\_, and obey our government officials.

Titus 3:1-2 Remind the believers to submit to the government and its officers. They should be obedient, always ready to do what is good. <sup>2</sup> They must not slander anyone and must avoid quarreling. Instead, they should be gentle and show true humility to everyone.

Romans 13:6-7 Pay your taxes, too, for these same reasons. For government workers need to be paid. They are serving God in what they do. <sup>7</sup> Give to everyone what you owe them: Pay your taxes and government fees to those who collect them, and give respect and honor to those who are in authority.

Matthew 22:17-21 Now tell us what you think about this: Is it right to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" <sup>18</sup> But Jesus knew their evil motives. "You hypocrites!" he said. "Why are you trying to trap me?" <sup>19</sup> Here, show me the coin used for the tax." When they handed him a Roman coin, <sup>20</sup> he asked, "Whose picture and title are stamped on it?" <sup>21</sup> "Caesar's," they replied. "Well, then," he said, "give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and give to God what belongs to God."

Romans 13:8-10 Owe nothing to anyone—except for your obligation to love one another. If you love your neighbor, you will fulfill the requirements of God's law. <sup>9</sup> For the commandments say, "You must not commit adultery. You must not murder. You must not steal. You must not covet." These—and other such commandments—are summed up in this one commandment: "Love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>10</sup> Love does no wrong to others, so love fulfills the requirements of God's law.

Galatians 5:14 For the whole law can be summed up in this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself."

3. The life of a fully devoted follower of Jesus Christ can be summarized in one word: \_\_\_\_\_.

John 13:34-35 So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. <sup>35</sup> Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.

Romans 13:10-11 Love does no wrong to others, so love fulfills the requirements of God's law. <sup>11</sup> This is all the more urgent, for you know how late it is; time is running out. Wake up, for our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed.

4. We need to live with a sense of \_\_\_\_\_.

Romans 13:12 The night is almost gone; the day of salvation will soon be here. So remove your dark deeds like dirty clothes, and put on the shining armor of right living.

5. Our lifestyle is a beacon of \_\_\_\_\_ to a desolate world.

Matthew 5:14-16 "You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup> No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. <sup>16</sup> In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.

Romans 13:13-14 Because we belong to the day, we must live decent lives for all to see. Don't participate in the darkness of wild parties and drunkenness, or in sexual promiscuity and immoral living, or in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup> Instead, clothe yourself with the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ. And don't let yourself think about ways to indulge your evil desires.

6. We are called to \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_.

Psalms 16:11 NIV You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

Psalms 23:4 Even when I walk through the darkest valley, I will not be afraid, for you are close beside me. Your rod and your staff protect and comfort me.

*\*All scriptures are from the NLT translation unless otherwise noted.*