

Romans 13:1 – 8 *The Christian And Government*

I.

A Command:

13 Every person is to be in subjection to the governing author-

II.

The Reason:

ities. For there is no authority except from God, and those

All Government:

which exist are established by God. ² Therefore whoever re-

a. is from God

and

sists authority has opposed the ordinance of God; and they

who have opposed will receive condemnation upon them-

selves. ³ For rulers are not a cause of fear for good behavior,

but for evil. Do you want to have no fear of authority? Do what

is good and you will have praise from the same; ⁴ for it is a

minister of God to you for good. But if you do what is evil, be

afraid; for it does not bear the sword for nothing; for it is a

minister of God, an avenger who brings wrath on the one who

practices evil. ⁵ Therefore it is necessary to be in subjection,

not only because of wrath, but also for conscience' sake. ⁶ For

because of this you also pay taxes, for *rulers* are servants of

God, devoting themselves to this very thing. ⁷ Render to all

what is due them: tax to whom tax *is due*; custom to whom

custom; fear to whom fear; honor to whom honor.

⁸ Owe nothing to anyone except to love one another; for he

who loves his neighbor has fulfilled *the* law.

III.
An Explanation:

IV.

A Warning:

Capital punishment

V.

Why we obey:

1. wrath

2. conscience

We pay taxes as

though a tithe

to a religious servant

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