

"Christian Subjects"

Romans 13: 1 - 7

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God Requires That His Children Live As Genuine Subjects Of His Ordained, Earthly Authority, (vs. 1 - 7)

- God Requires Us To Live As Christian Subjects Because He Has Ordained Every Authority, (vs. 1 - 2)
 - Christian subjects have been commanded to order themselves under those who have been ordained, (vs. 1a)
 - "Be subject," υποτασσω; υπο, under / τασσω, literally to set in order, (Pres.Md/Pass.Impv). To govern one's self as a direct result of divine ordering or placing one in such a position in life.
 - "REMIND them to be **submissive** to rulers and authorities,
✚ to be obedient, to be ready for every good work, to speak evil of no one, to avoid quarreling,
✚ to be gentle, and to **SHOW** perfect courtesy toward all people.
 - For we ourselves **WERE** once foolish,
✚ disobedient, led **ASTRAY** **SLAVES** to various passions and pleasures,
✚ **PASSING** our days in malice and envy, hated by others and **HATING** one another.
 - But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior **appeared**, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy,
✚ by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior,
✚ so that being **JUSTIFIED** by his grace we might **become** heirs according to the hope of eternal life.
 - The saying is trustworthy, and I want you to insist on these things,
✚ so that those who have **BELIEVED** in God may be **careful** to **devote** themselves to good works. These things are excellent and profitable for people." (Titus 3:1-8)
 - Christian subjects have been shown that without this ordination, no authority exists, (vs. 1b); "He changes times and seasons; he removes kings and sets up kings; he gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding;" (Daniel 2:21)
 - "So Pilate said to him, "You will not speak to me? Do you not **KNOW** that I have authority to release you and authority to crucify you?" Jesus answered him, "You would have no authority over me at all unless it had been **GIVEN** you from above. Therefore he who **DELIVERED** me over to you has the greater sin."" (John 19:10-11)
 - Christian subjects have been warned that a rebellious nature is resisting God's sovereignty, (vs. 2a); ""As for the word that you have SPOKEN to us in the name of the Lord, we will not **LISTEN** to you. But we will **DO** everything THAT WE HAVE VOWED, make offerings to the queen of heaven and pour out drink offerings to her, as we **DID**, both we and our fathers, our kings and our officials, in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem. For then we had **PLENTY** of food, and **PROSPERED**, and **SAW** no disaster." (Jeremiah 44:16-17)
 - Christian subjects have been warned that rebellion against God's sovereignty will incur judgment, (vs. 2b); " Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness." (James 3:1)
 - "... that you may charge certain persons not to teach any different doctrine, nor to devote themselves to myths and endless genealogies, which promote speculations rather than the stewardship from God that is by faith. The aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith. Certain persons, by **SWERVING** from these, have **wandered** away into vain discussion, **DESIRING** to be teachers of the law, without **UNDERSTANDING** either what they are saying or the things about which they make confident assertions." (1 Timothy 1:3-7)

- God Requires Us To Live As Christian Subjects Because He Has Placed Them There For Our Good, (vs. 3 - 5)
- God Requires Us To Live As Christian Subjects Because He Has Commanded Us To Honor Those Over Us, (vs. 6 - 7)