

**The Glorious Gospel of Jesus Christ**  
**A Survey of the Book of Romans**  
*The Relationship between the Christian and the Government*  
**Romans 13:1-7**

**Biblical Background: God's Sovereignty over the Nations**

Acts 17:22-28

**Paul's Foundational Expectation for Christians: Submission, Courtesy, and Honor**

Romans 13:1 & 5; Titus 3:1-2; 1 Pet. 2:11-17

**Why Christians should Act this Way**

Romans 13:1-4

- *All authority ultimately comes from God.*
- *God has established Government to reward good and punish evil.*
- *What do Christians do when a government forgets its purpose?*

**The Difference Between the Roman Empire and the American Republic.**

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**Digging Deeper into Romans 13:1-7**

Let's have a discussion about how we relate to our government. We must remember that God is the one who establishes all governments (Acts 17:22-28).

1. As our starting place, Christians should be people who are submissive to the governing authorities and do so with courtesy and respect. Read Romans 13:1-5; Titus 3:1-2; 1 Pet. 2:11-17. Discuss what "submit" looks like in our day to day lives.
2. What are Christians to do when a government loses sight of its purpose and limits and starts to reward evil and punish good?
3. In Paul's world the Roman Emperor was the absolute authority, but the United States has as its highest authority "We the People." That authority is delineated in our Constitution. What are some practical ways we can carry out our authority within our Constitution to advance the Kingdom of God?