

Romans 13:1-4

It's time to know the truth



"1 Let every soul be subject unto the higher authorities. For there is no authority but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. 2 Whosoever resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God, and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation. 3 For rulers are not a terror to good works but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? Do that which is good and thou wilt have praise of the same: 4 For he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God an avenger to execute wrath on him who does evil. 5 Therefore, you must be subject not only for wrath but for conscience sake.

Alleged Christians in civil government will often use verses 1 and 5 to justify a position of demanding tribute, submission and blind obedience from a citizen subject who is also a known Christian. This is abject ignorance if not just willful tyranny and abuse as you will see here.

Many if not most pastors from corporate churches will also whip their congregations with the same teachings and line of thought. All the better to maintain their tax exempt status and finances you know!

This false teaching is a wonderful way in which Satan has again 'neutered' nearly the entire Christian community and stripped it of its intended and potential power.

A person with spiritual discernment can easily see the premises of this teaching. The premise is that the rulers are governing in accordance with Gods law and divine plan. They encourage good works and are a terror to evil. When that is true then one cannot argue against the message.

So now let's ask some critical questions;

1. What happens to the lesson when the premise no longer exists?
2. What are we to do when the rulers abhor Gods will and are a terror to good works and promote evil?
3. Are we to submit blindly to the higher powers in abject obedience to their abominations and turn our backs on Gods will and law when the higher powers are clearly tyrannical and operating outside their scope of authority to the detriment of the good of the people?

Government is a covenant with the people. With a proper form of government one should support and protect the other. God created a covenant with HIS people. This was/is our form of governance. When some other form of governance usurps the God given authority and institutes unGodly laws and demands forced tribute and obedience, isn't this just another form of idolatry?

Here are some practical examples of this dilemma playing out;

The Christian baker who refuses to participate in, support or help promote homosexuality which is clearly an abomination to God, is punished by civil government for living his faith.

The Christian university which resists offering abortion services as a 'medical benefit' to its employees is threatened with severe consequences for living according to the faith.

The Christian visitor to China faces severe consequences for bringing bibles into the country.

The Christian pastor is threatened by the IRS or tax authorities for preaching outside of his legal corral and risks his tax exempt status.

Christian students are penalized in public school for not wearing rainbow T-shirts in support of LGBT day at public school!

These are just a few of far too many examples we have today. I challenge all readers to examine this issue and explore the following;

- Usurped authority is NOT legitimate.
Acts 5:29, 'We ought to obey God rather than men'
- God pours his wrath upon tyrants who rule outside of their authority.
Hosea 5:10-11, God says, "the princes of Judah were like them that remove the bound (act outside their authority); therefore I will pour out my wrath upon them like water." Obedience to tyrants is rebellion to God.
- There is no obligation that we are to be trampled upon, abused, stolen from or otherwise suffer at the hands of wicked men.
Revelations 2:10, "Be thou faithful until death and I will give you a crown of life."
Matthew 10:23, "When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next."
- Statism is idolatry and idolatry is treason to God.
He whom you obey and pay tribute to is your master. You cannot serve two masters. What is treason? The Christian must answer that treason is unfaithfulness to God and HIS law. Idolatry is treason because it seeks to overthrow God and HIS law. It seeks to replace God and HIS authority with an alien authority and law system.

These are very serious issues to give some serious thought to and deserve further study. I highly recommend that you find the book by Pastor John Weaver entitled: THE CHRISTIAN AND CIVIL GOVERNMENT. A study of Romans 13. Your view on this subject will never be the same and you'll be standing 'In Truth'!

Let's start living in obedience to God's law and see what it's like living in true freedom with HIS blessings and divine providence.

Are you up for a change for the better?

These articles should cause you to re-think the position you've been taught to have all your life. This process will lead to more questions. WMC has the answers to those questions.

Keep exploring and seeking truth!