

Sermon Audio Input

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Series Title*: Romans
Text: Romans 13:1-7
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Message Outline

You, Authority & Your Obligation to Love **Rom 13:1-7**

- I. **The Directive**
- II. **The Implications**
- III. **A Concrete Application – Taxes**
- IV. **A Clear Call**

Examine the Scriptures (Be Berean!)

- 1 Peter 2:13-14; 3:13
- Acts 4:1-30

Consider & Discuss (Be Transformed!)

- Who or what does Paul have in mind when he speaks of “authorities” in this passage?
- What is it to be in “subjection” to authorities?
- What are the primary reasons Paul gives that Christians should be in subjection to authorities?
- What are some of the implications to this order (Christians in subjection to authorities) God has established in verses 2-5?
- With the concrete application of paying taxes in 1st century Rome in mind, how are we to think about our obligation to pay taxes in 21st century USA?
- There are precious few exceptions to this rule; none are given in this passage. What exceptions are noted in the Scriptures and what does the lack of exceptions indicate?
- **Community Group Discussion:** Hear the clear call of verse 7 and apply it in your life both as a general rule and with each of the specifics of tax, custom, fear and honor. Describe the freedom that can come accompany your obedience.

Memory & Meditation Verse

“Every person is to be in subjection to the governing authorities...” Romans 13:1a

Community Life

- Are you planning on attending worship at Stone Harbor on the Sundays following Christmas and New Years (12/28, 1/4)? Please let me know on the sheets provided so we can plan best these worship services.

Next Sunday

Christmas Service