



## Worship Guide

### The Christian and Government (part 3) Romans 13:5-7

#### Opening:

1. log on to <https://www.sermonaudio.com/solo/tbcgreer/>
2. click the “webcast” button in the corner, grab a Bible (and a cup of coffee), open in prayer and read Romans 13:1-7

Note: the streaming will hopefully begin at 10:45 AM (after the streaming is complete you should also be able to watch a recording of this sermon at the link above; the sermon is approx. 30 minutes)

#### Romans 13:1-7

- 1 Every person is to be in subjection to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are established by God.
- 2 Therefore whoever resists authority has opposed the ordinance of God; and they who have opposed will receive condemnation upon themselves.
- 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. (Romans 13:1-7)

## **Sermon: The Christian and Government – Part 3 (Romans 13:5-7)**

(below is the outline—feel free to take notes if helpful)

1. conclusion: we submit to government (v.5)

2. recognition: we pay taxes (v.6)

3. obligation: we submit and respect (v.7)

### **Application Questions: after the sermon, read each of the following application questions and discuss.**

1. How is the practical teaching of Romans 13:1-7 connected to the book of Romans as a whole? How is our response to government related to the gospel?
2. A Christian friend says that he is willing to submit to government—as long as it's a godly government, since ungodly government is not ordained by God. How would you reply?
3. Fred is a Christian businessman who realizes that abortion is a sin against God since all people are made in God's image. He also realizes that our government funds abortion. Because of this Fred works on a cash basis not paying taxes on his income since it avoids funding abortion. Do you agree with Fred, and why?
4. If our government were to pass a law banning all “unessential” meetings of any size, including church meetings, for a 3-month period, what should we as a church do? What would you do? Why? (Would you change your answer if it were for a 6-month period? Or for a whole year?)

**Prayer:** Please pray for the Lord to be merciful to us as a country, to give our government leaders wisdom, to help us cast our burdens on Him, and to be ready to give a reason for the hope that is within us. Share personal requests with one another.