

“The Christian’s Responsibility to Government”
Amazed by Grace • part 52

INTRODUCTION

- confusion regarding our identity as Christians and our government
- clearing the fog
- why God established government

1. Christians are to submit to the state (13:1a)

- “be in subjection”



2. Why Christians are to submit to the state (13:1b)

- all authority is delegated by God
Dan. 2:20-21; Jer. 27:5-8; Rom. 9:17; Jn. 19:10-11

- to oppose the state is to oppose God

3. When Christians must not submit to the state

Acts 5:29; Dan. 3:16-18; 6:10

“In each case civil disobedience involved great personal risk, including possible loss of life. In each case its purpose was ‘to demonstrate their submissiveness to God, not their defiance of government.’”
– John Stott, quoting Chuck Colson

APPLICATION

- a. It’s a fine thing to be involved in civil service.
- b. My priority must always be preaching the gospel of Christ.
- c. I submit to government to live a peaceful life to have an effective witness.
1 Tim. 2:1-3
- d. We don’t need better government...