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“WE BELIEVE”

“NOURISHED ON THE WORDS OF FAITH AND SOUND DOCTRINE”

PART 19

“WE BELIEVE... IN THE RIGHTFUL ROLE OF CIVIL GOVERNMENT”

“God’s Design for Living Out Our Dual Citizenship”

(Romans 13:1-7)

INTRODUCTION:

“For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ; who will transform the body of our humble state into conformity with the body of His glory, by the exertion of the power that He has even to subject all things to Himself.”

— Philipians 3:20, 21

DOCTRINAL STATEMENT: CIVIL GOVERNMENT

We believe that civil government is of divine appointment, for the interests and good order of human society; that magistrates are to be prayed for, conscientiously honored and obeyed; except only in things opposed to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ; who is the only Lord of the conscience, and the coming Prince of the kings of the earth.

Romans 13:1-7; Acts 5:29; 4:19,20; Daniel 3:17,18

1A. THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THOSE _____ AUTHORITY: _____

“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. Therefore whoever resists authority has opposed the ordinance of God.”

—Romans 13:1-2a

1B. _____ must submit themselves to the governing authorities, because all authority is _____ from God’s authority.

2B. Government is a divinely ordained institution with _____ authority, and _____ is _____ against God,...

“...and to make it your ambition to lead a quiet life and attend to your own business and work with your hands, just as we commanded you, so that you will behave properly toward outsiders and not be in any need.”

—1 Thessalonians 4:11, 12

3B. ... _____ where there is a true _____ of citizenship.

"But Peter and the apostles answered, 'We must obey God rather than men.'"

— Acts 5:29

2A. THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THOSE _____ AUTHORITY: _____

"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; 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. Therefore it is necessary to be in subjection, not only because of wrath, but also for conscience' sake. For because of this you also pay taxes, **for rulers are servants of God**, devoting themselves to this very thing."

— Romans 13:3-6

1B. They are to rule (serve) _____ ,
_____ God's _____ and _____ .

2B. They are to rule (serve) _____ ,
_____ and _____ .

3B. They are to rule (serve) _____ ,
_____ and _____ .

4B. They are to rule (serve) _____ ,
_____ and _____ .

CONCLUSION: