

## **Romans 13 Outline**

### **1A** The believer's relationship to the government, vv.1-7:

**1B** Call to subjection, 1a: Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities;

**2B** Government as a divine institute, 1b: For there is no authority except by God,

**3B** Relation to current authorities, 1c: and the existing authorities have been appointed by God.

**4B** The nature and fate of those who resist, 2: So that the one who resists the authority has resisted the ordinance of God; And those who resist will receive judgment on themselves.

**5B** Government and good-doers; government vs. evil-doers, 3a: For those who rule are not a [cause of] fear for good works, but of evil.

**6B** The recipe for praise from government, 3b: And do you want to be unafraid of the authority? Do good, and you will have praise from it.

**7B** The purpose of government toward good and evil, 4: For it is a servant of God to you for the good. And if you do evil, fear; for it does not bear the sword for no reason; For it is a servant of God, an avenger unto wrath toward those who practice evil.

**8B** The two necessities of subjection, 5: Therefore it is a necessity to be subject, not only because of wrath, but also because of conscience.

**9B** Purpose of government as a rationale for tax-paying, 6 For this reason also fulfill your taxes; for they are ministers of God persisting in this very thing.

**10B** Appropriate attitudes toward various people, 7: Therefore render to all what the obligations; to whom tax, the tax; to whom the custom, custom; to whom fear, fear; to whom honor, honor.

### **2A** A brief treatise on virtue love, vv.8-10:

**1B** The single debt of a believer toward others, and result, 8: Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another; for the one who loves the other, he has fulfilled the law.

**2B** The summarization of the relationship commandments in a greater commandment, 9: For these, "Do not commit adultery," "Do not murder," "Do not steal," "Do not lust," and if anyone has another commandment they are all summed up in this saying, in this: "Love your neighbor as yourself."

**3B** The fullness of the law, 10: Love does not work evil to the neighbor; therefore love is the fullness of the law.

### **3A** The urgency of the hour in the nearness of the Lord, vv.11-14:

**1B** The nearness of the our salvation, 11: And this, knowing the time, that it is already the hour for us to be wakened from sleep; for our salvation is nearer now than when we believed.

- 2B The urgency of holiness, 12: The night advanced, and the day draws near; therefore put away the works of the darkness, and put on the armor of light.
- 3B The right way to live, the wrong way to live, 13: Let us walk with dignity, as in the day, not with carousing and drunkenness, not with lasciviousness and licentiousness, not with strife and jealousy,
- 4B The right clothing of our lives, and a warning about feeding lust, 14 but clothe yourself with the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, toward lust.