



The Christian's Response to Government & Society

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- While Christians are not _____ this world (we belong to Christ's heavenly kingdom), we do live _____ this world (temporarily).
- What should be our response to government and society? Romans 13 teaches us very clearly.

We should respond with a _____ attitude towards authority. vs. 1-7

- This passage teaches us clearly what civil government's responsibilities are:
 - It is to preserve _____. vs. 3
 - It is to promote _____. vs. 4
 - It is to provide _____. vs. 6-7
- The concept of governmental authority originates from _____. vs. 1-2
- What should be the Christian's response to government? Paul says that we should have an attitude of subjection. vs. 1, 5
- *"Put them in mind to be subject to principalities and powers, to obey magistrates, to be ready to every good work."* **Titus 3:1**

- Paul wasn't trying to lead a revolution and take over _____ structures.
- What was he doing? He was preaching the _____ of Jesus Christ. The gospel of Christ impacts by purifying the hearts of the people _____ power structures and culture.

We should respond with true _____. vs. 8-10

- Believers, indwelt by God's Spirit, should not need a governmental _____ to force us to show forth a loving attitude. We should love instinctively because we have experienced and understand _____ love.
1 John 4:7-13
- Do you want to love people and have a right attitude towards them? The best way to do this is to _____ for them. 1 Timothy 2:1-2

We should respond by showing forth Christ in our daily _____. vs. 11-14

- If you are saved today, you have been placed **in Christ** and He lives **in you**. God's desire is for you to live _____ who God has made you in Christ. This is what He means in verse 14, "*...put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ.*"
- As we refuse fleshly lusts, allow Christ to live through us, and proclaim the gospel in love, we demonstrate to this world of darkness the transforming power of God's _____.
- Our lives and attitudes should reflect the _____ and victory we have in Jesus Christ. 1 Corinthians 15:57