

“The Christian and Government:
Governing to the Glory of God” (Part 1)
Romans 13:1-7

“The God of Israel has spoken; the Rock of Israel has said to me: When one rules justly over men, ruling in the fear of God, he dawns on them like the morning light, like the sun shining forth on a cloudless morning, like grass to sprout from the earth.” (2 Samuel 23:3-4)

*“It is an abomination to kings to do evil, for the throne is established by righteousness; Like a roaring lion or a charging bear is a wicked ruler over a poor people; Woe to those who decree iniquitous (morally wrong) decrees, and writers who keep writing oppression (unjust treatment or control), to turn aside the needy from justice and to rob the poor of My people of their right, that widows may be their spoil, and that they may make the fatherless their prey.”
(Proverbs 16:12; Proverbs 28:15; Isaiah 10:1-2).*

*“(Jesus) who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone has immortality (reigns eternally)....; Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, to whom belong wisdom and might. He changes times and seasons, He removes kings and sets up kings....; Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth. Serve the Lord with fear and trembling. Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled....; and they were judged, each one of them (the great and the small), according to what they had done.”
(1 Timothy 6:15-16a; Daniel 2:20-21a; Psalm 2:10-12; Revelation 20:13c).*

“Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, ‘Vengeance is Mine, I will repay, says the Lord.’; For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it and you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example....entrusting Himself (Christ) to Him (God the Father) who judges justly; Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.” (Romans 12:19; 1 Peter 2:20-23; Romans 12:21)

Setting the foundation:

- Every person, born into sin, has a submission issue. We don't want to submit to the Lordship of Christ (Philippians 2:10-11) and we don't want to submit to the God-given authority that God has established on the earth to restrain or judge sin, bless people, and glorify God (Self-Governance; Familial/Vocational Governance; Church Governance; Traditional Government).
 - All suffering on the planet is because of sinful governance, starting with Adam and working its way out to all mankind *“Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned—” (Romans 5:12)*. All blessing on the planet is from God-honoring governance, starting and ending with Christ. *“....much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.” (Romans 5:17)*
 - The hope for every person, and their submission issue, is the gospel of Jesus Christ (Romans 10:9-10 & 13). In Christ, even suffering is something that God works out for my good (Romans 8:28). Suffering brought on by improper self-governance or suffering brought on by others governing over me improperly, (Genesis 50:20; John 16:33; Acts 14:22-23; 2 Corinthians 1:3-7) God works for the good of the Christian.
- The Four Kinds of Governance: Submission; Discipline/Punishment; Consequences; Payment/Honor
- Self-Governance: *“My conscience must be bound to God and His Word alone.”*
 - *Submission:* The individual has been called by God to govern their lives for His glory (1 Corinthians 10:31). We govern our lives to His glory by submitting to God in salvation (Romans 10:9-13) and continuing to submit to His Word in sanctification (2 Peter 1:3-11), leading to a progressive restoration of the image of God, that we were given by God, that has been marred by sin (Ephesians 4:24; Colossians 3:10).

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Worship: Psalm 18 (Citizens)

All Creatures (Kings Kaleidoscope)

How Deep (Kings Kaleidoscope)

Closing Song: I Stand Amazed (Norton Hall Band)

Service Times: Sundays: Revelation Class 4/Prayer 4:30/Church 5:30; Tuesdays: (In-Home) Bible Study: Women 6:30/Men 6:30 & 7;

Thursdays: Prayer 6:20/Church 7

- *Discipline/Punishment*: Every individual has been given the sword of the Spirit, that is the Word of God, and the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 6:17-18), to put to death what is earthly in them, (Romans 8:12-13; Colossians 3:5; 2 Corinthians 7:1) namely, disciplining our flesh into submission to God and His Word (1 Corinthians 6:12 & 9:24-25).
- *Consequences*: A refusal to self-govern by the Word of God will lead to being disciplined by personal pain from sin (Romans 6:23) and being disciplined by familial, church, and government for sins committed in those realms of life. The more disobedient to authority we become the more that we sink into sin (Romans 1:24-32), ultimately leading to an eternity in Hell (Romans 2:8; Matthew 25:46).
- *Payment & Honor*: We honor (proper respect and obedience) God by thanking Him for all of His good gifts to us (James 1:17; Colossians 3:17; Psalm 100:4), and obeying Him by giving honor and financially compensating those we have been told in His Word to honor and bless (Rulers; Romans 13:7/ Parents; Ephesians 6:2/ Elders; 1 Timothy 5:17/ God; 2 Corinthians 9:6-11).
- **Familial Governance**: *“Train up a child in the Word, and wash your wife with the Word.”*
 - *Submission*: A Father is to submit to Christ and His Word, in proper self governance, (1 Corinthians 11:3) by loving His wife as Christ loves the church (Ephesians 5:25) and loving his children by training and disciplining them according to the Word, (Ephesians 6:4) and to manage their employees to the glory of God, by doing what is just towards them, (Ephesians 6:9; Colossians 3:25-4:1) namely, providing, protecting, and leading/shepherding. A wife is to submit to Christ by submitting to and respecting her husband (Ephesians 5:22-24 & 33) and to submit to Christ by raising her children according to the Word (Deuteronomy 6:7) and to have homes that are stewarded to the glory of God (Titus 2:4).
 - *Discipline/Punishment*: Fathers and mothers are to discipline their children (Ephesians 6:4; Proverbs 19:18). Husbands are supposed to gently, lovingly, encourage their wives (Colossians 3:19; 1 Peter 3:7; Ephesians 5:25) towards obedience to Christ, while being an example to his wife and children of godliness and owning every decision that must be made in the household as the spiritual leader of the home (1 Timothy 3:4-5; 1 Corinthians 11:3).
 - *Consequences*: A refusal to conduct, Self Governance and Familial Governance to the glory of God will lead to a higher likelihood of abusive control, rampant divorce, anxiety and depression, women leading in the homes, rebellious children, lazy workers, gender confusion, ignorance to the Word of God, and societal moral decay, and eventually, if not repented of, eternity in Hell (Romans 1:26-32).
 - *Payment & Honor*: Husbands/Fathers are supposed to honor Christ by submitting to His Word in his life towards those under his authority (Colossians 3:19 & 21). Children are supposed to honor their parents by obeying them and submitting to the Word of God (Ephesians 6:1-2; Colossians 3:20). Wives are supposed to honor their husbands by submitting to their husbands and obeying the Word of God (Ephesians 5:22; 1 Peter 3:1-2). Employees are supposed to honor their bosses by working for them as if they were working for Christ and obeying God’s Word (Ephesians 6:7; Colossians 3:22-24).