

Romans # 175

“A Matter of Conscience”

*Romans 13:5 Matt 22:15-22*

**Is Paul describing a life governed by the 10 Commandments?**

**Yes and no! Yes, as it relates to the nation and no as it relates to justification or salvation.**

*The Mosaic Law is divided into 3 parts; the Decalogue, the Ordinances and the Judgments.*

The 10 Commandments define human freedom in relationship with God and relationship and interaction with people.

Ritual communication included the structure of the Tabernacle and its furniture, the Holy Days, the actions of the Levitical priesthood and the significance of the Levitical offerings; all of which spoke of the person and work of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Morality is not unique to Christianity but Christians in civil responsibility have moral responsibility.**

Anything an unbeliever can do is not the Christian way of life.

*Morality is right conduct with excellence in the function of the laws of divine establishment.*

While Christianity is not morality but much more; a relationship with God through Jesus Christ, it demands morality from the royal family of God which is not exempt from certain civil responsibilities.

Christianity is not morality but this doesn't mean we can be immoral.

**The Christian life includes morality but at the same time exceeds morality.**

**A true conservative understands and champions the laws of divine establishment against all satanic and apostate attacks of liberalism.**

All believers who oppose establishment ordinances and institutions of God receive direct discipline from God for rebellion and apostasy along with discipline for opposing authority and sponsoring revolution, conspiracy or violent overthrow of the government.

*All liberal apostate believers are rebellious and in opposition to God. There must be order and authority in the human race for it to survive and to conclude the angelic dispute.*

Human government is a permanent divine institution as a guarantee of individual privacy, property and freedom and a safeguard against internationalism which is the tyranny of Satan to control the human race, defying God in the angelic dispute.

**It's our Christian duty to only obtain the removal or change of any unjust law by lawful means and never to resort to violence or revolution.**

When tyranny destroys the freedom of religion, evangelism and the right to assemble at a local church and learn the Word of God, if the Lord does not destroy that tyranny, He means for it to continue as a form of discipline for the rebellious.

*Paul was constantly persecuted by the Roman government and he did not waver on this principle; he went to his death still submissive to the authority of Caesar.*

**If we're all going to live and follow our destiny, functioning under the plan of God; with a live and let live mentality, enjoying freedom and fulfilling our ambitions, there must be authority for freedom to exist.**

No one can be oriented to life without being oriented to establishment authority.

*When we subordinate ourselves to authority, we participate in the sacredness of freedom, privacy and property for all, as well as the pursuit of happiness, resulting quite often in great prosperity.*

Criminals can be clever but basically the criminal mind is dull being so prone to violence that it must

be subdued by a greater threat of violence in order to be restrained from evil.

Maximum punishment for crime is capital punishment and without it, there's no greater threat of violence to the criminal and then crime becomes unrestrained in society.

**This a command, not only to the Christians in Rome but to all believers in the Church Age.**

By paying taxes, we are participating in the laws of divine establishment, doing the will of God.

*We are supporting a system in which the highest authority is the servant of government and the servant of God at same time.*

We support the authority which provides our privacy, property, profits, prosperity and protection from crime with our tax dollars and most importantly, we are paying for the protection of the freedom necessary for evangelism and our spiritual growth.

Taxes support and sustain the authority necessary for freedom to evangelize, freedom for believers to advance to maturity, freedom to send out missionaries and freedom that provides a safe place for Jewish people who are scattered until the Second Advent of Jesus Christ, under the 5<sup>th</sup> cycle of divine discipline.