

Romans # 176

“God’s Behind the IRS”

Romans 13:6-7 Matthew 22:15-22 Luke 6:32-36 Matthew 5:43-48

God brings governments into being, considering the attitudes of people, the extent of their positive response to biblical truth and their moral state.

So, Paul says no matter what the type of government, the Roman believers and we must remember that God is behind it.

And God chooses good leaders to bless us sometimes and other times, by His grace in His omniscience, He also sends not so good leaders to punish us.

So, if God is behind governments, anyone who opposes the government is really opposing God with few and limited exceptions.

Jesus says: what bears God's image belongs to God, not Caesar or the government and what bears Caesar's image belongs to Caesar.

Once we start offending our conscience, we re-train it, so when we violate it, we begin to rationalize disobedience, thus changing our former standards.

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 missionaries abroad and freedom that provides a safe place for Jewish people who are scattered until the Second Advent of Jesus Christ, under the 5th cycle of divine discipline.

Grace is a characteristic of God and since He is our Father and we are His sons and daughters, the children ought to manifest the characteristic of the Father, and grace ought to be obvious in our lives, so our walk should reflect our position in Christ.

Success is a matter of grace and when we see anyone with anything, we should be thankful because we’re watching the sun shining on him commemorating the plan of God in which we were saved by His grace.

Any unbeliever can love those that love him, so morality is not Christianity and Christianity is not simply morality; it’s something much greater than morality.

Christianity is not a system of performing good deeds [human good]; it is much greater than that, it’s a life of spirituality.

If we don’t do anything more than unbelievers can do through human good, we can’t have impact for Jesus Christ.

Jesus Christ is God and He is perfect and His perfection becomes our perfection when we are in union with Him and from the filling of the Holy Spirit, we produce the impossible, the supernatural, something fantastic; we love our enemies and the world takes notice of that!

Life is too short to get upset with people who criticize and hate us.

Since we don’t fight according to the flesh, we must have spiritual weapons for combat in the angelic

dispute.

The devil's fortification system can resist all attacks of human viewpoint, human ability and human power but God has provided in grace, divine equipment and weapons to demolish the cosmic defenses of Satan.

The greatest weapon we have in both spiritual warfare and in life is what we think.

If we're thinking human viewpoint, we're open to satanic influence where we become useless, miserable and indistinguishable from the unbeliever.

But the believer with biblical truth in his soul has divine viewpoint on the launching pad ready for application to assault the defense system of Satan.

This believer has moved into the greater-grace life and has capacity to understand that 'all things work together for good', so he 'casts all his cares on the Lord' because he knows and applies the doctrine of Divine Essence related to the principles of Christology.