Christian Submission to Authority

Romans 13:1-7

Lesson 23 Questions

First Day: Read the Lesson 22 Notes.

The notes and lecture fortify the truth of the passage for understanding and application to daily life.

1. What from the lecture stood out to you regarding Christian love for all people, including our enemies?

2. How did the notes bring clarity to the doctrine of the cross for a believer?

Second Day: Read Romans 13:1.

Paul issued a demand regarding governing authorities.

3. Define "be subject to" or "submit."

4. a. Who is to submit to governing authorities, and why?

b. Give reasons people struggle with submitting to authority. What is your greatest struggle?

5. When might it be acceptable in God's eyes to refuse to submit to authority? (See also Daniel 3; 6; Acts 5:29; or any other Scriptures you know.)

Third Day: Read Romans 13:2-4.

Paul explained the consequence of refusal to submit to authority.

6. When people refuse to submit to lawful authority, against whom do they actually rebel, and what consequences do they face?

7. a. How can people be free from fear of those in authority?

b. Give examples of how authorities can be God's servants for good, even if they are unbelievers. How could this bring a believer comfort?

8. Write a prayer to God regarding your submission to authority or lack thereof.

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Fourth Day: Read Romans 13:5-7.

Paul gave reasons for the Roman believers to submit to authority.

9. a. What reasons did Paul give for submitting to authorities? What other reasons can you think of?

   b. What do you think Paul meant by the phrase "a matter of conscience"?

10. a. From verses 5 and 6, what are the purposes for paying taxes?

    b. Read Luke 20:22-25. What did Jesus say about paying taxes?

    c. How do these instructions guide your attitude about paying taxes?

Fifth Day: Reread Romans 13:1-7.

Paul exhorted believers to live rightly before God and others.

11. a. From the following verses, list those to whom we are to give respect and honor:
    Exodus 20:12

    Leviticus 19:32

    1 Timothy 5:17

    1 Timothy 6:15b-16

    1 Peter 2:13-17

    b. What are some specific ways you can show respect and honor to these people in your life?

12. How is it possible to show honor and respect to someone whose decisions and character differ from yours?

13. How might your attitudes and actions set a God-honoring example as you respond to governing authorities?

Sixth Day: Review Romans 13:1-7.

God sovereignly places people in positions of authority.

14. How did this week's lesson challenge how you have viewed submission to authority? What will you do in response, and why?

Homiletics for Group and Administrative Leaders: Romans 13:1-7