

## **Session #50: “LOVE AND THE LAW”— Romans 13:6-10**

Monday 7:30pm, H 106 (1st floor, High School--foot of stairs, behind the gym, by doughnut/vending machine area), Tuesday 7:00am, Family, Room, CCCM – Phil Twente, cell # 714 425 9221; email - [philtwente@att.net](mailto:philtwente@att.net); For past studies, audio plus notes, go to: <http://www.missioncalvary.com/> Click on “Bible Studies” on the left column under “Site Map”; Note: Reference has been made in the following notes to commentaries on Romans by Pastor Chuck Smith, David Hocking and William Newell.

Questions:

- Would you say that are you living in rebellion or in submission?
- What is the reason that verse 6 refers to as to why we should pay taxes?
- Does the Bible teach separation of church and state? God and government?
- Does the Bible teach that those in government are God’s ministers?
- Does verse seven teach, by example, that everything I have is “mine”? What does “render” mean?
- Do you practice being in this world but not of this world?
- How or what does the love in verse 9 respect the rights of others?

Several questions will be asked at the beginning of the study.

THE **PRINCIPLES** OF THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD - Romans 1:18-8:39

THE **PROBLEMS** OF THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD - Romans 9:1-11:36

THE **PRACTICES** OF THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD - Romans 12:1-15:33

1A. AS TO **LIVING** FOR THE LORD - 12:1-8

2A. AS TO THE **LOVE** OF THE LORD - 12:9-21

• **3A. AS TO THE LAW OF GOD - 13:1-14**

1B. Our **SUBJECTION** to the law - 13:1-5

➤ 2B. **The SUPPORT of the law** - 13:6-7

***Rom 13:6 For because of this (submission) you also pay taxes, for they are God's ministers (liturgy) attending continually to this very thing.***

1C. **The Reason** - “*for because of this*” - **the need to be subject to** the governing authorities

2C. The **Responsibility we have** - “*also pay taxes*” (**Pay your taxes!**) - cf. **Matthew 22:15-22** - the **doctrine of the separation of church and state** is based on this passage. **Jesus never taught** that God should be separated from government!

3C. The **Recognition of the duties of governing authorities** - “*for they are God’s ministers, attending continually upon this very thing*” - NIV - those “*who give their full time to governing*” or NASB - “*devoting themselves*” - “*God’s ministers*” - Greek: *leitourgos* used 5 times and related words another 10 times - **Rom. 15:16**. - Paul uses it of his own ministry - refers to Epaphroditus ministry to Paul’s needs while he was in prison (**Phil. 2:25**) - used of angels in **Hebrews 1:7** and our Lord Jesus as our High Priest in **Hebrews 8:2, 6**.. It refers to the public ministry of priests, such as **Luke 1:23** referring to Zacharias, the father of John the Baptist. It is used of our financial support in **2 Cor. 9:12**.

***Rom 13:7 Render (give back) therefore to all their due: taxes to whom taxes are due, customs to whom customs, fear (respect) to whom fear, honor (esteem to the highest degree - thank you) to whom honor.***

4C. The **Rendering of what is due** – 7 - Greek word **refers to that which is given back** - in this case, the things that are owed - **1 Peter 2:17; Dt. 17:18-19**

1D. **Taxes** - tribute

2D. **Customs** (Greek: *telos* - completion)

3D. **Fear** - “*fear to whom fear*” (respect)

4D. **Honor** - “*honor to whom honor*”

5C. The **believer's Relationship to the governments of this world** - (Note the balance here!)

1D. In terms of **citizenship** - Phil. 3:20-21 - John 17:16 - "They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world" - John 18:36 - "My kingdom is not of this world..."

2D. In terms of **commitment** - Acts 4:18-20; 5:27-29, 40-42

3D. In terms of **conduct** - Matt. 5:13-16; Titus 2:11-14; 1 Peter 2:11-12, 15

4D. In terms of prayerful **concern** - 1 Timothy 2:1-4

➤ 3B. **The SATISFACTION of the law** - 13:8-10 - *Love one another* - used 16 times in NT

**Rom 13:8 Owe no one anything except to love one another, for he who loves another has fulfilled the law. John 13:31-35!!**

1C. **Love Realizes its obligation to others** – 8 - "Owe no one any thing except to love one another"

- This is not a condemnation of borrowing money, but rather an obligation in every walk of life – to love one another! - cf. Matt. 5:42;

**Rom 13:9 For the commandments, "YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY," "YOU SHALL NOT MURDER," "YOU SHALL NOT STEAL," "YOU SHALL NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS," "YOU SHALL NOT COVET," and if there is any other commandment, are all summed up in this saying, namely, "YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF."**

2C. **Love Respects the rights of others** - 9.

1D. The **right of marriage** - "you shall not commit adultery"

2D. The **right to life** - "you shall not kill"

3D. The **right of property** - "you shall not steal"

4D. The **right of truth** - "you shall not bear false witness"

5D. The **right of ownership** - "you shall not covet" - desiring what does not belong to you. – closely related to stealing. "You shall love your neighbor as yourself" - cf. Leviticus 19:11-18

**Rom 13:10 Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment (satisfaction) of the law.**

3C. **Love Refuses to do harm to a neighbor or friend** – 10 - "love is the fulfillment of the law" - cf. Galatians 5:14; 6:1-2; James 2:8 - cf. Luke 10:25-37 - cf. Matt. 5:43-48; Mark 12:28-34; Eph. 5:15-21

How we need You, Lord! How we need You and Your enablement, Holy Spirit!!!