

To the Church in Rome

Christian Behavior

Romans 13

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Introduction:

- Greek – **Hagiazō** ... English – **Sanctified** ... “*To set apart ... To make holy.*”
 - Paul gives us the answer in TWO parts:
 - Do not conform to the patterns of this world –
 - Be Transformed – by the renewing of your mind –
 - What gift do you have?
 - We were challenged last week to serve the Lord.
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1. Governing Authorities:

- Romans 13:1-5**
- The behavior of one person determines the behavior of another.
- Proverbs 15:15**
- Three forms of government in the world:
 - The Family:
 - The Church:
 - The Civil Government:
- Matthew 10:16**
- Romans 12:17-19**
- Romans 13:3**
- Romans 13:4**
- Two reasons to behave properly in society:
 - God has given the authorities the power of the sword:
 - Conscience:
- Is there time for civil disobedience?
 - Exodus 1:15-21**
 - Daniel 3:18**
 - Daniel 6:7-10**
 - Acts 5:29**
 - What about Covid?
- Romans 13:6-7**

2. The Debt of Love:

- a. **Romans 13:8-10**
- b. **Romans 13:7**
- c. **Romans 12:9**
- d. **Matthew 22:34-40**
- e. **Romans 12:9**
- f. **Proverbs 15:15**

3. The End is Near:

- a. You can almost picture a crazed man wearing a sandwich board on a street corner yelling, “The End is Near!”
- b. But here is the deal – It is true!
- c. **Romans 13:11-14**
- d. **Romans 13:11**
- e. **Acts 2:40**
- f. **Romans 13:12-14**
- g. **Brennan Manning** - *“The greatest single cause of atheism in the world today is Christians – Who acknowledge Jesus with their lips, walk out the door, and deny Him by their lifestyle ... That is what an unbelieving world, simply finds unbelievable.”*
- h. **Romans 13:14**