

ROMANS – LESSON THIRTEEN

- I. OBLIGATIONS TO GOVERNMENT, AND ONE’S FELLOW MAN WITH URGENCY TO WALK BECOMINGLY IN THE ARMOR OF LIGHT (13:1-14).**
- A. All must submit to and support civil authority (v. 1-7).
 - 1. Higher powers are ordained by God.
 - 2. Higher powers are God’s ministers to thee for good.
 - 3. Higher powers are due support in form of taxes and respect.
 - B. Central responsibility of believers to love one’s neighbor as one’s self (v. 8-10).
 - 1. Always obligated to love neighbor as self which fulfills law of Christ.
 - 2. Love worketh no ill to his neighbor.
 - C. Urgent exhortation to holy living due to the fact that one is nearer to eternal salvation (v. 11-14).
 - 1. Urgency to wake up out of spiritual darkness - day of holy living is here.
 - 2. Put on the armor of light
 - 3. Walking becomingly by making no provision to fulfill the lust of the flesh.

QUESTIONS:

1. Are all forms or styles of civil government ordained by God?
2. Give all of Paul’s reasons why should we be in subjection to the “higher powers”?
3. Does God approve of the civil powers carrying out the death penalty?
4. Does God approve of our paying taxes to civil government?
5. Reflecting upon verses 1-7, what should you teach your children about “policemen”?
6. Apply verses 1-7 to the practice of having a “radar detector” in one’s car: Is such a practice approved by God’s word?

