

Romans

Lesson 17: Romans 13:1–7

In the first eleven chapters of Romans, Paul has given us the theology of man, sin, and salvation. He has told us how a sinner can be justified by God's grace through faith in Christ. In chapter 12, Paul told us, "Present your bodies as a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God . . . And do not be conformed to this world." Although believers no longer live *for* the world, we are still *in* the world. What does it look like for a justified believer to live in this world? In chapter 13, Paul will tell us what it looks like for a Christian to live in this world and yet not be of the world. In the first seven verses he will specifically talk about how Christians are to live in relation to the governing authorities who have been established by God. Let's dive in and see what God says about living in subjection to the government.

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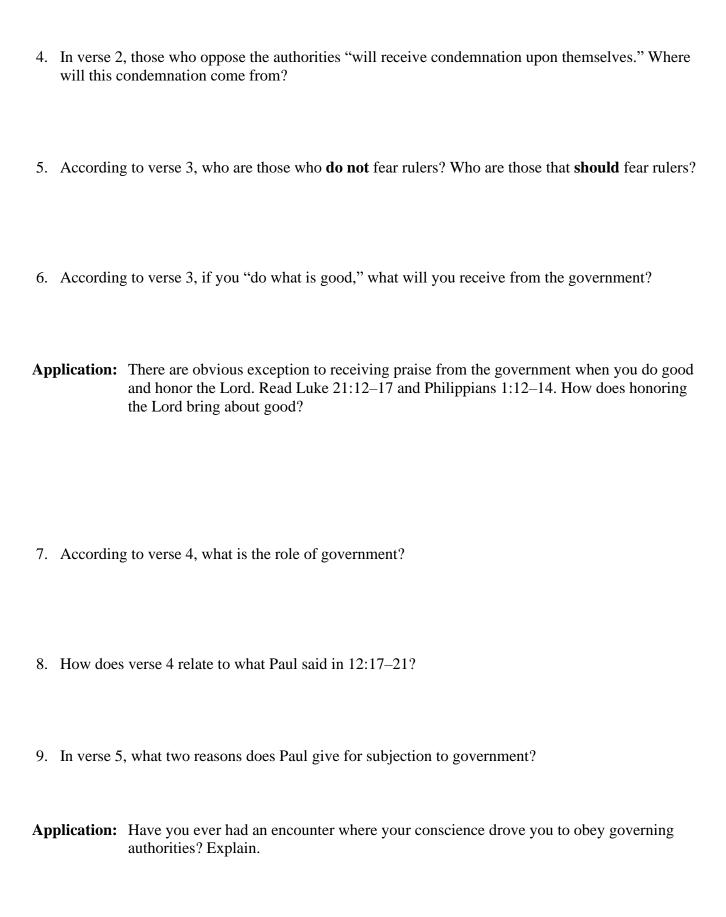
2. According to verse 1, who establishes authority? Why is He able to do that? What does this tell you about "governing authorities"?

3. In verse 2, what is resisting authority equal to?

Application: Is there ever a time where God allows a Christian to resist authority? Give biblical examples.

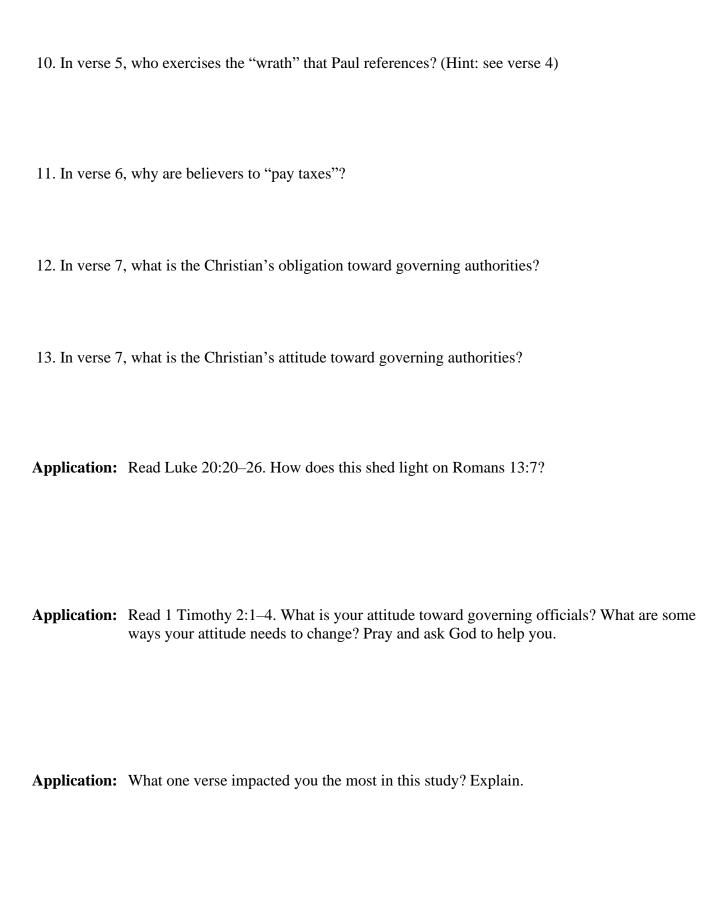
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