

College Age Class in “old” Auditorium

The Book of Romans

Chap 13
“Citizenship”

<i>Intro - Personal (1:1-17)</i>	<p>The Gospel... Saving the Sinner: Sinfulness of Man Grace of God Justification/Sanctification/Security <i>Chapters 1:18-8:39</i></p>	<p>The Gospel... Concerning Israel Divine Sovereignty and Human Will, Past, Present & Future of Israel <i>Chapters 9-11</i></p>	<p>The Gospel... Concerning Christian Living Social, Civil and Personal <i>Chapters 12:1 - 15:13</i></p>	<i>Conclusion (15:14 - 16:27)</i>
Emphasis	Doctrinal	National	Practical	
Response	Faith	Hope	Love	
Doctrine of Sin	Exposed	Conquered	Explained	Forgiven
Scope	Dead in sin	Dead to sin	Peace with God	Love for others
Main Theme	God's Righteousness is given to those who put their lives in Jesus Christ			
Key Verses	1:16-17			

“Christianity for Dummies” (Chaps 12-15)

The Good Christians “How to” Book:

- Rms. 12:1-3 - ...develop a good self image.
- Rms. 12:4-8 - ...get the most out of life.
- Rms. 12:9-13 - ...love w/out hypocrisy
- Rms. 12:14-18 - ...love your enemies
- Rms. 13:1-5 - ...be a good citizen.
- Rms. 13:5-8 - ...handle your money.
- Rms. 13:8-10 - ...deal with your neighbor.
- Rms. 13:11-14 - ...get going and get dressed
- Rms. 14 & 15 - ...deal with your brother

Faith and our Enemies (Rom 12:14-21)

6 Rules of Engagement:

1. Resist your Natural Human Response (14)
2. Put Yourself in the Other's Place (15)
3. Try to Live Harmoniously (16)
4. Never Pay Back Evil for Evil (17,18)
5. Leave All Revenge with God (19)
6. Be Sensitive to Your Enemies Needs and Meet them (20)

Romans 13 Outline

- Romans 13:1-7 – Good Christian...Good Citizen
- Romans 13:8-10 – Loans, Law and Love
- Romans 13:11-14 – Wake Up....Get Dressed



Good Christian-Good Citizen (Rms 13:1-7)

- Why should we obey?
 - It's a command (v.1)

- Why we should not disobey?
 1. God Stands behind Law and Order (v.2)
 2. Civil Disobedience brings Consequences (v.2-4)
 - Do Good...Praise (v.3)
 - Do Evil...Be Afraid (v.4)
 3. Bears the Sword (v.4)

- Pay our Taxes and Respect our Leaders

Three Reasons we Submit (13:2-7)

1. Theological – God has a hand in Gov't (v.2-3)
2. External – Wrath and Punishment (v.4-5)
3. Internal – For Conscience Sake (v.5)
 - **Psalms 32:3-5**

“Because of this...” (v.6)

- We Pay our Taxes... (v.7)
- We Respect our Leaders... (v.7)

Loans, Love and Law (Rms. 13:8-10)

- Owe Nothing to Anyone (v.8)
 - **Matt. 5:42**

- Owe...Love (v.8b)

- Love your Brother (v.9)
 - **Mark 12: 29-31, James 2:1-8 (“the Royal Law”)**

- Fulfill the Law (v.10)
 - **Matt 22:39**

Three Principles we Learn (13:8-10)

1. We are indebted to everyone we meet
2. Only 1 commandment fulfills the Law:
Love your Neighbor (“the other one”)
3. Only 1 liberating truth unlocks this:
Love yourself...

The self that God has been creating since Rms. 5-8

Wake up...Get Dressed! (Rms. 13:11-14)

- The Sound of the Alarm (v.11)
 - Awakening from Carnal Laziness, Dullness

- The Sound of the Closet (v.11-12)
 - Night – Deeds of Darkness – Sin (v.13)
 - Day – Armor of Light – Behave Properly
 - Put on the Lord Jesus Christ (v.14)

- The Sound of Activity (v. 13-14)
 - “Not in...” – Lack of Personal Discipline, Morality and Relationships (v. 13)
 - Make No Provision for the Flesh (v.14)

Clothing ourselves in the Lord (13:14)

1. Become Baptized (**Gal. 3:27**)
2. Exemplify Qualities that Jesus lived on Earth:
 - **Love, Humility, Truth, Service...**
3. Train ourselves in the use of Spiritual Weapons:
 - **Prayer, Scriptures, Meditation, Fellowship**
4. Train our minds not to be persuaded by our desires for gratification

And Finally Brethren...

“Now I lay me down to sleep...
...I pray the Lord my soul to keep...
...if I should die before I wake...
...I pray the Lord my soul to take...”

My Deepest Longing...

”is that we should wake before we die”