<u>THE CHRISTIAN'S RELATIONSHIP</u> <u>TO GOVERNMENT</u> (Part I) *Romans 13:1-7*

I. Every Soul

Pás - all, every

Psyché - life, soul, breath, inner self

Romans 1:7, 12:1-2

1 Peter 1:1, 2:12-13

II. Be <u>Subject</u> to Governing <u>Authorities</u>

 $Hypotass\bar{o}$ - to submit to the <u>orders</u> or <u>directives</u> of someone; to arrange under, to subordinate; to <u>subject</u> one's self, obey

Titus 3:1 1 Peter 2:13 Ephesians 5:24 Colossians 3:18 Titus 2:5, 9 1 Corinthians 15:27-28 Titus 2:11- 3:1 1 Peter 2:13-17 Exodus 1:15-17 Daniel 3:4-6, 12, 16-18 Daniel 6:7, 21 Acts 4:18-20, 5:27-32, 40-42

III. All Authorities Appointed by THE Authority

Philippians 3:17-21 1 Peter 2:9-12 John 18:36 John 19:5-11 Daniel 2:21, 37-38; 4:17, 25, 31-32 Acts 17:24-26 Colossians 1:16

Closing Thought: Beloved, we are not called to change the world through governmental policies, rather to change the world one salvation at a time. We are not to waste our time on politics, rather spend our time on making disciples. However, we are to interact with the authorities in our country in a submissive manner. We are to be the most law abiding, peaceable residents in whatever city, state, or country we reside in. While it is true we are pilgrims and sojourners, we are to submit to every ordinance and authority that has been placed in our lives.