

# THE CHRISTIAN'S RELATIONSHIP TO GOVERNMENT

(Part III)

*Romans 13:1-7*

## I. For Because of This

### a. Appointed by God

*Acts 17:24-26*

### b. They are there to punish evil

*1 Peter 2:13-14*

### c. Because of wrath and for conscience sake

*2 Corinthians 1:12*

## II. Pay Taxes to Support the Government

*Leviticus 27:30-33*

*Numbers 18:21-24*

*Deuteronomy 14:29*

*Exodus 30:14-16*

*Matthew 17:24-27*

*Matthew 22:15-21*

*Leitourgós* - a person who renders special service; a public minister, a servant of the state

## III. Pay Taxes, Customs, Fear and Honor

*Phóros* - a payment made by the people of one nation to another, with the implication that this is a symbol of submission and dependence

*1 Peter 2:11-17*

*Télos* - payments customarily due a governmental authority; duty, tax, revenue; a tax levied on goods and services

*Matthew 17:24-27*

*Phóbos* – a feeling of profound respect for someone; source or occasion of fear

*Romans 13:4*

*Timé* - honor as an element in the assignment of status to a person; of the honor which one has by reason of rank and state of office which he holds

*1 Timothy 5:17, 6:1*

**Closing Thought:** Governments are appointed by God, to punish evil and keep chaos down. As citizens of heaven and pilgrims on this earth, we are to submit to the governing authorities and pay taxes to support their efforts. That's the extent of our relationship to government; submit to civil authorities and pay taxes. Amen!