

Romans 13

Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. (Romans 13:1).

Obedience and Love

- It's that simple!
 - And it's that difficult!
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There is no authority except from God

- *...the Most High rules the kingdom of men and gives it to whom he will and sets over it the lowliest of men. (Daniel 4:17)*
 - Secret things... and Revealed things... (Deuteronomy 29:29)
 - *That we may do all the words of this law.*
 - Resist authorities... resist God
 - *Avengers!*
 - They are established for our good. So be in subjection...
 - *...to avoid God's wrath*
 - *...for the sake of conscience*
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Live "Debt free!"

- Well... almost!
 - Pay taxes... pay respect...
 - *Owe no one anything... except to love each other.*

Love and the Law

- The Law is God's guide to love
 - Love is the fulfilling of the Law
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Do you know what time it is?

- Wake up! Stop living in the darkness!

Put on the Lord Jesus Christ!

- ...and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.
 - o Taste and see that the Lord is good!
 - *Fill up on Christ, and be satisfied!*
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The Expulsive Power of a New Affection

"It is seldom that any of our tastes are made to disappear by a mere process of natural extinction... the heart must have something to cling to, and never, by its own voluntary consent, will it so denude itself of all its attachments."

Thomas Chalmers (1780-1847)