

# ROMANS

The righteous shall live by faith.  
"For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, 'The righteous shall live by faith.'"

God's Wrath on Unrighteousness



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**Christian Nationalism?**

*Romans 13:1-7*

## Three Reasons:

1. Government reveals a \_\_\_\_\_.  
(v. 1)
2. Government is a \_\_\_\_\_ of God.  
(v. 2-4a)
3. Government is a means of \_\_\_\_\_.  
(v. 4b-5)

## Two Obligations:

1. Pay \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 6)
2. Give \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 7)

## One Important Caution:

If \_\_\_\_\_ to choose, \_\_\_\_\_.

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## Discussion Questions

1. It is important to differentiate what Paul is and is not saying in Romans 13:1-7. What do you think is his main point? What do you think he is not addressing (even if wish he did)?
2. Paul says that "there is no authority except from God." How does this truth shape the way we view government leaders - both good and bad? How might this perspective help us when we disagree with decisions or policies?
3. Government is a "servant" of God. In what ways do you see government acting for the common good in your community?
4. How can we live as good citizens here while remembering that "our citizenship is in heaven" (Philippians 3:20)?
5. Can you think of examples in Scripture (like Daniel, Peter, or the apostles) where disobedience to human authority honored God? How do we know when to "obey God rather than men" (Acts 5:29)?
6. Take time to pray for local, state and national government officials. Pray for specific members of JF who hold some type of government office (elected official, police department, county government, etc.).