**ROMANS 13:1 – 14**

Expanded Outline

1. Duties to God and Man (12:1 – 15:13)

4. Duties to civil government (13:1 – 7)

* 1. We are to be in subjection to civil authority because law and order are ordained by God (13:1 – 2)
  2. Civil authority is designed to be a terror to the evil-doer, but a blessing to the good (13:3 – 4)
  3. We should be in subjection in view of punishment and for conscience sake (13:5)
  4. Render tribute, dues, custom, fear, and honor to those due them (13:6 – 7)

5. Duty of love to all (13:8 – 10)

a. We should owe one another love (13:8a)

b. In loving our neighbor, we fulfill the law (13:8b – 9)

c. Love does no wrong (13:10)

6. Hope of salvation prompts us to fulfill our duties (13:11 – 14)

a. Eternal salvation is nearer each day (13:11)

b. The time has come to cast off darkness and put on the armor of light (13:12)

c. Walk becomingly (13:13)

d. Put on the Lord Jesus Christ (13:14)

Questions on Romans 13:1 – 14

1. Why are we to be in subjection to civil authority?
2. Does Romans 13:1 mean that all governments are raised up by God and all are pleasing to Him? Explain your answer.
3. If we resist civil government in its rightful demands and requirements, whom are we disobeying?
4. Who should fear civil authority?
5. What function does civil authority serve according to Romans 13:4?
6. What two reasons prompt us to obey civil authority? Explain each.
7. Does Romans 13:6 authorize civil authority to tax the people? Explain.
8. What obligations do we have according to Romans 13:7?
9. What is the universal debt that we owe everyone?
10. Explain how the whole law is fulfilled if we love our neighbor.
11. Why does love do no wrong to a neighbor?
12. What does the figure of the passage of the night and the coming of the day signify?
13. Why do we need to awaken from (spiritual) sleep?
14. What are we to cast off and what are we to put on?
15. Contrast typical human behavior in the light with that which generally takes place in darkness.
16. How are we to behave?
17. What are we to be clothed with according to Romans 13:14? Describe what this clothing will be like.
18. If we put on the Lord Jesus Christ, what will there be no room for?