



Chapter Thirteen, Pt. 2

INTRODUCTION

WE'LL begin Part 2 by reading from verse 10. This verse sets the tone for the rest of the chapter.

10. Love is: not working evil to your neighbor. Love, therefore, is the fulfilling of the law.

Rom. 13:10

Here is the spirit of God's law. It is based on LOVE! God's law expresses and defines LOVE! Love is the "fulfillment" of God's law. The "implementation" or "doing" of the law is the quintessential expression of love because love is equated with "not hurting your neighbor."

Most people today who call themselves Christians have been mistaught by the churches to think that law is the opposite of love, and that Jesus came to teach love and do away with law. That doctrine has weakened millions by giving a wrong impression about God, His law, and why Jesus was sent to us.

Churchgoers are taught that God's law was not good, and that Jesus "fulfilled" it ... and that the word "fulfill" means "abolish." Thus, churches wrongly teach that Jesus did away with God's law.

But "fulfill" does not mean "abolish." Jesus' statement in Matthew 5:17 gives us the Bible meaning of "fulfill":

17. *Think not that I (Jesus) came to abolish the law or the prophets: I am not come to abolish, but to fulfill (to abide by them).*

Matthew 5:17

Contrary to church teaching, "fulfill" does not mean "abolish." To fulfill a contract or a law is to comply with the terms of the contract or law. Fulfillment of the contract does not abolish or do away with it, nor does fulfilling a law do away with it. Rather, it confirms and abides by the law or the contract. To fulfill the Sabbath law by keeping the Sabbath does not do away with it. It confirms it. To fulfill the law against murder, by not murdering anyone does not abolish that law. It confirms it.

Jesus did NOT teach that God's law was abolished. Rather it was the Old Covenant that had ended. The Old Covenant was a contract that was added and attached to God's law. God's law predated the Old Covenant, thus the Old Covenant does not equate to God's law. The Old Covenant was added and attached to God's law that already existed. The Old Covenant was a package that came and went on its own ... without changing or altering God's law. When the Old Covenant came it was not the start of God's law ... and when the Old Covenant ended it was not the end of God's law.

NOTE: Churches have misled Christians to think of the Kingdom of God wrongly by describing it in terms associated with the governments of men.

In order to "see" God's Kingdom (Jn. 3:3) and to understand the spirit of God's law we must discipline ourselves to think in a different paradigm and not assume that God's Kingdom resembles Man's governments in any way what so ever.

Using men's precepts to look for God's Kingdom renders men blind and unable to "see" the Kingdom.

Do not confuse God's law with the several contracts (covenants) He made with Israel. God made covenants with Adam, Noah, Abraham, Moses, David, and others. These covenants were contracts. Some came and went, and some are still in effect. God's law preceded the covenants He made with men. Covenants were added to God's law, and covenants were removed. But when the covenants were removed, God's original law continued as always.

The Old Covenant, and its terms (laws) were "ADDED." Paul explains this addition in Galatians 3: 19. To what were they "added"? They were added to the laws of God already in existence.

The terms (laws) of the Old Covenant pertained as long as the Covenant was in force. When the covenant died, its terms (laws) died with it. But God's everlasting laws existed before the covenant, and continued after.

Thus, the churches' claims (that the laws of God were replaced by the love Jesus taught) is nonsense. Jesus taught love by teaching God's law. He certainly did not do away with law. He established a New Covenant (a new attachment) as an advanced and more efficient approach to fulfilling and obeying God's law.

The Old Covenant is gone, but God's law is not gone. The Old Covenant (marriage contract between Yahweh and Israel) was terminated when Israel abandoned Yahweh and He divorced her (I Samuel 8:7 & Jer. 3:8). But God's laws continued.

God gave his laws to mankind as an expression of his love ... as instruction to show us how to love one another. Brotherly love is expressed in God's law.

2. *By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep his commandments.*

3. *For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.*

1 John 5:2-3

AUTHORITY

God's concept of leadership through authority is His way of developing and preserving a healthy society. God's ministry works on the principle of protecting his people, not ruling them. When Americans failed to choose Christ's Ecclesia they defaulted to slavery under the Beast System.

Man's concept of society (the Beast System) is based on the idea of rulership and control ... not love and protection. To "govern" is to "control." Governments "govern" – they do not protect. Governments do not lead – they rule. The lesson taught over and over throughout the whole Bible, starting in the story of Eden, is that God's system is patriarchal leadership, not a system of pagan rulership.

There is a huge difference between "power" and "authority." It has been said, "**Power corrupts; and absolute power corrupts absolutely.**"

Understanding "power" and "authority" – and Romans 13 – protects us against religious and political con men and tyrants.

Godly society is based on authority. Ungodly society is based on power. In a Christian ecclesia, brethren deal with each other by authority – not power. Power is reserved for God alone. Man is only allowed to have authority, and it must flow down the chain of authority.

Authority always flows DOWN the chain ... never UP the chain. Authorities can never rise above the people who appoint them. This principle exposes the lie of the U.S. political system. The U.S. Government tells us we can authorize (by vote) politicians to be over us. But this is impossible, because authority cannot flow upward; it can only flow downward.

There are many false authorities in the world today, especially here in America. Therefore, to regain our freedom we must learn how to recognize and reject them.

Benjamin Franklin once said: "**Men will ultimately be governed by God or by tyrants.**" William Penn said: "**Those who will not be governed by God will be ruled by tyrants.**" This is an irrefutable principle. But how can we make sure that we are governed by God and not by false authorities of the Beast System?

Obviously, Americans need to give more attention to this. Americans must relearn basic truths and stop living the Babylonian illusion. They need to learn how to honor God's authorities, and stop honoring false authorities. They need to repent of this idolatry. Repentance of this kind requires great resolve and dedication. Whatever it takes, we must stop aiding and abetting the criminals who are posing as authorities in American institutions.

QUESTION: If "fulfill the Law" means "do the Law" instead of "abolish the law," as you say, then why don't we still keep the Levitical law of sacrifices?

Isn't God's Old Testament Law abolished? Aren't we now under a state of grace instead of law?

FALSE AUTHORITIES AND IDOLATRY

You can identify false authorities by their lust for power and riches. They use bribery, threat, and terror. The Beast System gains power and control by deception, and then creates new laws to keep control. In this way we have lost our country and our freedom ... and our way of life has been destroyed.

It is done by men acting as gods. The power to create law is the mark of godhood. Gods make laws. When a man creates your law, that man is your god. When a group of men create your laws you have a forum of gods. "Law-makers" are gods ... which means that most people are idolaters because they worship governments run by "law-

makers (god-men). Citizens who honor these “gods” are committing idolatry.

Yahweh’s law is the only law Christians are commanded to recognize. It is the only law guaranteed to protect our freedoms. Honoring false authorities (false gods) and false law is idolatry. It destroys freedom. When we honor false authorities, or assist in the perpetration of their false rulership, we are practicing idolatry ... pure and simple.

In Romans 13:1-4 we find that the only “authorities” or “ministers” we are allowed to recognize are the ones authorized by God. No others are allowed. No government or voting public can authorize ministers for us. Only God and his authorities can authorize ministers.

We’re also learning the difference between a “ruler” and a “leader.” The word “ruler” was improperly inserted in many passages in the King James Bible. Rulers rule by force and tyranny. Of course, the King James Bible inserted the word “ruler,” instead of “authority,” because they were working for King James. It was James who authorized and funded the printing of the KJV Bible. James was the RULER at the time, and so the term “ruler” was politically correct. James liked the term “RULER” but did not like the term “TYRANT.” This term was not allowed in his Bible ... although it appeared more than 400 times in the earlier Geneva Bible. Thus, “ruler” became the politically-correct term in the KJV.

But, the Greek “archon” is more faithfully rendered “chief,” or “head,” or “leader” – rather than “ruler.”

So, we find in the first 5 verses of chapter thirteen that God’s “leaders” are servants whose commission is to protect and bless, rather than to capture and exploit as politicians do. True leaders are not the privileged class of government elite. True servants don’t seek power. True servants of God do not fit into man’s government today.

Politicians are not God’s servants. Politicians seek to benefit themselves at the expense of the common people. They are the criminal elite who rule and exploit us. These are not the “authorities” and “ministers” Paul described in Romans 13.

QUESTION: Businesses force their employees to accept rules that benefit the businesses rather than the employees. The business model works, so why shouldn’t that model work in government?

THE REAL MEANING OF “REIGNING WITH CHRIST”

Churchgoers have been taught that “when Jesus returns we (the people) will rule and reign with Christ.” And since they define “reigning” as “ruling,” they surmise that since we are not “ruling” the world today then Jesus is not “reigning.” Thus, churchgoers scoff at the assertion that

Christ is King, and that his Kingdom is “among us” as the Bible teaches (Lk. 17:21).

Most people today believe the Futurist doctrine: that Christ’s Reign is future only ... and that we are waiting for Him to “return” from outer space, at which time He (and we) will rule the nations with an iron fist.

Churchgoers think in terms of rulership rather than leadership. They are waiting for what they call “the millennium,” which they think is a 1000-year period in the future when Jesus will return to Earth and begin his reign. During this so-called millennium they believe they too will be allowed to rule as dictators along with Jesus.

This view is bolstered by the phrase “rule with a rod of iron” as rendered in the KJV (Rev. 2:27, 12:5). Conventional church wisdom has it that “when Jesus returns” He will give his followers power to rule over great masses of people ... by force. These fallacies are accepted as truth by churchgoers.

Who, today, understands the concept of godly leadership? How many today have escaped being perverted by the Babylonian concepts of government and religion? In Romans 13 Paul speaks of God’s Kingdom as being very different from man’s type of government. To be able to see God’s Kingdom we must start with the premise that it is the antithesis of man’s government. Let me repeat: **to be able to see God’s Kingdom we must start from the premise that it is the antithesis of man’s government!** We must start by suspecting every aspect of man’s government; that until each element can be proven otherwise it must be presumed to be wrong.

A better perception of the reign of Christ is essential. To develop that better perception one must first reject the church teaching that Jesus is, or intends to be, a despot. Churches wrongly teach “rulership” (dictatorship). The Bible teaches “leadership” (shepherding).

For instance, consider Revelation 2:

26. *And he that overcomes, and observes to the consummation of my works, to him will I give authority over the nations (families/tribes):*

27. *And he shall shepherd them with a staff of iron, as the vessels of a potter’s clay are dashed together, as I also have received of my Father.*

Revelation 2:26-27

Here, we are told the overcomer is a “shepherd,” not a “ruler” (as in the KJV). Shepherds do not beat their flocks with rods ... they shepherd them with “staves.” A shepherd is a protector and a herder – not a tyrant or thug.

Revelation 2:26-27 says something very different from the popular depiction taught by the churches. The “dashing together” of the vessels is the result of their inner friction and discord under God’s judgment ... but not the result of a shepherd bashing them with a rod of iron.

Judgement is active in an ecclesian society with enforcement coming from God, not from government thugs. Shepherds are not dictators. Christian ecclesias are not police states ruled by politicians.

SERVANTS ARE GREATER THAN THOSE THEY SERVE.

In God's Order, those chosen to serve are revered above those they serve. "And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant" (Mtt. 20:27). This view of greatness is based in the principle: "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35). Giving or serving indicates sufficiency, whereas receiving or being served admits insufficiency. To receive is to be humbled. To give indicates greatness. The truth is, givers have always been greater than receivers.

This is another facet showing that Man's Order is often the opposite of God's Order.

Jesus portrays ecclesian "shepherding" in contrast with worldly government:

25. *But Jesus called them to Him, and said, You know that the princes of the nations exercise dominion over them, and they that are great wield authority upon them.*

26. *But it shall not be so among you: but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister;*

27. *And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant:*

28. *Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered to, but to minister, and to give himself a ransom for many.*

Matthew 20:25-28

25. *And he said to them, The kings of the nations exercise lordship over them; and they that exercise authority upon them call themselves benefactors.*

26. *But you are not so: for the greater among you, let him be as the younger; and he that is leading, as one who serves.*

27. *For which is greater, he that is reclining, or he that is serving? Not the one reclining! But I am among you as the One serving.*

Luke 22:25-27

Understanding the Kingdom (Christ's reign) requires that we adopt a different view or paradigm of the

world. We must acquire a new perspective. It isn't as simple as reading the Bible and suddenly understanding it. You must first allow Jesus to internally revamp your heart and your way of reading scripture. For one thing, you must re-evaluate what it means to be a servant-leader as opposed to a despotic ruler.

In Romans 13, Paul describes the Kingdom of God. He describes authority that is ordained from God. It is the Kingdom as administered by authorities from God. Romans 13 is basic instruction on how to recognize the elements of society that evidence the Kingdom of God. During the lives of the apostles, some of the people recognized them as God's authorities. Others did not recognize them. Only those who recognized them were able to see God's Kingdom and participate in it. This is true today.

Brethren, we are not waiting for the Kingdom of God to appear. Rather, we wait upon men to open their eyes, to see what is always before their faces. We wait upon our people to see the ever-present Kingdom and "come out" of the Babylon illusion. It requires faith.

QUESTION: How can a true leader be a lowly servant and still command respect from people? It seems to me that leaders must be looked up to – not looked down on – in order to be effective role models.

ROMANS 13:2-4 JUDGMENT & ENFORCEMENT

Therefore anyone who opposes the authority is standing against the order of God: and they that oppose (God's order) shall receive judgment to themselves.

For leaders are no threat to good works, but to the bad. Do you wish to not fear the authority? Do that which is good and you will have praise of her (God's order).

For she (God's order) is the servant of God for your good. But if you do that which is bad, be fearful; for she (God's order) bears not the sword in vain: for she is the servant of God, an avenger of wrath to the one doing that which is bad.

NOTICE, Paul is not saying that governments are the authorities of God. Rather, he is talking about God's order administered by elders and patriarchs. They are the leaders of the ecclesia. God's order (the ecclesia) is family-based tribal society. They are chosen by God to oversee society and keep it on track. They are God's watchmen. Opposition to these watchmen equals rebellion against God ... and it brings judgment from God. Societies that ignore or oppose God's watchmen end up suffering great loss: loss of intelligence, loss of integrity, loss of conscience, loss of the love of truth, loss of freedom, and disintegration of family ... and they inherit tyranny and terror, just as we see in America.

If an ecclesian society is to be healthy the people must recognize God's authorities. Without spiritual discernment a society will default to the Beast System.

Ecclesian people must honor the authority that issues from God. By the same token, they must steadfastly refuse to honor false "authorities" that do not fit the Biblical model. Resisting false authority is not only the right thing to do, it is mandatory because in doing so we are resisting evil ... as God commands us.

Moses, Gideon, Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego, Daniel, John the Baptist, and Jesus Himself are examples of men who resisted false authorities.

More recently, colonial Americans resisted the false authorities from Europe and the British Empire. They rejected tyranny and corruption, and

they resisted its attempts to get a foothold on American soil. As a result they found a freedom akin to ecclesian life. A freedom akin to the Kingdom of God. That freedom lasted until it was smothered in 1787 when the New World Order pushed through the U.S. Constitution.

But who is resisting? Who has faith in Christ's Reign? Who truly prefers Christ's Reign more than the Beast System?

Think about it ... before you reply with the obligatory "yes, I want Christ as King." It is easy to say, but may not be a genuine sentiment. If you are denying Jesus' Reign here and now, then perhaps you are just making excuse for your own preference for the Beast System. The reason most people do not opt for Christ's Kingdom is because they feel safer with the Beast System. They trust the Beast System to secure their assets more than they trust the Order of God. Partly, that is due to their perverted view of the Kingdom as they've been taught it by the churches.

Are you supporting those who oppose Jesus' Reign? Have you personally committed your loyalty to Jesus, in faith that his system is better than the Beast System? Or are you one of the timid and faithless souls, afraid to take responsibility and face changes?

God commands that we subject ourselves willingly, in faith, to his heavenly order. He commands that you find, recognize, and honor his authorities. Submit yourselves to them. Support them. Pray for them. Tithe to them. Then, and only then, will God's Kingdom principles begin to take root in this land and bring blessings into your life. If you choose to not submit yourself, that is your choice. But understand that your choice may remove you from truth, from growth, and from spiritual health.

The biggest reason tyranny and the Beast System is flourishing today is because men have refused to seek, recognize, and honor God's true authorities. They did not honor them. They did not support them with prayer. They did not support them with tithes. The result is that they de-

nied themselves the blessing of God's Kingdom. They lost the protection that his law afforded. They lost God's system, and they lost their identity. America had great potential at first ... not due to the Government, but due to the Christian spirit that still survived in the common people in spite of the government. That spirit is all but extinguished today. America is reaping what she has sowed. We lost our freedom, and instead of voluntarily supporting God's Order with the Biblical one-tenth of our increase, we now have about 75% of our earnings forcibly confiscated by the state through taxes, usury, fees, licenses, insurances, etc..

It is the natural result of refusing to support God's System. When God's System is not maintained, a vacuum occurs ... and the Beast System fills that vacuum.

GODLY AUTHORITY

How do we differentiate between true authorities and false authorities? What are the criteria? How can we identify a godly authority as opposed to a wolf in sheep's clothing? This is essential, because unless we do this we will continue to live under criminal politicians posing as "authorities."

This thinking is unpopular. Most people avoid it ... because for them reality is too horrible to contemplate. They can't face the fact that the system they love is actually the Beast System. The fact that they have become comfortable in a perverted and destructive society is too horrible for them to admit. How can they face the charge of not being patriotic? The easy thing to do is to just deny it and pretend to be oblivious.

But with a correct reading of Romans 13, we see that there are true authorities ... and there are false authorities.

True authorities exist among us ... closer than you may think. They are here ... around us. They are in our homes, and in our communities. In a Godly society, authority begins with family: fathers and mothers. Beyond them, there are grandfathers and great-grandfathers. There are authori-

ties beyond the family cell as well, namely elders/patriarchs (sometimes called judges) within the community.

These are not elected officials, bureaucrats, or politicians. These are organic leaders of the community. God's authorities are natural and organic: they are **the elders**. Elders are not created by vote. Elders are organically (not artificially) grown and recognized within communities. They are gifted men who offer themselves to serve, and who have a record of trustworthiness. They are not created by vote or majority rule. They are created by God. They are leaders in whom God has placed his blessing and his spirit. They stand out because of their Christian witness, leadership, and wisdom ... not because they are rich and powerful; not because they "have connections" and "can get things done" (as often claimed in political campaigns). Rather, God's authorities are recognized naturally. Trust and honor gravitate toward them automatically ... if Babylonian delusion is not blocking it.

One example of a Godly authority is Titus:

1. *Paul, servant of God, apostle of Jesus Christ in accord with the faith of God's chosen ones and with the knowledge of truth according to godliness.*

2. *In hope of eonian (New Covenant) life, which God, who does not lie, promised before these eonian times;*

3. *And has manifested in his own due time, his word with which I was entrusted under the authority of our Savior who is of God.*

4. *To Titus, a true child, according to the common faith.*

Titus 1:14

Paul calls Titus "a true child" (i.e., a son). This shows the chain of authority beginning at God (the Power), down to Jesus (the Highest Authority), down to Paul (one link below), down to Titus (another link lower). Godly authority is a spiritual gift, not a political office that one attains by campaigning for votes.

Titus was dubbed "a true child." Paul validated Titus. One of the re-

sponsibilities of an authority is to assess and validate others as being qualified authorities. Paul was not setting up Titus with a cushy position of power and riches. He wasn't offering Titus the backing of central military and a bank of attorneys. He was not granting Titus an elite status of "the untouchables" who are above the law like modern politicians.

Far from it. Paul was authorizing Titus by stating that he was qualified as an elder. He was letting the local ecclesians know that Titus had his approval (and Paul had Jesus' approval). Paul wanted the saints to know that Titus was a qualified elder, and that they should recognize him as an authority.

Moses gave us an example of Godly recognition of the chain of authority in Deuteronomy 1:

8. *Behold, I have set the land before you: go in and possess the land which Yahweh has sworn to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give to them and to their seed after them.*

9. *And I spoke to you at that time, saying, I am not able to bear you by myself:*

10. *Yahweh your God has multiplied you, and, behold, today you are as the stars of heaven for multitude.*

11. *May Yahweh God of your fathers make you a thousand times more than you are, and bless you, as he said to you!*

12. *How can I by myself bear your cumbrance, and your burden, and your strife?*

13. *Take you wise and understanding men, and known among your tribes, and I will appoint them as your heads (elders).*

14. *And you answered me, and said, The thing which you have spoken is good to do.*

15. *So I took the chief of your tribes, wise and noted men, and made them heads over you, leaders over thousands, and leaders over hundreds, and leaders over fifties, and leaders over tens, and officers among your tribes.*

16. *And I charged your judges at that time, saying, Hear between your brethren, and judge righteously between a man and his brother as well as his alien.*

17. *You shall not respect persons in judgment; you shall hear the small as well as the great; you shall not be afraid of the face of any, **for the judgment is God's.** And the matter that is too hard for you, bring it to me, and I will hear it.*

18. *And I commanded you at that time all the things which you were to do.*

Dt. 1:8-18

Godly authorities speak for God, and are held accountable to God. Having a position in God's administration is a fearful responsibility. The honor is great, but the cost is also great. It is not a position to be sought after. Rather, it is a position one accepts out of duty.

Office in God's Order is not for profit or power. Godly

authorities are like shepherds: they are servants called to protect God's flock ... not to exploit and enslave. They are not political profiteers. They are called to protect the ecclesia. Ministers in God's Order should not be more privileged the average citizen, nor should they less privileged.

The Order of God (God's Kingdom) is taught throughout the Old and New Testaments. Men have always had the option of choosing God's Order, but have usually rejected it and preferred systems invented by men.

The Beast System produces rulers, not shepherds. Shepherd-leaders are not manifested in most societies. They appear only in societies that honor Godly authority ... in communities where Christians voluntarily gravitate to them. Godly elders do not climb and clamor for attention and power ... like today's preachers and politicians. They are not selling anything, and they are not working for their own aggrandizement. Their position of leadership is modeled after the family patriarch who is the head of his family.

Moses, himself, did not seek the office to which God called him. None of the authorities in the Bible sought or campaigned for their callings. Rather, God called them because they were qualified ... and like Samuel they answered out of duty, usually wishing the call had gone to someone else.

True authorities exist among us ... in the family and in the communities. The ecclesia system (Christ's Reign) is here, and it works! But it works ONLY when the people voluntarily honor their elders! When ecclesians begin to voluntarily honor their elders we will see Israel prosper once again with truth, grace, and liberty!

True leaders build up the people, rather than use them. True leaders free the people, rather than enslave them. True leaders defend the people, rather than exploit them. They work not for themselves but for Christ and his ecclesia ... even at the expense of their own comforts. Look at our Biblical models: Jesus, Moses, the prophets and the apostles. They were called to serve the people, not to rule them. Jesus loved the ecclesia. He likened it to the love of a man for his wife (Eph. 5:25-26: "*Men, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the ecclesia, and gave himself for it; That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,*"). Husbands don't rule their wives; they lead, protect, and love them.

To find godly leaders, look for these traits. You won't find these traits in the Politicians and judges in the government. The equation is simple, but most people can't fathom it.

It comes down to this: **Ecclesians must voluntarily subject themselves to God's authorities, and must not voluntarily subject themselves to false authorities.**

It's pretty simple. Voluntarily subject yourself to God's authorities ... and stop volunteering to serve false authorities. The mentality that chooses false authorities automatically puts itself outside the walls of New Jerusalem ... in the outer darkness that is away from God's light. Thus, because our fathers volunteered into the Beast System, America fell into darkness and changed from a land of

freedom and opportunity to a land of lies, corruption, and paralyzing illusion. The change occurred early in America's national history.

"The masses have never thirsted after truth ... Whoever can supply them illusions is easily their master; whoever attempts to destroy their illusions always becomes their victim."

– Gustave LeBon, - *The Crowd, A study Of The Popular Mind*

RULERS

In Romans 13:3 the KJV says: "... **rulers** are not a terror to good works, but to the evil." But in the Greet text the word is not "rulers." This word in Greek is "archon," and it means "chief," "head" or "leader" ... in the sense of authority and leadership as discussed above.

A Christian "archon" is not a ruler. He is a leader; an elder/shepherd. He is authorized to receive honor and loyalty from his ecclesian community. The community looks to him as an authority under Christ ... to help and advise them; to look after them and protect them. That is the critical distinction that is unique to God's Kingdom. A leader instructs people, but the people must choose whether or not to follow that instruction. The people choose ... and their choice determines God's judgment or blessing upon them. If they ignore or disobey the instructions, they suffer the consequences of bad judgment.

God manifests and preserves his law through judgments rendered by his authorities.

THE MILLENNIUM?

Now, let us also deal with a related misconception that infects the churches. Church people are taught that they will someday "rule and reign with Christ." Typically, they are taught that this will occur during "the Millennium." Churchgoers therefore yearn to RULE and subjugate others and they are told they will be able to do this when Jesus returns as a militant, conquering dictator. Acceptance of this myth indicates diminished logic and common sense. Thus, churchgoers are easily deceived into accepting the ways of the Beast System ... and thus the politics of dictatorial majority rule finds easy acceptance.

However, Jesus is not a dictator! He is our ARCHON ... our Head; our Leader; our Chief. Ephesians 2:20 calls Jesus "the chief corner stone."

Now, you may ask, if the archons (the leaders) referred to in Romans 13:2-3 are not militant rulers, then why should anyone "be fearful" of them as Paul advises? The answer is simple and clear. God backs his authorities. When an "archon" (an elder of God) passes judgment ... that judgment is backed by God's wrath.

26. For if we sin willfully after having received the knowledge of the truth, there remains no longer a sacrifice for sins.

27. But a certain fearful anticipation of judgment and fiery

indignation, which shall devour those in opposition.

30. For we know the One who said, Vengeance is mine, I will recompense. And again, The Lord shall judge his people.

31. It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the Living God"

Heb. 10:30-31

The job of the archon (leader) is to pronounce his decision: God's judgment. Then if the people fear God they will honor the judgment and enforce it among themselves. And if they don't honor the judgment, God Himself enforces it ... sometimes supernaturally, sometimes through enemies, and sometimes through the families in the ecclesia.

The absence of power is the principle that prevents a Christian ecclesia from becoming corrupt and turning into a rulership. Archons (elders/judges) are authorized to advise and pass judgment, but not to rule or dictate with the backing of a military-type police force. Enforcement (the wrath) comes from God Himself – not from paid mercenaries, hit men, and hired thugs (policemen, prison guards, etc.)

God's Kingdom requires faith in God instead of faith in men. Christ's Reign is revealed through faith ("from faith to faith"). "*The just shall live by faith.*" That means that God's wrath (his enforcement) is manifested through faith ... i.e., through people of faith. When God's protection is withheld from American society its because their faith in God is lacking.

16. For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is God's power for salvation to everyone that believes; to the Judean first, and to the Greek.

17. For in it God's righteousness is being revealed from faith to faith: as it was written, The just shall live by faith.

18. For the wrath of God is being revealed from heaven upon all impiety and injustice of the men who unjustly suppress the truth;

Rm. 1:16-18

19. Not avenging yourselves, beloved, but rather giving place to the wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord.

Rm. 12:19

14. Bring forth him that has cursed without the camp; and let all that heard lay their hands upon his head, and let all the congregation stone him.

15. And you shall speak to the children of Israel, saying, Whosoever curses his God shall bear his sin.

16. And he that blasphemeth the name of Yahweh, he shall surely be put to death. All the congregation shall certainly stone him: as well the stranger, as he that is born in the land, when he blasphemeth the name, shall be put to death.

23. And Moses spoke to the children of Israel, that they (the people) should bring forth him that had cursed out of the camp,

and stone him with stones. And the children of Israel did as Yahweh commanded Moses.

Lev. 24:14-16, 23

6. If your brother, the son of your mother, or your son, or your daughter, or the wife of your bosom, or your friend, which is as your own soul, entice you secretly, saying, Let us go and serve other gods, which you have not known, you, nor your fathers;

7. Namely, of the gods of the people which are round about you, close to you, or far off from you, from the one end of the land even unto the other end of the land;

8. You shall not consent to him, nor hearken to him; neither shall your eye pity him, neither shall you spare, neither shall you conceal him:

9. But you shall surely kill him; your hand shall be first upon him to put him to death, and afterwards the hand of all the people.

10. And you shall stone him with stones, that he die; because he has sought to thrust thee away from Yahweh your God, which brought you out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage.

11. And all Israel shall hear, and fear, and shall do no more any such wickedness as this among you.

Dt. 13:6-11

18. If a man has a stubborn and rebellious son, who will not obey the voice of his father, or the voice of his mother, and when they have chastened him he will not listen to them:

19. Then shall his father and his mother lay hold on him, and bring him out to the elders of his city, and to the gate of his place;

20. And they shall say to the elders of his city, This our son is stubborn and rebellious, he will not obey our voice; he is a glutton, and a drunkard.

21. And all the men of his city shall stone him with stones, that he die: so shall you put evil away from among you; and all Israel shall hear, and fear.

Dt. 21:18-21

These are facets of God's King-

dom. They are manifested only among the saints. The wrath of God, according to his law, is wrought through his own hand among his saints – but not elsewhere. At times his wrath comes by way of supernatural intervention, and at times it is manifested through the actions of his people – the ecclesia. In rare cases it may come through the judges themselves as they too are members of the ecclesia ... as when Elijah slew the prophets of Baal (I Kings 18).

From Moses to Samuel, God's Order (his Kingdom) was administered by authorities called judges. These were authorized to represent and speak for God and his law. Under the judges God managed his Kingdom. Judges were elders who interpreted and decided issues at law. They judged, and they pronounced sentence. God, then, enforced the judgment ... if it was just. God also removed judges who proved unworthy.

We need God's judges again today. A godly judge is not a terror for good works, but for bad works. If you do what is good, you will have no problem with a godly judge. Judges or elders should condemn sin. It is God's judgment spoken through the mouths of judges. This is "the sword" that the ecclesia bears. When a judge settles a case in an ecclesia, that judgment "bears a sword" (i.e., enforcement). But the "sword" (enforcement) comes not at the hand of professional mercenaries (police) hired by the judge. Rather, God Himself wields the sword.

The principle of allowing for God's wrath is unknown in man's government systems. In today's Beast System, judges ban both God and citizen from the process of law. Are these the "judges" and the courts to which Paul tells us to submit ourselves in Romans 13:1? By no means! Paul tells us to submit ourselves to God's authorities – not to criminal rulers and thugs who are a terror to good works.

When rulers employ legalized theft to plunder citizens, and call it "taxation," "fees," "licenses," etc., they are a terror to good works. If they block good works and facilitate bad works, they immediately identify themselves as false authorities.

Look at the rulers today in Washington D.C.. Are these the "leaders" to whom Paul says we must submit ourselves? No! The government we see today does not support good works. It supports bad works ... including theft, murder, deceit, and warfare on innocent people. The U.S. Government is a bad tree and it bears bad fruit.

Most people today have no idea what the Kingdom of God looks like. They wouldn't recognize it if they fell into it. In fact, if they did recognize it they wouldn't like it.

When churchgoers read Romans 13 they assume the "authorities" of whom Paul speaks are politicians, policemen, and the judicial system ... because these are the ones who currently mete out wrath upon them. However, these officials don't fit Paul's description of God's authorities. In other words, they are not against bad works. In fact, under cover of prosecuting small invented infractions, they promote and protect the great criminals. Modern judges sit as gods, and police are their hired guns. Police are paid to protect the corporate interests of the bankers and politicians. They do not protect "we the people." The Corporate owners of the Beast System create, control, pay for, and benefit from, the courts and police. The common people have no protection.

For the sake of comparison, here are more Bible examples of how a capital crime is punished under God's system:

5. Then shall you bring forth that man or that woman who committed that wicked thing, to your gates, even that man or that woman, and shall stone them with stones, till they die.

6. At the mouth of two witnesses, or three witnesses, shall he that is worthy of death be put to death; but at the mouth of one witness he shall not be put to death.

7. The hands of the witnesses shall be first upon him to put him to death, and afterward the hands of all the people. So you shall put the evil away from among you.

Deuteronomy 17:5-7

This Bible formula would be called insane or barbaric in a modern court. They would accuse you of trying to “take the law into your own hands.” Obviously the law of man conflicts with the law of God.

8. *If there arise a matter too hard for you in judgment, between blood and blood, between plea and plea, and between stroke and stroke, being matters of controversy within your gates (your courts): then you shall arise, and get up into the place which the Lord your God shall choose (a higher court);*

9. *And you shall come to the priests, the Levites, and to the judge that shall be in those days, and inquire; and they shall show you the sentence of judgment:*

Deuteronomy 17:8-9

If the case is too hard for the local elders to judge, or is beyond their jurisdiction, the matter must be taken to a higher court. The higher judge then applies the law and renders a verdict or a declaration of the problem, and how to solve it.

10. *And you shall do according to the sentence, which they of that place which Yahweh shall choose shall show you; and you shall observe to do according to all that they inform you:*

11. *According to the sentence of the law which they shall teach you, and according to the judgment which they shall tell you, you shall do: you shall not decline from the sentence which they shall show you, to the right hand, nor to the left.*

12. *And the man that will do presumptuously, and will not hearken to the priest that stands to minister there before the Lord your God, or to the judge, even that man shall die: and you shall put away the evil from Israel.*

13. *And all the people shall hear, and fear, and do no more presumptuously.*

Deuteronomy 17:10-13

“Presumptuous sin” is willful rebellion. It is intentional, belligerent and defiant sin. The picture of a presumptuous sinner might show him shaking his fist in defiance.

God’s Order is very different from the Beast System we see today. To

see God’s Order you must look away from the Beast System where the State holds total power over law and law enforcement. The state, and the state only, makes law, defines law, and executes of law.

THE JURY

The jury, of course, is the state’s answer against those who accuse the state of being dictatorial. The jury, they claim, is the people’s guarantee against the police state. Gullible patriots usually fall for this line. Patriots claim that the jury has final say in court trials, and thereby has power to decide law and control the courts if necessary. Thousands of pocket-size Constitution handbooks have been printed and distributed among patriots ... supposedly outlining the power of the jury to save America. It sounds good, but it is simply untrue.

The truth is that juries are tightly controlled by the court (judges, district attorneys, and attorneys general). In fact, if a jury does not conduct itself exactly as the judge instructs them, the judge can annul the verdict or dismiss the jury. Juries are not free to ignore the court ... in spite of what others may try to tell you.

There is no voice for the people within the Beast System.

The gulf is huge separating God’s system from man’s system. God’s system is for the good of the people. It keeps men free and sane. But the Beast system is for the good of the government. It prevents men from being free. It hires and trains policemen and judges to control the people and prevent justice.

Today, the U.S. is a police state. It imprisons millions of people – more than any nation on Earth. The government oppresses, steals, murders, degrades, hurts, and imprisons with total impunity. The police and the courts protect the criminals who run things, and they destroy the common people!

Paul was NOT defending the Beast System in Romans 13 ... any more than he was defending Caesar in Rome, or the Sanhedrin in Jerusalem. He did NOT approve the corpo-

rate elite, super-rich bankers, or government lawyers. He did NOT approve the plutocratic rulers who own the politicians and control the system.

We are admonished to “come out of her” (out of the Beast System) to avoid the plagues (judgments) that God is bringing upon her (Rev. 18:4). To “come out” of the Beast System means to break free of its mental enslavement that prevents you from thinking accurately; break free of the illusion that holds you captive to the lie that says that God’s Order is nothing but “pie in the sky.”

ROMANS 13:5-8 DEBT AND SLAVERY

Therefore, it is necessary to subject yourself [to God’s Order], not only because of wrath, but also because of conscience.

And for this reason also you pay support [tithes & offerings]: for they are God’s ministers attending continually upon this very thing.

Return to all their dues: support to whom support is due; payment to whom payment is due; fear to whom fear; honor to whom honor.

Owe no one any thing, but to love one another: for he that loves another has fulfilled the law.

THE Gospel was announced two millennia ago, but yet today it is not generally understood ... not even among those who claim to be Christians. They think of it as merely a message of love. But it was much more than a message of love: it also heralded the rebirth of God’s Order. It was the reintroduction of the Kingdom of God, and Paul was reiterating those teachings in Romans 13. Paul also gave instruction on how to identify and facilitate God’s system.

Make no mistake ... Jesus, the apostles, and the saints were murdered by the Beast System ... not because they prayed and sang, but because

they taught God's Order. They were political martyrs, not religious martyrs. Karl Marx correctly judged religion as "the opium of the people." But Jesus and his followers never peddled the opium of religion. Rather, they announced God's Order ... and they were martyred for their efforts. The same was true of the prophets of old.

37. O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, that kills the prophets, and stones them which are sent to you, how often would I have gathered your children together, even as a hen gathers her chickens under her wings, and you would not!

Matt. 23:37

In verse 5, Paul tells us that we should subject ourselves to God's authorities, not only from fear of God's wrath, but also because our consciences will condemn us if we don't. Not supporting God's authorities invites devastation. Opting to not support God's system leads to the kind of situation we now see in America.

In verse 1, Paul said "let every soul subject himself to the higher authorities." Then in verses 5 & 6, Paul says that we must support God's authorities. Subjecting yourself to God's authorities and supporting them equates to subjecting yourself to God.

I'm pointing these things out because there are millions of people who still think that Romans 13 sanctions government rulers.

Supporting God's authorities does NOT mean paying tax to the government. Verse seven starts with the word "return" or "give back." "Return" suggests an exchange. But taxation is no exchange. Taxation is a demand to "stand and deliver" ... at gunpoint if necessary. "Return," on the other hand, suggests the settlement of a debt, or returning what is due.

The Bible is written from a different world view ... a different paradigm from the one that is common today. We cannot understand the Bible if we attempt to read it from the modern religious paradigm.

Simply put, verse seven says you ought to pay what you owe. If you owe a debt, pay it. Your greatest debt is to God who gave you all things. That debt is paid in part by supporting ("paying")

what you owe to God's authorities (elders, true ministers, etc.). Those who faithfully represent God's Kingdom on your behalf must be supported ... not by confiscatory taxation, but by voluntary tithes and offerings. They need support in order to promote God's Order among the people. If it is an honest debt, if it's a respected service, then pay it. Pay your debts. If everyone had done their part it would have kept us free from the Beast System.

In Matthew 22 Jesus said:

21. ... Then said He (Jesus) to them, Return (give back) therefore to Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and to God the things that are God's.

Matthew 22:21

Jesus said, if you owe Caesar something, then return it to him. If you owe God something, then return it to Him. Returning our dues to God includes paying tithes and offerings to God's authorities (ministers) so they can perform the duties God has assigned to them for your benefit.

Romans 13:8 gives the key to this. This is the answer for staying free – free from Caesar, and free from slavery. It is this: "**owe no man anything but to love one another: for he who loves another has fulfilled (abided by) the law.**" Pay your debts to God so that you owe nothing.

It is a biblical principle: the debtor is slave to the lender (Prov. 22:7). So if you owe no man anything, then you are no slave to any man. If you owe Caesar (i.e., government) nothing, then you have not volunteered into slavery to Caesar. However, most of Caesar's slaves have volunteered into slavery through debt.

Most Americans don't understand freedom. Slaves usually don't begin with the intention of selling themselves into slavery ... but they become incrementally over time ... by getting into the habit of relying on government for everything. From cradle to grave, they rely on the government ... thus they sell their souls.

But what would happen if people would stop voluntarily enslaving themselves to the rulers? What would happen if the Beast lost its free meals ...

and began to shrink in size? Starved and weakened beasts are less lethal than well-fed ones. But, Americans have willing overfed and pampered the Beast for the past two hundred years.

How do we starve the Beast? By submitting ourselves to God's authorities, and not volunteering our allegiance to the Beast.

ROMANS 13:9-10 **LAW = LOVE**

For the law is this: You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet; and if there is any other commandment it is summed up in this word, namely, You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

Love is: not working evil to your neighbor. Love, therefore, is the fulfilling of the law.

TO EXPLAIN love, Paul refers to the commandments in general. Then he says the law of God is summed up in the expression, "*You shall love your neighbor as yourself.*" In order to love your neighbor you must first know God's law ... because God's law defines love. Without knowing God's law you cannot love your neighbor.

"Love" is a word that is bandied about. People use the term pretty loosely. For example, it is popularly used as a euphemism for "lust" or "sexual relations." However, that application does not fit the definition of love given in scripture ... which is "*the fulfilling of the law.*"

God's law tells us HOW to love. Paul says that "loving our neighbor" equates to "not hurting our neighbor." As it turns out, the entire purpose of law is to show us how not to hurt our neighbor ... an achievement that is not as easy as it may sound. The law tells us how to not hurt our neighbor. All law must be framed around this definition. Good intentions are not

enough. We need law. God's laws are the standards that teach us how to stop hurting our neighbors: how to work no evil towards our neighbors. God's law describes and defines "hurt" (crime). God knows what hurts us, and what doesn't.

Most people live their lives in semi-ignorance of law. And because they are ignorant of law they hurt their neighbors unintentionally. Is it possible that you are hurting your neighbors right now as a result of your ignorance of God's law?

Without knowledge of God's law, man does not know how to not hurt his neighbor. Good intentions are not enough. Even people with good intentions, if they are ignorant of God's law, hurt their neighbors ... and themselves.

For example, some think that capital punishment is cruel and bad. They think that executing a murderer can't possibly demonstrate love. Yet, God's Law states that murderers should be put to death ... and Paul says that God's law defines love. Therefore, Biblically speaking, the execution of a murderer is an expression of love. That's not me saying it. That's the Word of God. Men of faith must trust God.

It is God's standard ... not man's standard. God says murderers are to be put to death – end of discussion. Putting murderers to death prevents them from murdering more ... and it discourages would-be murderers. What's more, it answers the crime and settles the debt for a sane-minded society. It is a manifestation of LOVE to teach men to not murder one another.

Another example of this conflict is the law against usury. God forbids usury among brethren. However, professing Christians commonly offer loans at interest to family members or friends. They claim this is to "help." Yet, the laws of God which define love tell us that interest (usury) is theft, and that it is not "love" to knowingly steal from your family or friends. Again, man goes astray when left to himself. We need God's law to keep us on a sensible course.

Interest on money is usury. Usury is theft. God's law forbids the taking

of interest from anyone you cannot lawfully plunder (i.e., an enemy with whom you are at war). In other words, usury is an act of war, and therefore is lawful only when used against an enemy. Deuteronomy 23:19-20 explains that it is unlawful to take usury from a brother (fellow ecclesian), but it is lawful to take usury from a "stranger" (a foreign enemy).

The point is, without God's law man does not know how to love his brother. Wittingly or unwittingly, without God's law man always ends up hurting his brother.

Stated differently, lawlessness destroys man's ability to love:

11. And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.

12. And because lawlessness shall abound, the love of many shall turn cold.

Matthew 24:11,12

2. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep his commandments.

3. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.

1 John 5:2-3

Any kind of "love" that doesn't fit the definition in God's word is not love at all. It is something else.

QUESTION: Should we really lower ourselves to executing murderers? Violence breeds more violence. For instance, spanking our kids teaches them violence and we end up with violent adults who murder people.

ROMANS 13:11-14 RISING OUT OF SLEEP (DEATH)

And this, having known the season, and that it is already the hour for you to be roused out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we believed.

The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the instruments of the light.

Let us walk decently, as in daylight; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in fornicating and wantonness, not in strife and envying.

But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the lusts of the flesh.

PAUL explains the connection between law, love and your neighbor. He equates "rising out of sleep" with fulfilling (doing) what you have learned. That means to rouse out of spiritual death – and rise to life in Christ. **ROUSING OUT OF SLEEP EQUALS RISING FROM THE DEAD.** When we rise up and recognize God's kingdom we are experiencing the "new birth."

Paul says that the lust of the flesh (wrongly called "love" in modern vernacular) is not true love. True love is the fulfilling of your duty to "owe no man anything, but to love one another." This new life makes us citizens of the Kingdom of God.

The kingdom of God is central to all things in our lives. The churches have taught everything wrong about the Kingdom. If you now understand Christ's Reign, it is your duty to plant seeds of truth in fertile soil.

Being a watchman/elder is a huge job, and we need all the help we can get. Americans have much to learn, and even more to unlearn. True watchmen are needed. As we older watchmen wear out, God willing we hope to see good men stepping up to the plate to continue shepherding the flock and guiding them in that good and proven way of God's Order.

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POINTS TO REMEMBER:

1. God's law defines "love."
2. God's law is not to be confused with the Old Covenant. God's law predated the Old Covenant which was "added" to God's law.
3. To "fulfill" the law means to DO the law.
4. Men who will not submit themselves to be governed by God will be ruled by tyrants.
5. Honoring false authorities is tantamount to idolatry. Therefore, we must identify false authorities and not honor them.
6. Christ's Reign (i.e., the New Covenant phase of God's Kingdom) functions on the basis of authority, not power.
7. Authorities are not rulers. Godly leaders are shepherds, not dictators.
8. Servants are greater than those they serve. And it is more blessed to give than to receive.
9. The Bible does not teach that Jesus' will "rule." Rather, that He is our "leader."
10. In God's Kingdom (the modern ecclesia) authority flows through "elders" or "judges" who declare God's judgement. However, enforcement of that judgment comes from "God's wrath," not from hired enforcers (mercenary police and prison guards).
11. Beast government does not protect our freedoms. It robs us of our freedom. Paying taxes to the government amounts to paying a bribe to the Mob for not breaking your windows. Government terrorism doesn't make you free or secure. It makes you a slave. God's system – the ecclesia – is the only system that provides freedom and security ...

because it is the only system backed by God.

(To learn more about The Ecclesia, see ACM's study: **WHAT IS THE ECCLESIA?** - \$4 from ACM)

ANSWERS:

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The Levitical ritual laws were features of the Old Covenant (the added contract). That covenant and its features ended when Israel abandoned the contract (I Sam. 8 & Jer. 3:8).

God's laws were not abolished, but the added covenant with its statutes and rituals was abolished.

Thus, today when we talk of "doing the law," we are talking about keeping God's law, not the Old Covenant that was added and then abolished.

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Unlike government, the business model does not have power to jail or execute employees for refusing orders. If government operated on that basis the Beast would lose its teeth.

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Those who look down upon true leaders are showing their own deficiency, not deficiency in the leaders. Looking up to tyrants and despots is admission of ignorance and indifference to the Kingdom of God. This principle is explained by Jesus Himself when He said that a servant is greater than those whom he serves (Lk. 22:25-27.)

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Violence in itself is not ungodly unless it is unjustified. Violent self defense can stop injury and crime

against you. Jesus advised his disciples to sell their cloaks and buy swords.

At times, God commanded violence ... against criminals, against enemies, against false prophets, etc..

The problem is not violence in and of itself. The problem is lack of responsibility, obedience and ethics. Even Jesus violently threw the moneychangers out of the temple.

As for children, who is more likely to be a criminal: a child who grows up with discipline and manners, or a child who is spoiled, ill-mannered, self-indulgent, and undisciplined?

Children don't learn crime from being disciplined. They learn it from wicked role models.