

CITIZENS OF TWO KINGDOMS

Romans 13:1-14

EVERY CHRISTIAN LIVES IN TWO KINGDOMS AT ONCE

- Everyone must **submit** to the governing authorities

OLD TESTAMENT EXAMPLES

- **Jeremiah 29**
- **Daniel**
- **Nehemiah**

PAUL PRESENTS A POSITIVE VIEW OF GOVERNMENT

- They are to punish wrong and **reward** good
- What if authorities are in the **wrong**?

Acts 4:19

"Judge for yourselves whether it is right in God's sight to obey you rather than God."

- We must obey **God**
- "Give to **Caesar** what is **Caesar's** and to God what is God's"
- Christians are to stand against **evil** rulers

TO BE A BLESSING WE SHOULD PARTICIPATE IN GOVERNMENT AT ALL LEVELS

- **Pray** for our leaders
- **Pay** our taxes

LET NO DEBT REMAIN OUTSTANDING

- Except we are always in debt to **love** one another

UNDERSTAND THE TIMES

- Put on the armor of **light**

Colossians 3:12-14

¹²Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. ¹³Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. ¹⁴And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.