

Sons/Daughters by  $\Theta$ 's MERCY, So present your body as Living sacrifice, Not conformed to mold of world but transformed to  $\Theta$ 's will



NOT THIS

BUT



THIS

ROMANS 12 = "Colony of Heaven" Hauerwas

ROMANS 13 = Christian Political Ethic

Transformational + Compelling

Super important in our politically frayed and polarized environment, right?

## ① Starting Point = Biblical Jurisdiction

1.  $\Theta$  is King  $\mathbb{M}$ . Has Jurisdiction over all.  $\Theta$  delegates authority thru His Word.  
vs 1, reign of  $\Theta$   $\blacktriangleright$  "servants", "ministers"... Erik

2.  $\Theta$  delegates authority + appoints leaders.  
vs. 1-2



Personal Jurisdiction

13:1, 11-14, also 8-10



Family Jurisdiction



Church Jurisdiction

12:1-13



World/Gov. Jurisdiction

13:1-7

3. Jurisdiction is exercised through words.  
13:1ff, rulers also "sword" vs. 4

4. In each jurisdiction, by  $\Theta$ 's sovereign will  
you are a follower, or leader, or equal. 13:2-7

Westminster Larger Catechism

What is practical implications of ethic?

✎ Christians honor their leaders and  
lead w. honor (vs) society today

✎ Christians have a profound allegiance  
to  $\Theta$  as King and to His Kingdom vs.

"materialistic," power grabbing today "resident  
aliens"

St. Augustine's City of  $\Theta$  ... City of  $\Theta$   
City of Man

② Heart of Christian Political Ethic

= To love one another + neighbor Agape

☰☰ Paul puts agape love in context  
of what we owe like taxes as Xtians.

👑 → ✝ = Response to  $\Theta$ 's Love to us in Jesus

Love?

☑ LOVE fulfills the LAW 📖📖. The LAW teaches what love is.

☑ Love does "no wrong to a neighbor." vs. 10

**Non-Christian**

Is there a higher + more beautiful ethic today than Love? The best in contemporary society is tolerance.  
St. Augustine

**Christian**

Your king 👑 commands ▶ Stop tearing down your neighbor. Start loving neighbor as you have been loved ✝

How? This transformation of ♥ + people?

③ Will of the Christian Political Ethic



Romans 13:11-14 Augustine's Story



Individual Conversion



Consecration/offering of Will to ☉'s Jurisd.



The greatest revolution is you giving up rule + authority (sinful dominion) to ☉!

Have you said "your will be done"?