

Realms of Human Government
“National: A Dangerous Samaritan”
Romans 13:1-3

The opening seven verses of Romans 13 contain the clearest and most specific New Testament teaching on the Christian’s duty to the state. Christianity impacts every aspect of life—including politics. So, what does a Christian citizen look like in today’s world?

1. Paul’s Historical Context

- **First Century Rome**

- **Jewish Rebellion**

2. Paul’s Christian Ideal

- **Submission to Civil Authority**

- **Submission to Higher Authority (Acts 4:13f; 5:28)**

3. Paul’s Practical Strategy

- **Pray for Authorities (Jeremiah 29:7; 1 Timothy 2:1-4; 1 Peter 2:12-15)**

- **Demonstrate a Life of Grace (1 Thessalonians 4:10-12)**