

– *Deepening & Equipping*

Civil Government

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Group 1:

Daniel 2:21

(God's authority is supreme above human government)

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1 Peter 2:9

(Believers are citizens of heaven and children of God)



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Group 2:

Romans 13:1-7

(Submitted and peaceable to authority whenever possible)

Group 3:

Matthew 5:38-42

(Endure personal injustice, oppressiveness, or blasphemy)



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Group 4:

1 Peter 4:12-19, Acts 4:18-21

(Resist in the case of injustice, oppressiveness, or blasphemy)

Group 5:

Mark 13:9-13

(Be willing to die rather than compromise essentials of the faith)



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Group 6:

Romans 13:1-6, 1 Timothy 2:1-2, 1 Peter 2:13-16, John 18:36

(We have a desire to be good members of the societies in which they live and work while maintaining our allegiance to the Word of God that states that Jesus Christ is Lord of Heaven and earth, and we are citizens of His Kingdom).

Group 7:

Phil 3:20

(We seek to be above all faithful citizens of Christ's kingdom. Neither blind submission nor a rebellious attitude is the posture Christians are to have toward civil government.)



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Group 8:

Micah 6:8

(We understand the biblical values of human dignity, freedom, equality, justice, and the responsibility of the Body of Christ to give voice to the oppressed. In all things within society, we seek to love mercy, do justice, and walk humbly with our God.)

Group 8:

Matthew 25:31-46

(We want to embody Jesus' compassion for the hurting, poor and broken. describes giving shelter to those in need, welcoming the stranger, feeding, and clothing the poor).



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- We should be peaceable, law-abiding citizens who do not have blind submission or a rebellious attitude.
- “We want to be known as peaceable, law-abiding citizens whose character of life points to the power of Christ to tame our rebellious natures” (FLCG, p. 114).
- 1 Pet. 2:17- Read out loud (instructor’s verse) “Honor all people, love the brotherhood, fear God, honor the king.”



Church Relationship

ARTICLE XVII: CIVIL GOVERNMENT

We believe that the civil government is of divine appointment, for the interests and good order of human society; and that governors and rulers should be prayed for, obeyed, and upheld at all times except only in things opposed to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the ruler of the conscience of His people, the King of Kings, and the Lord of Lords. (Rom. 13:1,3; Deut. 15:18; 2 Sam. 23:3; Ex. 18:21-23; Jer. 30:21)



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– *Class Discussion*

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How would you describe the central idea of the doctrine of Civil ¹¹ Government, and why is it biblically important to you personally (Romans 13:1-6, 1 Timothy 2:1-2, 1 Peter 2:13-16, John 18:36, Phil 2:11)?



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What are the ways the church can be both a faithful witness to the Gospel and a prophetic witness to do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with God (Micah 6:8)?



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Read Matthew 25:31-46. What is the specific areas Jesus said will be criteria for the judgment of nations?



We should embody Jesus' compassion for the hurting, poor and broken. Matthew 25:31-46 describes giving shelter to those in need, welcoming the stranger, feeding, and clothing the poor.

How do you see Jesus doing this when He walked the earth? How can we do what Jesus did?



— **Q and A**

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