

ROMANS 32

GRACE IN POLITICS

ROMANS 13:1-7

I. THREE GOVERNING PRINCIPLES

1. THE PRINCIPLE OF _____

WHAT ARE WE HERE FOR?

REINHOLD NIEBUHR ENTITLED, "CHRIST AND CULTURE."

- CHRIST _____ CULTURE.
- CHRIST AND CULTURE IN _____.
- CHRIST ___ CULTURE.
- CHRIST _____ CULTURE.
- CHRIST _____ CULTURE.

"Which of these best represents the church's purpose for culture?"

THE CHURCH NEVER SET OUT TO CHANGE THE _____.

The word "culture" never appears in any translation of the Bible.

THE CHURCH SET OUT TO BUILD A _____.

WE ARE _____ BUILDERS NOT _____ WARRIORS.

Jesus repeatedly told us that His Kingdom is not of this earth. John 18:36

He said, "Seek first the kingdom of God... Matthew 6:33

Matthew 28:19 "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations,

2. THE PRINCIPLE OF _____

THERE ARE TWO SIMILAR WORDS IN THE GREEK THAT ARE OFTEN TRANSLATED POWER.

“DUNAMIS.” MEANS _____.

“EXOUSIA” MEANS _____.

THE _____ RELIES ON POWER

*Mark 10:42 Calling them to Himself, Jesus *said to them, “You know that those who are recognized as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them; and their great men exercise authority over them.*

THE _____ RELIES ON AUTHORITY

Mark 10:43 “But it is not this way among you, but whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant; 44 and whoever wishes to be first among you shall be slave of all.

Matthew 28:18 And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, “ALL AUTHORITY HAS BEEN GIVEN TO ME in heaven and on earth.

HIS PRESENCE IN US MEANS THAT WE WALK IN HIS _____.

TRADING _____ FOR _____ IS A TRAGIC MISTAKE

3. THE PRINCIPLE OF _____

MY PRIORITY IS TO _____ THE KIND OF LIFE, AND _____ THE KINDS OF THINGS THAT LIFTS JESUS.

OBVIOUSLY WE NEED TO BRING _____ TO THE CONVERSATION.

BUT TRUTH IS ALWAYS DELIVERED WITH _____.

WE SPEAK TRUTH BUT WE DO IT IN _____.

II. THE PRINCIPLES OF ROMANS 13

Romans 13:1 Let every person be subject to the governing authorities.

1. _____ TO GOVERNING AUTHORITY

Titus 3:1 Remind them to BE SUBJECT TO RULERS, TO AUTHORITIES, to be obedient, to be ready for every good deed,

1 Peter 2:13 SUBMIT YOURSELVES FOR THE LORD'S SAKE TO EVERY HUMAN INSTITUTION, whether to a king as the one in authority,

2. _____ ESTABLISHES AUTHORITY

Romans 13:1 For there is no authority except by God's appointment, and the authorities that exist have been instituted by God.

3. WHEN WE RESIST GOVERNING AUTHORITY WE ARE RESISTING GOD

Romans 13:2 So the person who resists such authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will incur judgment

OBVIOUSLY THERE ARE _____ TO THIS.

WHEN GOVERNMENT OR ANY OTHER AUTHORITY DEMANDS THAT YOU DO
WHAT GOD SAYS NOT TO DO, OR TRIES TO PREVENT YOU FROM
DOING WHAT GOD SAID TO DO THEN YOU DO WHAT GOD SAYS.

1 PETER 2:11 Beloved, I urge you as ALIENS AND STRANGERS to abstain from fleshly lusts which wage war against the soul.

HEBREWS 11:13 All these died in faith, without receiving the promises, but having seen them and having welcomed them from a distance, and having confessed that THEY WERE STRANGERS AND EXILES ON THE EARTH.

WHEN YOU ARE AN ALIEN IN A FOREIGN LAND YOU _____ THE LAWS OF THAT LAND.

4. GOVERNMENT IS _____

Romans 13:3 (for rulers cause no fear for good conduct but for bad). Do you desire not to fear authority? Do good and you will receive its commendation,

Romans 13:4 for it is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be in fear, for it does not bear the sword in vain. It is God's servant to administer retribution on the wrongdoer.

Romans 13:5 Therefore it is necessary to be in subjection, not only because of the wrath of the authorities but also because of your conscience.

5. DO THE SMALL STUFF SO YOU CAN DO THE _____ THING

Romans 13:6 For this reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants devoted to governing.

Luke 20:22 "Is it lawful for us to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?"

23 But He detected their trickery and said to them,

24 "Show Me a denarius. Whose likeness and inscription does it have?" They said, "Caesar's."

25 And He said to them, "Then render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's."

"THE COIN BEARS THE IMAGE OF _____. GIVE IT BACK TO HIM.

YOUR SOUL BEARS THE IMAGE OF _____. GIVE IT BACK TO HIM."

Romans 13:7 Pay everyone what is owed: taxes to whom taxes are due, revenue to whom revenue is due, respect to whom respect is due, honor to whom honor is due.

REMEMBER THE GOAL IS ALWAYS THE _____.

THE ONLY OFFENSE WE OFFER PEOPLE SHOULD BE THE _____ OF CHRIST.

TRY TO STOP MAKING ENEMIES WITH YOUR _____ SO YOU CAN MAKE DISCIPLES WITH THE _____.