

"I encourage you through the mercies of God" (12:1). Why is that an important reminder?

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Let's read 13:1-7.

Why do you think Paul puts a section on government here in this letter?

Agree or disagree? Government gets its power from people who agree it should be there.

*There is no authority except by God.*

*The authorities that exist are set by God.*

*The person who sets himself against the authority stands against the ordinance of God.*

*It is God's minister to you for good.*

*It is God's minister bringing vengeance for wrath to the evildoer.*

*They are God's servants, engaging in this same task.*

Comment on the significance of those statements from this section.

According to Romans 13, what is the fundamental task of government?

"A murderer should not be executed. Two wrongs don't make a right." Evaluate that.

List our responsibilities toward government.

What are Romans 13's reasons for doing what Romans 13 commands us to do?

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Let's read 13:8-14.

You can fulfill your tax obligation, but what obligation should you never consider fulfilled?

Summarize the law in one word. (And then summarize the gospel in one word.)

Explain the two images which Paul interweaves in verses 11-14.

*Our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed.*

Describe how that statement affects the way we approach our daily life.