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ROMANS 13:1-14

Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. Consequently, whoever rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves.

ROMANS 13:1-14

For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and you will be commended.

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For the one in authority is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for rulers do not bear the sword for no reason. They are God's servants, agents of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer. Therefore, it is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also as a matter of conscience.

ROMANS 13:1-14

This is also why you pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, who give their full time to governing. Give to everyone what you owe them: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor.

ROMANS 13:1-14

Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery,” “You shall not murder,” “You shall not steal,” “You shall not covet,” and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no harm to a neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

ROMANS 13:1-14

And do this, understanding the present time: The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light.

ROMANS 13:1-14

Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh.



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AN ETHIC OF CHRISTOFORMITY

*How should we
live before God?*

(Rom. 12:1-2)

*How should we
live within
Christian
Community?*

(Rom. 12:3-8)

*How should we
live in the World?*

*How does one
honor the coming
Kingdom while
living in the
present Empire?*

(Rom. 12:9-13:14)

CHRISTIAN UNITY AMIDST INCREDIBLE DIVERSITY

*Paul's adamant
insistence that
this diverse group
must mutually
submit to one
another and
make ecclesial
peace on of their
highest priorities.*

*Paul's reminder
to the Roman
Christian
Community that
his calling is to
seek out and
welcome in
Gentile converts
to the faith.*

*Personal greetings
to a community
of opposites:
Jews & Gentiles,
Slaves & Free,
Men & Women
that are now one
spiritual family
in Jesus Christ.*

ROMANS 12:9

Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good.

ROMANS 12:14

Bless those who persecute you;
bless and do not curse.

ROMANS 12:17

Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone.

ROMANS 12:18

If it is possible, as far as
it depends on you, live
at peace with everyone.

ROMANS 12:19

Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord.

ROMANS 12:21

Do not be overcome by evil,
but overcome evil with good.



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