

## **Bible Study 9<sup>th</sup> October 2019**

### Submitting to authority

Romans 13:1-7

*Some points worth remembering:*

Paul's letter was written to the church in Rome while Nero was Emperor. This is the same Nero with the reputation for incredible acts of cruelty against Christians. Whilst at the time of writing there was no widespread persecution, anti-Christian sentiment was starting to emerge. Numerous examples of local opposition against Christians are recorded in Acts – Paul and his friends being jailed and beaten as were Peter and John while James and Stephen were both martyred.

*Verses worth considering:*

Romans 12:9, 14, 17 & 21

Matthew 17: 24 – 27

Matthew 25: 15 – 22

Ephesians 5:21

Acts 4:19; 5:29

Proverbs 8: 15-16

Isaiah 45:1

Daniel 2:21, 37; 4:17; 5:21

1 Peter 2:13-14

Revelation 13:5, 7, 10

#### **Question 1**

Why should we submit to the authorities?

#### **Question 2**

If we are to submit to all authorities, how should we make our stand against what we know to be an evil law or government?

#### **Question 3**

How does Paul describe rebellion against local authorities?

What is the result of that rebellion?

#### **Question 4**

Paul tells us in v3 if we want to be free from fear, we should do what is right because authorities have been set up for our good, it is only those who do wrong have anything to fear. How does God having set up earthly authorities mirror his character and dealing with us?

#### **Question 5**

Reading verse 6 – 7 what are the final reasons Paul gives us for submitting to authorities?

#### **Question 6**

In what areas do we struggle to be submissive to authorities?

How do we react when caught?

How will we react when God accuses us?

#### **Question 7**

What does submission to authorities look like? (V6-7)

Is submission just about money and possessions?

**Question 8**

How does Godly submission change our society?

**Question 9**

How do we now deal with the big issues today?

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