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The Gospel of God

Justified by Faith



Getting Along with Uncle Sam

Romans 13:1-7



I am to be under <u>authority</u>

Verse 1a Titus 3:1



Four institutions established by God

- Respect for authority begins at <u>home</u>
- 2) Christ is the head of the <u>Church</u>
 Elders are to <u>lead</u> and <u>oversee</u>
 God's flock

Hebrews 13:7

- 3) God ordained human government
- 4) There is a chain of command in the workplace



Legitimate authority is <u>delegated</u> by God

verse 1b-2 John 19:11



Human government keeps the <u>social</u> order in check

verse 3-4a



Government punishes the wicked

verse 4b

Romans 12:17, 19; Genesis 9:6;

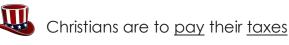
Acts 25:11



Two <u>motivations</u> for being under authority

verse 5

- 1) Fear of <u>punishment</u>
- For <u>conscience</u> sake
 Acts 23:1; 24:16; Hebrews 13:18



verse 6-7



We effect <u>change</u> by being good citizens

Jeremiah 29:7



Sometimes we must engage in civil <u>disobedience</u>

Exodus 1:15-17; Daniel 1:8; 3:16-18; 6:2; Acts 5:29



I need to pray for my <u>nation</u> and its leaders

1 Timothy 2:1-4