Romans Lesson 23

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INTRODUCTION

- How can a Christian live in this secular world?
- A person cannot understand how it is that he's able to overcome evil with good until he understands what total consecration to God is all about.
- When he begins to put on the mind of Christ, it's the best way to live.

1 Obey Civil Government

Romans 13:1–7; Titus 3:1; Acts 5:29

- Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God. The powers that be are ordained of God.
- The principle of civil government has been ordained by God. Therefore, we ought to obey the government.
- Whosoever therefore resisted the power isn't just resisting the power. He says, You're resisting God.
- There is only one time in all of the Bible where you read about Christians resisting the powers that be, and that is when the law of the land seeks the Christian to do that which is against God's law.
- Peter responded, in Acts 5 29, we ought to obey God rather than men.
- Render what is your responsibility? Whether pay taxes, don't cheat on the government when it comes tax time.

2 Owe No Man Anything but to Love One Another

Romans 13:8–10; Matthew 7; Luke 10:25–37

- Owe no man anything but to love one another. For he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law.
- It isn't really saying that it's wrong to borrow money. But rather it is saying that when that debt comes due, you pay it.
- Sincere love doesn't just say you love, but its actions are such that proves you love.
- If you really love, you're going to act as the law directs. If you truly love God, you'll do what he commands.
- If you truly love your neighbor, you'll not kill, but you'll help maintain and protect his life.
- Love works no ill. It doesn't work harm to his neighbor. It only works good to his neighbor.

3 High Time to Awake Out of Sleep

Romans 13:11–14; 1 Thessalonians 5:1–3; James 4

- It is high time to awake out of sleep, for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed.
- It's time to wake up. It's time to serve the Lord.
- Our salvation is nearer, for we know not really how soon the coming of Christ will be. Are you ready?

- Cast off the works of darkness. Change your lifestyle.
- Put on the Lord Jesus Christ. Make not provision for the flesh to fulfill the lust of the flesh.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **You put on Christ Jesus, and you'll find it's the best way of life.**

MY NOTES