

4. What we owe God

We don't owe taxes to God...

We don't owe limited obedience to God...

We don't owe some honor & some respect to God...

We don't owe some allegiance & submission to God...

We owe God...

ROMANS 13:1-7

Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer. Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. For because of this you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.



Next Week: Luther & the Jews

Acts 10, Rom. 10:12-13, Gal. 3:28, Col. Eph. 2:11-22, James 2:1-13

"God & Government"
Mark 12:13-17

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FIRST AMENDMENT



Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances

THE CHURCH IN LUTHER'S DAY

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- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

LUTHER'S TEACHING

1. All people can _____
2. All people are _____
3. All people can _____
4. All people are _____
5. All People are _____

MAGISTERIAL REFORMATION

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.



It is true that the rulers do wrong when they suppress the gospel & oppress you in temporal matters. But you do far greater wrong when you not only suppress God's Word but tread it underfoot, invade his authority & law, & put yourselves above God. Besides, you take from the rulers their authority & right... What do you expect God & the world to think when you pass judgment & avenge yourselves to those who have injured you & even upon your rulers who God has appointed.

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- 5.

Church	State
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*Luther believed we must submit to Gov. in all things even if they wish to kill us!
Luther believed it was never right to rebel in violence against the Gov. Zwingli disagreed and died in battle fighting against the Catholic Church!*

JESUS' TEACHING ON CHURCH & STATE

MARK 12:13-17

And they sent to him some of the Pharisees and some of the Herodians, to trap him in his talk. And they came and said to him, "Teacher, we know that you are true and do not care about anyone's opinion. For you are not swayed by appearances, but truly teach the way of God. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not? Should we pay them, or should we not?" But, knowing their hypocrisy, he said to them, "Why put me to the test? Bring me a denarius and let me look at it." And they brought one. And he said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" They said to him, "Caesar's." Jesus said to them, "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." And they marveled at him.'

THE QUESTION: Should we pay taxes? (13-14)

Question is a _____

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*State is all good or all bad
State is to be obeyed in all things or disobeyed in all things*

THE ANSWER:

1. The sinful motive (15-16)

*Jesus' political philosophy:
...State has limited authority within context of God's ultimate authority.*

2. What we owe the state

1. We owe _____

Acts 5:29 But Peter and the apostles replied, "We must obey God rather than any human authority."

2. We owe _____

3. We owe _____

4. We owe _____

1 Tim 2:1-2 I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.

5. We owe _____

3. What the state owes us

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.