

# **A Study of the Epistles of Paul**

## **NT Survey Lesson 122--Romans 13**

**Introduction:** In chapter thirteen Paul continues his discussion of the righteous life of the Christian. He describes first the Christian's relationship to civil government and then gives a more general discussion of the Christian's conduct toward the world around him.

**Lesson aim: To show the kind of life that the child of God should live in relation to civil authorities and his fellowman.**

### **Be subject to governing authorities--Rom. 13:1-7**

1. What does Paul instruct every Christian to do to the governing authorities? (v. 1) Why?
2. To resist the authority of civil government is to resist whose authority? (v. 2) Those who oppose authority will receive what from God?
3. Are rulers a cause of fear for those who do what is right? (v. 3) What should governments do with those who live right?
4. Does civil government have the right to punish evil doers? (v. 4) With capital punishment?
5. In what way is the civil government a "minister of God"? (v. 4)
6. Why then should Christians obey the civil government and pay their taxes? (v. 5-6)
7. What does Paul tell Christians to do in v. 7?

### **Love your neighbor--Rom. 13:8-14**

1. Should Christians pay their debts? (v. 8) What should they owe to everyone?

2. When one loves his neighbor what is he fulfilling? (v. 8) Why is this true? (v. 9)
3. What does love not do toward a neighbor? (v. 10)
4. Why did Paul tell the Romans it was already the hour to awaken from sleep? (v. 11)
5. What should Christians lay aside? (v. 12) What should they put on?
6. The Christian's behavior should not involve doing what things? (v. 13)
7. We should put on whom? (v. 14) We should make no provision for what?