

Why do you think the New Testament teaches Christians about government and citizenship?

Read Romans 13:1-7.

What is the reason why *everyone* must submit to governing authorities?

Whom does the rebellious person oppose, and what is the consequence?

List some basic principles Paul teaches us about government in verses 3-4.

What do you think Paul means to tell us in verse 5?

Why do you think four things are listed in verse 7? Do you see any differences in the things listed?

Read Romans 12:1-2.

Now answer the first question in this lesson at the top of the sheet.

With respect to government and citizenship, in what ways are you tempted to *conform*?

In what ways can your mind be *transformed* with a new view of government and citizenship?

Read 1 Peter 2:11-17.

Look at verses 11-12.

What does Peter call us? Why is it important to remember that about ourselves?

What things does Peter tell us to do?

Why does he tell us to live that way?

Look at verses 13-17.

*Submit* – What are practical ways you can do that as a citizen?

*for the Lord's sake* – How does that phrase put Peter's command in a whole new light?

*to every authority instituted among men ("to every human creation")* –

What does that say about forms of government?

How does Peter describe the basic purpose of government in verse 14?

What ignorant talk can we Christians silence today by doing good?

Why is verse 16 important for us to remember as citizens of the United States?

Explain your duties to each of the three entities mentioned in verse 17.

Read Matthew 28:18-20.

Contrast the purpose, goal, and means of operation between the church and the state.