



ROMANS 1:16

“I am not ashamed of the Gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile.”



UNASHAMED:
THE CHRISTIAN CITIZEN

Romans 13:1-7

VS. 1

To the believers in Rome (Rom. 1:7), Paul writes

“Everyone” sounds pretty broad

“Must submit” The exact Greek word used in Eph. 5 as Paul describes the need for submission in the home.

“to willingly line up under the authority of”



Why? They were established by God

“But...”

Before we start looking for loopholes, consider the immediate context of this letter

See also 1 Pet. 2:13-17



VS. 2

As a result, rebellion against the government is
rebellion against what God has ordained

Ugh...

Expect to suffer for rebellion



VSS. 3-5

Government is God's servant both to do you good
and to punish wrong-doing

Submission then is not only to avoid punishment but to
have a clear conscience before God.

IS THERE A PLACE FOR CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE?

Apparently, but there are parameters

Ex. 1:15-17; Dan. 3; Dan. 6

Acts 4:19-20; 5:28-29

Note a decree clearly contrary to God's word

Note the attitude of grace and humility

Note the willingness to suffer

PRAYING FOR OUR LEADERS

1 Tim. 2:1-4 God wants 'us' holy and 'them' saved

Ps. 2:1-6

Rest in knowing God is not alarmed by an
administration

Eph. 6:10-18 We have an Enemy, so dress
appropriately. Oh, and it's not flesh and blood