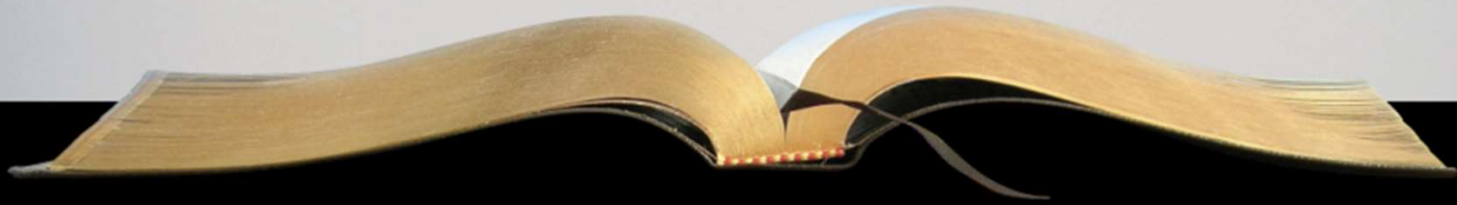


[Romans]
Lesson 15
Respect Government

(Romans 13:1-14)



1. Respect and Obey Government



God's authority covers every area of our life.

(Rom. 13:1) *Let every soul (**person**) be subject (**obey**) unto the higher powers (**government**).*

**We must obey
authorities
(government / leaders)**



(Rom. 13:1) ...*For there is no power
(government) but (only) of God:*

*All power is
from God.



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(Rom. 13:1) ...*the powers (government) that be are ordained (ordered) of God.*

*This is God's world.

*God made government.



God put power in the world to order all things well, **but** Satan leads nonbelievers to disobey God.

Governments God-given responsibility is to **punish evil.**



(Rom. 13:2) *Whosoever therefore resisteth (**disobey**) the power (**government**), resisteth (**disobey**) the ordinance (**order**) of God: and they that resist (**disobey**) shall receive to themselves damnation (**punish**).*



(Rom. 13:3) *For rulers (govt.) are not a terror (fear) to good works, but to the evil. Wilt (want) thou then not be afraid of the power (govt.)? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same (govt.):*



We Should Always Obey God First.



(Government = God's servant/minister)

(Rom. 13:4) For **he (govt.) is the minister of God** to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for **he (govt.) beareth (has) not the sword (punish) in vain (nothing): for he is the minister of God, a revenger (punisher) to execute (do) wrath upon him that doeth evil.**



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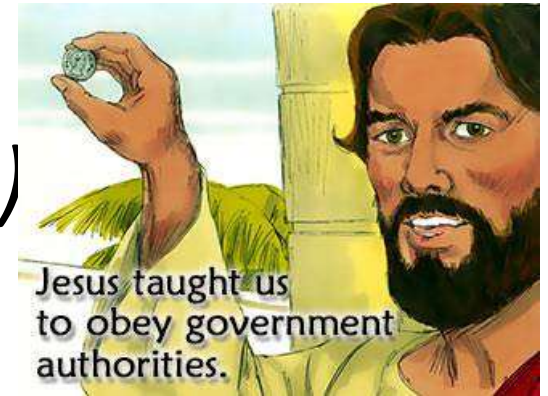


(Rom. 13:5) *Wherefore ye must needs be subject (**obey**), not only for wrath (**punishment**), but also **for conscience (mind/heart) sake (reason).***

We obey government because we know God wants us to obey government.

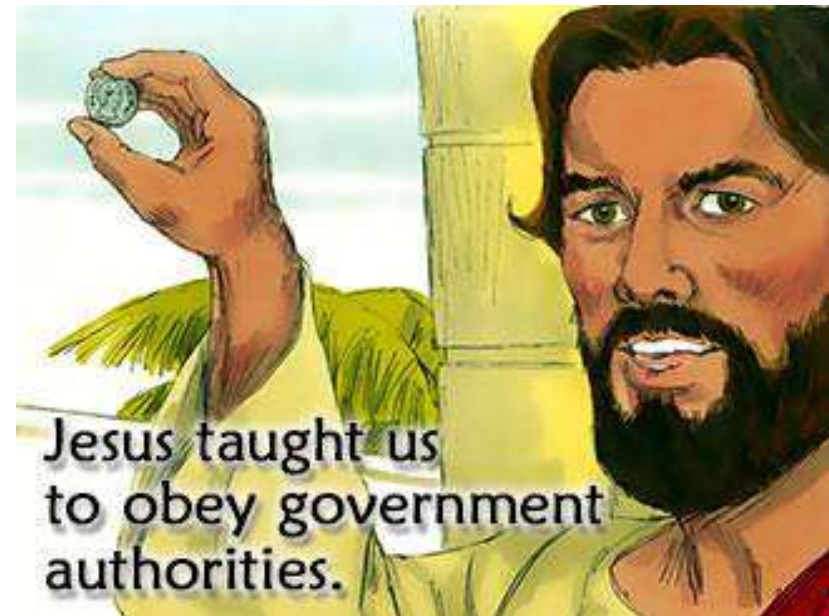


(Rom. 13:6) *For for this cause
(reason) pay ye tribute (tax)
also: for they are God's
ministers, attending (serving)
continually upon this very
thing. (7) Render (give)
therefore to all their dues
(owe): tribute (tax) to whom
tribute (tax) is due (owe);
custom (tax) to whom custom
(tax); fear to whom fear;
honour to whom honour.*



**Pay taxes
and respect
authorities**

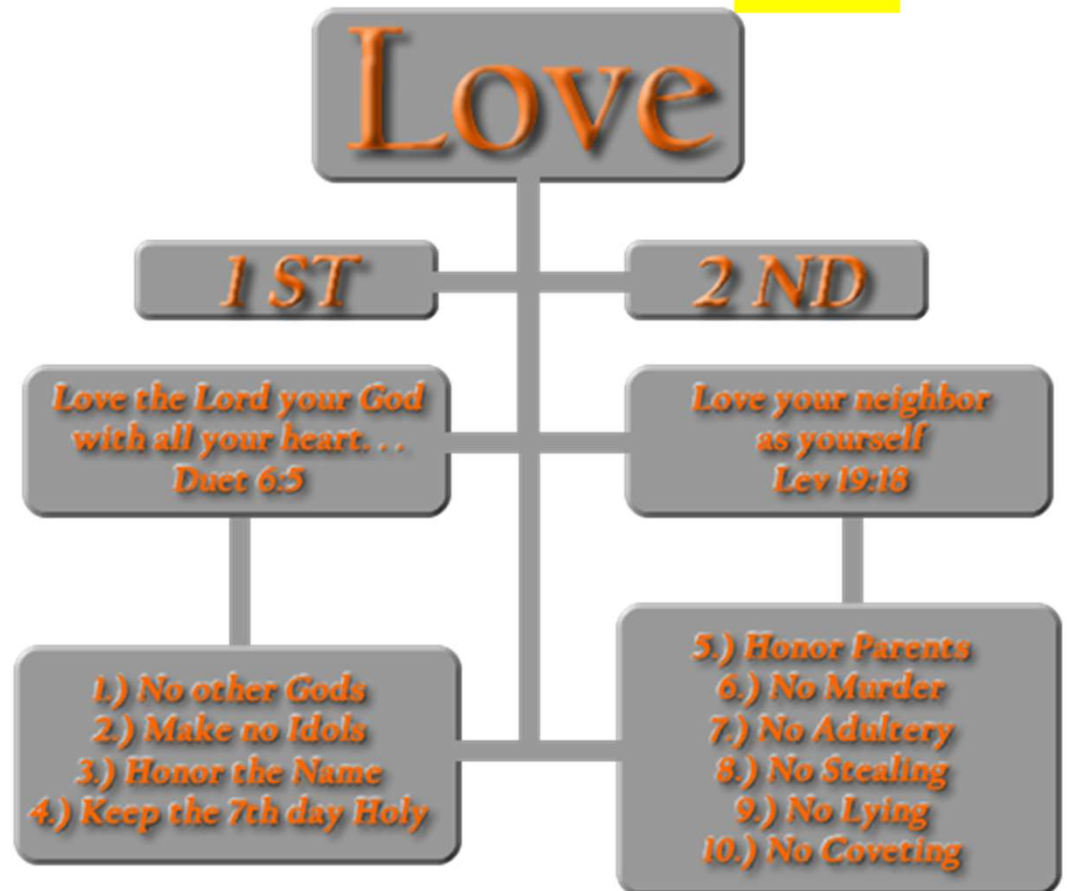
(Rom. 13:7) Render (give) therefore to all their dues (owe):



(Matthew 22:21)

Render (give) therefore unto Caesar (Roman ruler/govt.) the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's.

(Rom. 13:8) *Owe (must pay/debt) no man any thing, but [owe] to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled (finish—obey) the law.*

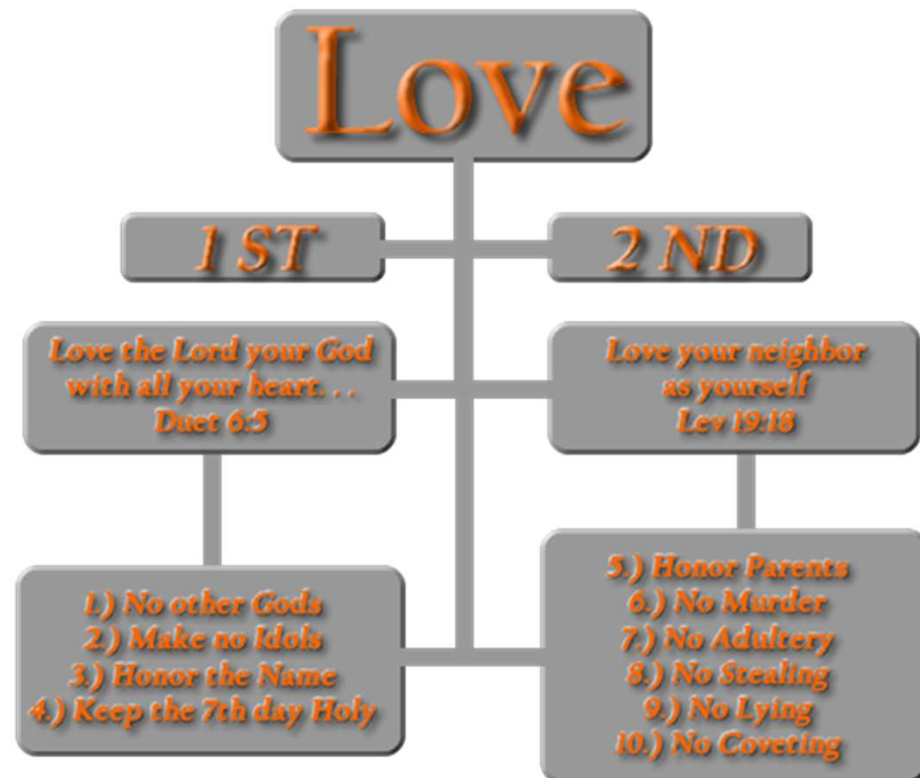


(Rom. 13:9) *For this [reason], Thou shalt not commit (do) adultery (not faithful to spouse), Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness (lie/gossip), Thou shalt not covet (want—envy); and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended (easy know) in this saying, namely, **Thou shalt love thy neighbour** (other person) **as thyself.***

Love is obeying God's Law.

(Rom. 13:10) *Love worketh (does/results) no ill (bad) to his neighbour (other person): therefore **love** is the **fulfilling** (finish—obey) of the **law**.*

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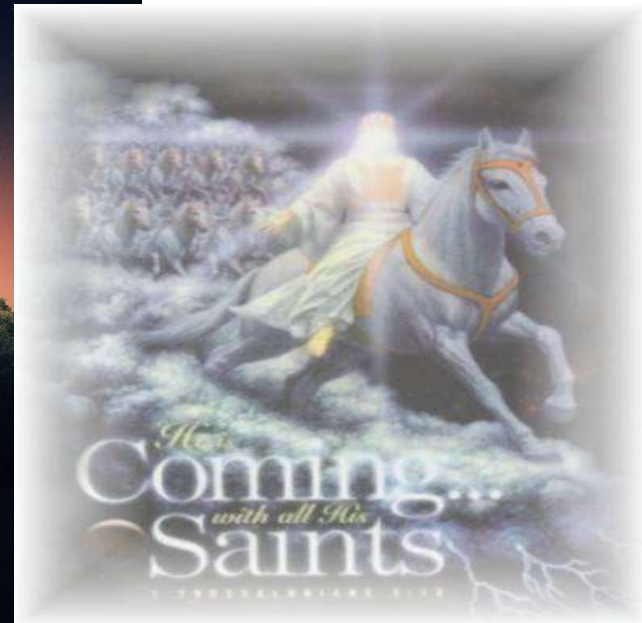


3. Put Off Darkness; Put On the Light of Jesus



(Rom. 13:11) *And that, knowing the **time**, that now it is high time (**ready**) to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed.*

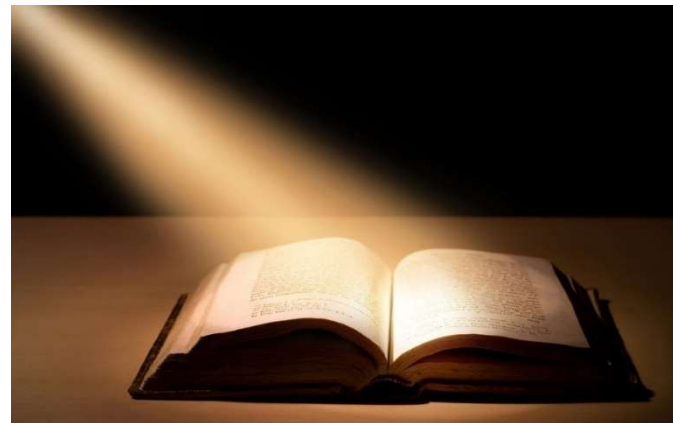
Jesus rule is coming nearer every day.



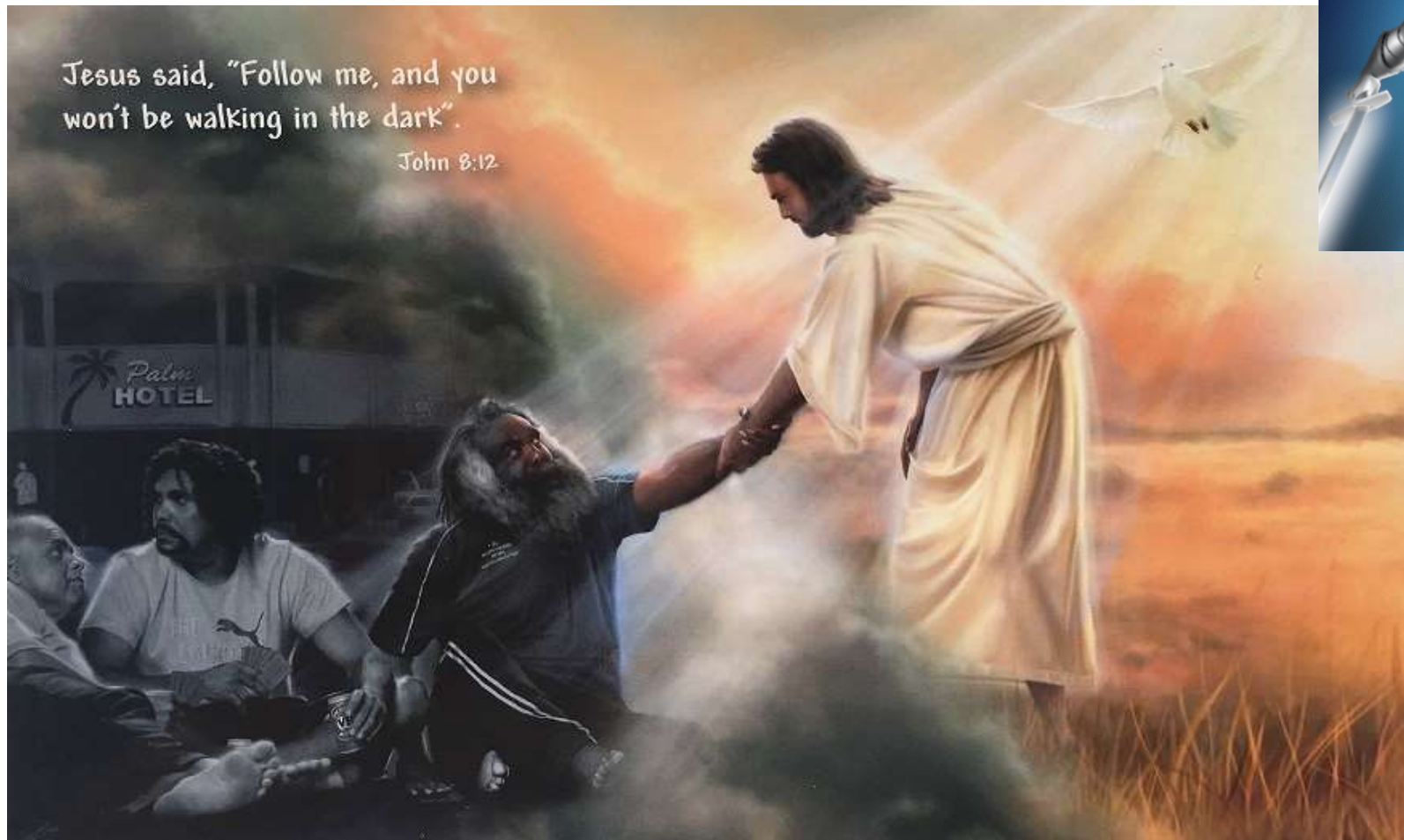
(Rom. 13:12) *The night is far spent (**near finish**), the day is at hand (**near**):*



*let us therefore cast off the works of darkness (**sin**), and let us put on the armour of light (**righteousness**).*



*“let us therefore cast off the works of darkness (*sin*), and let us put on the armour of light”*



(Rom. 13:13) *Let us walk honestly (good), as in the day; not in rioting (bad—party) and drunkenness, not in chambering (sex sins) and wantonness (lusts—no self control), not in strife (fight) and envying (hate).*



(Rom. 13:14) *But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision (**room**) for the flesh, to fulfil (**do**) the lusts (**bad wants**) thereof [**of the flesh**].*

