



GOD'S EXPATRIATES

"Human Laws & Christian Conduct"

ROMANS 13:3-4

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1. Think _____

2. Respect _____

3. Authorities _____

3 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, **4** 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. (ESV)



Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others. For more information about small groups at Compass Bible Church that utilize these questions as the basis for their weekly discussion, please call the church office at (949) 540-0699 or email us at SmallGroups@CompassChurch.org.

1. Read **Jeremiah 29:4-7**. Knowing we are exiles and expatriates for Christ, how does this command to the Old Testament exiles in Babylon motivate you to pray for our country? What are some of the things you ought to be praying for more often as it relates to the welfare of our nation?
2. Read **Ecclesiastes 10:5-6**. Obviously there are times when godly people have to endure the "evil" of foolish people being appointed to "high places." What counsel would you give to another Christian that may help him tolerate such times without despair, hostility or disrespect?
3. It is not uncommon for Christians to harbor contempt and scorn toward their national or civic leaders because they feel their authority over them is undeserved. How should the truths of Romans 13 change that attitude?
4. Read **Colossians 3:22-25**. Most people's concern about the law extends to the point of what they can get away with. How would these workplace directives (if applied to our governmental authorities) change that for Christians?
5. What specific local or national laws do you plan to be more thoughtful of and vigilant about as a result of today's study?

The CBC Bible Reading Schedule for this Week:

Go to ESV.org (Reading Plans: Through the Bible) for schedule prompts.

June 5th

2Chr.17-19 & Jn.15

June 6th

2Chr.20-22 & Jn.16:1-15

June 7th

2Chr.23-25 & Jn.16:16-33

June 8th

2Chr.26-28 & Jn.17

June 9th

2Chr.29-31 & Jn.18:1-23

June 10th

2Chr.32-33 & Jn.18:24-40

June 11th

2Chr.34-36 & Jn.19:1-22

June 12th

Ezra 1-2 & Jn.19:23-42

Today's sermon will be recorded and available on CD at the Focal Point Ministries window in the lobby immediately following today's service. For sermons on MP3 go to FPR.info. The following are other available sermons related to today's subject matter.

CD # 9719 – **Living in Babylon: How to Thrive as an Alien in a Foreign Land**

CD # 9723 – **The Problem with Babylon: Striving to be Different than the World**

CD # 1020 – **When Life is Tough: Reasons for Confidence No Matter What**

CD # 0721 – **Trusting God When Your Back's Against the Wall**

CD # 9934 – **Tips for Zealots: When Jesus Freaks Meet the Respectable Americans**

Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

Beckwith, Francis J. **Politics for Christians: Statecraft as Soulcraft**. IVP Academic, 2010.

Beckwith, Frank & Greg Koukl. **Relativism: Feet Firmly Planted in Mid-Air**. Baker Books, 1998.

Boice, James Montgomery. **Two Cities, Two Loves: Christian Responsibility in a Crumbling Culture**. IVP, 1996.

Carson, D. A. **The Gagging of God: Christianity Confronts Pluralism**. Zondervan, 1996.

Culver, Robert Duncan. **Toward a Biblical View of Civil Government**. Moody Press, 1974.

Erickson, Millard. **Postmodernizing the Faith: Evangelical Responses to Postmodernism**. Baker Books, 1998.

Feinberg, John S and Paul D. Feinberg. **Ethics for a Brave New World, 2nd Edition**. Crossway, 2010.

Geisler, Norman. **Christian Ethics: Contemporary Issues & Options, 2nd Edition**. Baker Books, 2010.

Lewis, C. S. **The Problem of Pain**. B & H., 2000.

MacArthur, John. **Right Thinking in a World Gone Wrong**. Harvest House, 2009.

Smith, Gary Scott. **God & Politics: Four Views on the Reformation of Civil Government**. P & R Publishing, 1989.

Tkacz, Michael, et al. **Augustine: Political Writings**. Hackett Publishing, 1994.

VanDrunen, David. **Living in God's Two Kingdoms: A Biblical Vision for Christianity & Culture**. Crossway, 2010.

Zacharias, Ravi. **Deliver Us from Evil: Restoring the Soul in a Disintegrating Culture**. Thomas Nelson, 1998.