

# Romans 13

## Chapter Thirteen

### "A Soul Subjected"

James Strong defines *subject* this way: to subordinate; reflexively, to obey:--be under obedience (obedient), put under, subdue unto, (be, make) subject (to, unto), be (put) in subjection (to, under), submit self unto.

If we are to receive of the promise of Psalm 47:3 (He shall subdue the people under us, and the nations under our feet.) then we are going to have to learn to be in subjection our selves—to God and to his delegated authorities.

Let us explore "A Soul Subjected" in Romans chapter thirteen.

#### 1. The Bounds of Our Subjection

Having concluded our responsibility to our fellow man in light of our responsibility to God, Paul introduces the importance of subjection to authority. All power belongs unto God, and no man can do anything unless God allows it. The Powers that be are ordained of God.

#### 2. The Temptation of Our Subjection

The constant temptation of subordination is to resist authority. The carnal mind doesn't like being told what to do, but we must *put it under* our "higher powers" and ultimately the will of God.

#### 2. The Terror of Our Subjection

Rebellion has a great price. Damnation is what Paul presents as rebellion's cost. This same Greek word, "krima" , is also translated "condemnation" and "judgment" throughout the New Testament. Rulers bear a sword, but not for the subject but for the evil.

#### 2. The Reason of Our Subjection

1. Authorities are designed for our own good and protection. Without leadership only disorder and chaos can arise.
2. Avoid the wrath of their sword. The sword speaks of judgment.
3. Not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake should we be subject.

#### 3. The Objects of Our Subjection

1. God's Ministers — They do not act of their own, but represent God and his authority.
2. The Law and Love- Love fulfills the law. Being subject to love is to fulfill the law. Jesus said in John 14:15, "If ye love me, keep my commandments."
3. The Lord Jesus Christ — Ultimately all authority must give account and subjection to the Lord, Master, Jesus Christ. He is over all.

#### 4. The Urgency of Our Subjection

The night is far spent and the day is at hand. We are running out of time. The Lord promises to return, but when He comes will He find faith in the earth? (Luke 18:8)

#### 2. The Quality of Our Subjection

Honestly as in the Day and it is not us that live, but it is Christ that liveth in us. We must put on the Lord Jesus Christ. Clothe ourselves with His righteousness. This must mean death to the flesh; making no provision for it.