



**SESSION 12**  
**Renewed People**  
**ROMANS 13:1-14**

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## CENTRAL TRUTH

As redeemed people, God calls us to represent Christ well in our community and world.

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### Romans 13:1-7

Read verses 1-7, then consider the following questions individually or as a group.

**.03 DOES PAUL'S COMMAND TO THE CHURCH AT ROME IN VERSE 1 SURPRISE YOU? HOW SO?**

**.04 WHAT REASONS DID PAUL GIVE THE CHURCH AT ROME FOR SUBMITTING TO THE GOVERNING AUTHORITIES? WHAT DID HE SAY WE ARE DOING WHEN WE FAIL TO DO SO?**

**.05 LOOK BACK AT ROMANS 12:9-18. HOW MIGHT OBEYING PAUL'S COMMANDS IN ROMANS 13:1-7 PROVIDE US OPPORTUNITIES TO LOVE OTHER PEOPLE? WHY IS THIS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT FOR US IN OUR POLITICALLY DIVIDED CULTURE?**

**.06 WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO PAY YOUR OBLIGATIONS TO EVERYONE? WHAT MIGHT THIS LOOK LIKE FOR YOU?**

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### Romans 13:8-10

Read verses 8-10, then consider the following questions individually or as a group.

**.07 HOW DOES PAUL SAY WE SHOULD LOVE OUR NEIGHBORS (V. 9)? WHAT DOES THIS LOOK LIKE?**

**.08 HOW DOES LOVING YOUR NEIGHBORS SUM UP OR FULFILL THE LAW?**

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### Romans 13:11-14

Read verses 11-14, then consider the following questions individually or as a group.

**.09 HOW SHOULD THE REALITY OF JESUS' RETURN IN THE FUTURE MOTIVATE US TO LIVE IN THE PRESENT?**

**.10 WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO "PUT ON THE LORD JESUS CHRIST" (V. 14)? WHY DID THE ROMANS NEED TO BE REMINDED OF JESUS' LORDSHIP? WHY DO WE?**



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## Now What?

We need to apply the truth of God's Word to our lives. Think through these questions and how you can live out what you've studied in Romans 13:1-14 this week.

**.11 WHAT ARE SOME SIMPLE WAYS WE CAN HONOR THE PEOPLE OF AUTHORITY IN OUR LIVES? HOW MIGHT DOING SO PRESENT US WITH MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES?**

**.12 HOW CAN WE FIGHT THE TEMPTATION TO IGNORE OR AVOID OUR NEIGHBORS AND INSTEAD SHOW THEM THE LOVE OF JESUS?**

**.13 WHAT ARE SOME TANGIBLE WAYS YOU COULD LOVE AND SERVE YOUR NEIGHBORS AT SCHOOL, IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD, OR IN THE ACTIVITIES YOU PARTICIPATE IN EACH WEEK?**

**.14 HOW SHOULD THE REALITY THAT JESUS IS KING AND IS COMING AGAIN CHANGE THE WAY YOU LIVE?**

## Daily Devotions

For the complete Daily Devotions, we encourage you to make use of the Daily Devotional Guide. Here are the passages covered in this week's devotions in the Daily Devotional Guide.

- Day 1: Romans 13:6-7
- Day 2: Romans 13:8-10
- Day 3: Romans 13:11-14
- Day 4: Romans 14:1-4
- Day 5: Romans 14:5-7

Memorize. Romans 13:10

