

Church and State
Week 1: Authority

1. _____ Authority.

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end."

Isaiah 9:6-7a (NIV)

A. Who: _____

B. What: _____

C. How:

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D. When: _____.

2. _____ Authority.

A. _____.

"...All authority comes from God, and those in positions of authority have been placed there by God."

Romans 13:1b (NLT)

B. _____.

For the king has sent them to punish those who do wrong and to honor those who do right."

1 Peter 2:14 (NLT)

"...They are God's emissaries for keeping order." (MSG)

C. _____.

"for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."

Romans 3:23 (NIV)

3. _____ to Authority.

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"Submit yourselves, then, to God." James 4:7a (NIV)

"You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. ⁶ Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. ⁷ Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form, ⁸ he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross."

Philippians 2:5-8 (NLT)

B. _____ Authority.

"For the Lord's sake, submit to all human authority—whether the king as head of state, ¹⁴ or the officials he has appointed."

1 Peter 2:13 (NLT)

"Make the Master proud of you by being good citizens. Respect the authorities, whatever their level." (MSG)

4. _____ with Authority.

A. _____.

B. _____.

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, ²⁴ since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving."

Colossians 3:23-24 (NIV)

C. _____.

"So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, 'Come back to God!'"

2 Corinthians 5:20 (NLT)

5. Submission _____:

The government between you and your submission to God!

* **The** _____:

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"Our struggle is not against flesh and blood...love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you"

(Ephesians 5:12, Matthew 5:44)

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