"The Christian Life: Living in Two Kingdoms"

~ Romans 13:1-10

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1) Paul claims that <u>God</u> is still in <u>control!</u>

Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. (Romans 13:1)

2) Paul reminds us that God created government for our good.

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, 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.

(Romans 13:3-4)

3) The Two <u>Kingdoms</u> of God meet in the <u>life</u> of the Christian.

Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed. Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.

(Romans 13:7–8)