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•**Acting as Agents of Change:** While we submit, we do not stay silent against evil. We are called to challenge injustice through love, service, and advocacy—shining light in dark places and being a voice for the voiceless.

## The Bottom Line

Romans 13:1 serves as a powerful reminder of the delicate balance between submission and standing firm in our faith. Let us pray daily for the wisdom, humility, and strength to navigate human leadership while staying firmly rooted in our obedience to God.

### Lift Up in Prayer

Leaders of the World as they navigate complex challenges; Archie as he travels his recovery journey; Yu Bedwell's uncle as he undergoes cancer treatment; Isra's friend Rosales facing significant medical challenges and a possible two-organ transplant; Scott Roeske, recently diagnosed with esophageal cancer—strength, healing, and comfort for him and his loved ones; David's four children—salvation, faith, and obedience; Alondra and her pregnancy—health and success throughout this journey; Jacinth's recovery from her previous operation; Jonathan's wife—God's healing as she undergoes chemotherapy; Gantt—safe journey, protection, favor, and peace throughout the process; VanWinkle family—safe travels to the states. In Jesus' name, Amen.

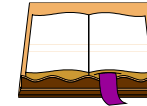
# CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday Bible Study 10:00

Sunday Worship 11:00

Camp Humphreys Pacific

Victors Chapel (Sanctuary)



Wednesday Bible Study 18:30

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Victors Chapel

Rooms: 143 (Adults)

164 (Children)

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*“And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” (John 8:31)*

## Submission to Sovereignty: Understanding God's Authority

By Francis Schaeffer

In Romans 13:1, the Apostle Paul writes, “Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God.”

At first glance, submission to authority can feel unsettling. We live in a world where injustices and abuses of power are rampant. How do we reconcile our faith in a holy God with flawed human governments and societal hierarchies?

To truly understand Paul's instruction, context is everything. He penned these words during the height of the Roman Empire—a regime that ruled with an iron fist and frequently persecuted Christians. Yet, even amidst these grim realities, Paul emphasizes that human authority ultimately stems from God's design for order over chaos. **(Continue page 2)**



Mark your calendars for a special day of worship and fellowship! We will hold a designated offering dedicated entirely to supporting Brother Parley's Korean Missionary Work. We are also thrilled to welcome 13 guests from Freed-Hardeman University worshipping with us. Afterwards, please join us for our congregational fellowship luncheon at the Sentry Mall Food Court at 12:45 PM for a wonderful time of food and community.

**(Continue)** Scripture repeatedly shows that God raises up leaders and brings down nations according to His divine plan (Proverbs 21:1). When we yield to authority, we acknowledge God’s ultimate orchestration of human affairs.

**Submission vs. Blind Obedience**

However, biblical submission does not equal blind obedience. As Christians, our highest allegiance belongs to God alone. When earthly authorities demand actions that directly contradict Scripture, we must follow the example of Peter and John in Acts 5:29: “We ought to obey God rather than men.” True submission requires spiritual discernment—placing God's will above all while remaining respectful citizens.

**Our Duty as Citizens of Heaven**

Living under authority tests our Christian character and shapes our witness in three distinct ways:

**Cultivating Humility:** Respecting authority breaks our prideful inclination to rebel simply because we disagree with a policy or leader.

•**Praying for Leaders:** 1 Timothy 2:1-2 urges us to pray for all who are in authority. We must lift them up, asking God to grant them wisdom to govern righteously. **(Continue page 4)**

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