

A lot has happened and changed in the last few months – Pandemic/churches close/protests/rioting.

Our subject for tonight is rather timely Civil Disobedience – is it ever OK to disobey?

Open discussion – I don't want to do all the blabbing going to look at:

- Governments Place, Purpose and Power
 - o Our responsibility to their authority
 - What about bad government? What if the government is unjust?
 - o Our responsibility to bad government
 - If we disobey do we have to pay? (consequences that is)
 - o If we don't submit to the authorities then do we have to submit to the punishment?
1. God has established all governments. They have their place because God gave it to them
 - a. Rom. 13:1-2
 - b. The main purpose of government is to punish wrong Rom. 13:3-5 1 Peter 2:13-14
 - i. They are “ministers” Gods servants
 - c. They have been give the power of the sword Rom. 13:4
 - i. There is a reason that armies have tanks and policemen have guns
 - ii. Average of 1000 people per yr. are killed by police –
 1. they don't bear the sword in vain
 - d. Our responsibility to honor and respect the “Ministers” and to pay taxes
 - i. Rom. 13:6-7
 - ii. Pray and seek peace/prosperity of government Jer. 29:7 1 Tim. 2:1-2
 1. Dan. 6:21 o king live forever
 2. What about bad governments and unjust governments or governmental actions?
 - a. Is there a such thing as a truly good government?
 - b. All the governments in power when these were written were evil – Babylon, Rome
 - c. Under “normal” circumstance all governments are to be respected/honored and submitted to even if they cramp our style a little
 - i. Going the extra mile-Matt. 5:41 uncomfortable government intrusion
 1. is it ever a good time to be pulled over?
 - ii. Daniel was reasonable, not riotous, (unjust decree) Daniel 2:13-14
 1. He used tack, not anarchy
 - iii. Declaration of Independence had a list of grievances
 - iv. Christians should be reasonable and as pliable as possible with uncomfortable government regulations
 - v. Covid 19 crisis ordered to not meet at church - what do we do?
 - d. Christians are to respectfully confront and “call out” governments about their evil
 - i. Daniel 4:27; 5:22-23 Nathan/Man of God/ Elijah/ Prophets/ John the Bap

3. Christians have a duty to disobey government when government requires disobedience to God as well as except the consequences for that disobedience
 - a. When Gods law and mans law collide we must decide whose side we are on
 - i. Acts 5:28-29
 - b. Jocebed and the midwives disobeyed Pharaoh Ex. 1-2 laws to kill babies
 - c. Rahab hid the spies laws to kill adults (hide the Jews)
 - d. Shadrach, Meshack...broke law prescribing false worship Dan. 3
 - e. Daniel broke law forbidding prayer Daniel 6 (prayer in Jesus' name)
 - f. Apostles broke law in preaching Acts 4 &5
 - g. In last days the saints will break law in not worshipping beast or getting mark
 - h. Disobedience always brings consequences
 - i. Obey or pay
 - ii. take your lumps - ridicule, fines, jail, lions , death
 - iii. if we refuse to subitt to the authorities then we must submit to the punishment
 - iv. Acts 25:11
 1. If you resist the authority then don't resist the consequences

1 Peter 2:12-17, 20-21