

Romans 13

TAX debt and SIN debt

1. Authority orientations

a. **Tax** debt and **SIN** debt:

Romans 13:1-14 (NABV)

1 Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God.

2 Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves.

3 For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil. Do you want to be without of the authority? Do what is good, and you will have praise from the same.

4 For he is God's minister to you for good. But if you do evil, be afraid; for he does not bear the sword in vain; for he is God's minister, an avenger to execute wrath on him who practices evil.

5 Therefore you must be subject, not only because of wrath but also for conscience' sake.

The following two verses teach from being subject to the authority principal in paying taxes:

6 **For** because of this you also **pay taxes**, for they are God's ministers attending continually to this very thing.

7 Render therefore to all their **due** **TAXES** to whom **TAXES** are **due**, customs to whom customs, fear to whom fear, honor to whom honor.

Synonymous parallelism:

The subject shifts beginning in verse 6 from **financial debt** to **moral debt**

This next verse has nothing to do with money or lending and borrowing.

It should not be used to teach that you should not borrow

Psalm 112:1 (NABV)

21 The righteous **borrow** and does not repay, but the righteous does money and gives.

It's wrong to not repay the loan

the righteous is generous and not only pays back, but he's also generous and gives.

Jesus teaches lending and borrowing

Matthew 24:1 (NABV)

21 **Give** to him who asks you, and from him who wants to **borrow** from you do not turn away.

Luke 6:34 (NABV)

34 And if you **lend** to those from whom you hope to receive back, what credit is that to you? For even sinners **lend** to sinners to receive as much back.

35 But love your enemies, do good, and **lend**, hoping for nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High.

For He is kind to the **unthankful** and **evil**.

36 Therefore be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful.

Jesus is not teaching that it's wrong to **lend** or **borrow**, but do so with an open hand being merciful

II LOVE no one anything except to *love* one another,

which means: *love, preserve, cherish, inspiration*

an action for don't sin against your brother

for he who *love* another **has fulfilled the law**

or

The point he's making here is loving one another fulfills the Mosaic Law.

Matthew 6:12-13 (NABV)

12 And **forgive** us our **debts**, for we **forgive** our **debtors**.

apologize *apologizing*

13 And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

14 "For if you **forgive** men their **trespasses**, your heavenly Father will also **forgive** you.

15 But if you do not **forgive** men their **trespasses**, neither will your Father **forgive** your **trespasses**."

trespass *trespassing*

8 **for** the commandments, ¹"You shall not commit **ADULTERY**," ²"You shall not **MURDER**," ³"You shall not **STEAL**," ⁴"You shall not bear **FALSE WITNESS**," ⁵"You shall not **COWD**," and if there is **any other**

commandment, **they are all** summed up in this saying, namely, **"You shall Love your neighbor as yourself."**

The commandments being referenced are of the Old Testament, the 10 Commandments, which or a prelude to the 613 Commandments of the Mosaic Law

10 *love* does no **HARM** to a neighbor; therefore *love* is the fulfillment of the law.

Link parallelism to Matthew account of the Lord's prayer

Luke 11:4-5 (NABV)

2 So He said to them, "When you pray, say: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done. Do not let us be tempted."

3 Give us day by day our daily bread.

4 And **forgive** us our **sins**, for we also **forgive** everyone who is **indebted** to us. And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one."

apologize *apologizing* *repentance* *repenting*

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280 (paying sin) [FORGIVENESS] vs [sin] 6 (not) (sin) vs [sin] Peter 2:12-13, 14-15 (for 280) TODAY + 280 = 1, 140 84 280 **sin**, wrong-doing

Luke's account calls the debt referred to in Matthew, **SIN**

11 And do this, **KNOWING THE TIME** that now is **salvation**, when we first **believed**, an idiom

for now our **salvation** is nearer than when we first **believed**.

Stage 3 deliverance from the presence of sin

because you know **THE TIME** we're in. We understand God's plan for the ages, as we've seen so clearly spelled out by Jesus for our understanding in **Matthew 13**.

We understand where we are in that plan, that we're in the Church Age, and that there's no specific prophecy which needs to be fulfilled in the Church Age in order for the **Rapture** to come.

We need to be ready at any moment.

So Paul is referring in general to the **imminent return of the Lord** as a motivation for church age believers to live the spiritual life.

sleep is used as a figure of speech for those who are not actively engaged in living their spiritual life now today.

They are just going through the motions living in carnality. **They need to awaken spiritually.**

They need to get back in fellowship the Holy Spirit and to move forward because there's no guarantee how much time is left.

Even if the Rapture doesn't occur tomorrow, a massive car accident, heart attack, or stroke may happen at any time, and being an end to this present life that we know, so we always have to be ready.

Psalm 90:12 (NABV)

12 So teach us to number our days, That we may gain a heart of wisdom.

Ephesians 5:14-17 (NABV)

14 Therefore He says: "Awake, you who **sleep**, Arise from the dead, And Christ will give you light."

15 See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise,

16 redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

17 Therefore do not be asleep, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

Literal meaning of **sleep**:

Acts 20:9 (NABV)

9 And in a window sat a certain young man named Euphros, who was sinking into a deep **sleep**. He was overcome by **sleep**, and as Paul continued speaking, he fell down from the third story and was taken up dead.

sleep frequently used in scripture as a euphemism:

1 Thessalonians 4:14 (NABV)

14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who **sleep** in Jesus.

2 Peter 3:4 (NABV)

4 and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell **asleep**, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation."

What did the **sleep** involve from the previous verse ?

12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand, therefore let us cast off **the works of darkness**

and let us put on the armor of light.

13 Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in **revelry** and **drunkenness**, not in **lewdness** and **lust**, not in **strife** and **envy**.

14 But put on the Lord (Jesus Christ), and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.

Romans 13:13 (NABV)

13 Let us behave properly as in the day, not in **carousing** and **drunkenness**, not in **sexual promiscuity** and **sexuality**, not in **strife** and **jealousy**.

Now concerning the issue of **faith** and **saving faith**.

The Gospel of John uses this verb for **believe** 98 times in the Greek text.

And it's never, not even one time qualified by an adverb.

Never does the Scripture say *if you genuinely believe*, *if you truly believe*, *if you believe with a whole heart*, *if you believe with your heart and not your head*

There's no qualification in the 98 uses in the book of **John** that adds something to **faith** to

separate it from **a faith that**

doesn't save

James 2:19 (NABV)

19 You believe that there is one God. You do well. **Even the demons believe—and tremble!**

This passage is sometimes used to make an argument for a **non-saving faith**.

However this passage has nothing to do with salvation; it's not saying that the demons believe that Jesus Christ died for the sins of the world, that they had a head knowledge but not a heart knowledge.

That argument just doesn't fit !!!

John 20:30-31 (NABV)

30 And truly **Jesus did many other signs** in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book;

31 but these are written that you may **believe** that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that **believing you may have life in His name**.

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