

# **“The Authority Song”**

Romans 13

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# Romans 12-16

- IV. Exhortation – Will of God Revealed
  - A. In Relation to God, Self, and Others
  - B. In Relation to Government (13)
  - C. In Relation to Weaker Christians (14)
  - D. In Relation to Ministry (15)

# Why did Paul write Romans 12-15?

## A. Jewish/Gentile Church in Rome

### 1. So many OT illustrations:

Abraham, Adam, David, Jacob/Esau,  
Rebekah, Sarah, Pharaoh, Israel's  
History (9-11)

# A Gentile-Jewish Church in Rome

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B. Paul's Gentile Ministry (1:5, 7)

C. Israel's Rejection/Restoration

Warning to Gentiles in 11:11-32

D. "Therefore" in 12:1 is strong counsel!

# A Core Issue in Roman Church

Issue of Unity and Harmony

Jesus makes us all one!

Romans 12:5; Galatians 3:26-29

# The Culprit Is Self-Centeredness

Unity in the Church Body =

1. High View of God (12:1-2)
2. Low View of Self (12:3)
3. Service to Others (12:4-21)

# Isaiah 6

1. High View of God (6:1, 3)
2. Low View of Self (6:5)
3. Service to Others (6:8-9)

# Formula for Believers in God

1. Consecration
2. Confession (Cleansing)
3. Commissioning

(Observe Apostle Peter and Job)

# Where do we see Jesus in this?

1. Consecrated to God the Father
2. Humble in word, deed, and life
3. Serving God and others

# Romans 13

The transformed Christian life  
impacts his relationship  
with **AUTHORITY**.

He practices **SUBMISSION**.

# Connection of Romans 12 and 13

- a. Will turning other cheek lead to anarchy?
- b. Mercies of 12:1 and Motivation of 13:11-12
- c. A proper place in church and in state.

# Roman Christian Attitude

- a. Jews hated Romans
- b. Jewish reputation for civil rebellion
- c. Nero on the throne in Rome

# Church and State Separate

- a. Christian is member of both
- b. Govt is temporal; Church is spiritual
- c. Christian priority is gospel and holy life

# Christians Should Be Good Citizens

- a. Obey gov't and pay taxes
- b. Believers are to be model citizens

# Christological: Jesus & Gov't

- a. Jesus is supreme example
- b. Submission is a spiritual issue
- c. Every person is under authority

# Future Government Authority

Result of Jesus' humility  
is honor.

One day every knee will bow to Jesus;  
In heaven and on earth!