

Here We Stand on Civil Disobedience  
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**What Is the Issue?**

God calls us generally to submit to \_\_\_\_\_; however, what shall we do when Caesar's will runs contrary to God's will?

What is the difference between how and when the Church displays acts of civil disobedience and how and when the world acts?

**What Does Scripture Say?**

Romans 13:1-7 Let \_\_\_\_\_ be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established.

Mark 12:17 Then Jesus said to them, "Give back to \_\_\_\_\_ what is \_\_\_\_\_ and to God what is God's."

Exodus 1:17 The midwives, however, feared \_\_\_\_\_ and did not do what the \_\_\_\_\_ had told them to do; they let the boys live.

Daniel 1:8 But Daniel resolved not to defile himself with the royal food and wine, and he asked the chief official for \_\_\_\_\_ not to defile himself this way.

Daniel 6:10 Now when Daniel learned that the decree had been published, he went home to his upstairs room where the windows opened toward Jerusalem. Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God, just as he \_\_\_\_\_.

Acts 4:1-22

19 But Peter and John replied, "Which is right in God's eyes: to listen to you, or to him? You be the judges! 20 As for us, we cannot help \_\_\_\_\_ about what we have seen and heard."

Acts 5:17-41

29 Peter and the other apostles replied: "We must obey \_\_\_\_\_ rather than human beings!

Acts 16:16- 40

37 But Paul said to the officers: "They beat us publicly without a trial, even though we are Roman citizens, and threw us into prison. And now do they want to get rid of us quietly? No! Let them come themselves and escort us out."

Acts 25:10 Paul answered: "I am now standing before Caesar's court, where I ought to be tried..... I appeal to Caesar!"

**How Do We Understand This?**

We are to show respect and honor to the king. This is true for those in authority in government and those in the Church.

We believe that the Bible teaches a \_\_\_\_\_ to address situations in which civil authorities force the Christian to choose between obeying God or man.

Is this a matter of imprudence or a matter of immorality?

Ask yourself, "Why don't I like this law? Is it \_\_\_\_\_? Or is it \_\_\_\_\_?"

Christians should utilize the \_\_\_\_\_ to protect their rights under the law.

As a \_\_\_\_\_, Christians should respectfully refuse to obey Caesar and instead obey God.

**How Can We Respond (Minister)?**

We will pray for \_\_\_\_\_.

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We will seek redress of \_\_\_\_\_ on behalf of the oppressed.

We will encourage and assist Christians as they suffer for their fidelity to Christ.

We will seek to find a \_\_\_\_\_ to conflicts where one must choose God or chose Caesar.