

Following the Message

1) vs 1 To be “*subject to rulers, to authorities*” means to voluntarily accept a position of **SUBMISSION** to the various forms of government.

2) vs 1 Our obligation does not rest on the Government being just, but solely on it being the **GOD-ORDAINED** means by which society is regulated.

3) vs 2 The meaning of “*for all men*” - broadens beyond the authorities, it includes all people. It is speaking of **EVERY HUMAN BEING**.

4) vs 2 The word “*consideration*” requires inner grace and the work of the Holy Spirit because it is the **ACTION** of **MEEKNESS**. This word means power under control.

5) vs 3 We have a strong motive for conforming our attitudes and actions; - **OUR OWN PAST**. What was true of us is a daily reminder of the condition of our unsaved neighbor/friend/relative

6) vs 4 Our salvation and transformation roots in a historical event, when “*the love of God-appeared*”. This looks back to the incarnation of Christ and two aspects of HIS nature: (1) **HIS "KINDNESS"** (2) **HIS "LOVE"**.

7) vs 5 Eliminates any thought of **SALVATION** due to **PERSONAL** merit.

8) vs 5 Is not speaking of the old nature altered, but a **NEW BIRTH** from above. The “Regeneration” is an **IMPARTATION** of a new life, a new creation.

9) The process of renewal is the specific work of the **HOLY SPIRIT**; it is what produces the new nature.

10) vs 7 We are “justified by His grace”, it is the reason we can be **CONFIDENT** heirs of eternity. To be **JUSTIFIED** means “to be pronounced as righteous”.

11) vs 7 Justification is the action by which GOD assigned our sins to JESUS, as a result, believers stand **ACQUITTED** before God.

Greek words used today

Matheteuo; to become a pupil; transitive to *disciple*, enroll as scholar:- be disciple, instruct, teach

Hupotasso “to rank under”

Amachous *peaceable*:- not a brawler-refusing to engage in quarrels

Prautes prah-oo'-tace *mildness*, (by implication) *humility*:- meekness

Anoetos an-o'-ay-tos [(a)-(noieo)]; *unintelligent*; by implication *sensual* :- unwise

Philanthropia -(fil-an-thro-pee'-ah)- compassion, eagerness to deliver someone from pain, trouble, or danger

Palingenesia (palin) and (genesis); (spiritual) *rebirth* - spiritual *renovation*

Dikaioo dik-ah-yo'-o -to *render* (regard as) *just* or *innocent* :- free

Thoughts to consider in the week ahead:

The best advocate of Christ to those outside the Kingdom is you-
YOU ARE THE FRAGRANCE OF CHRIST

Biblically grounded believers must remember:

- -remember; **responsibility to submit** to human authority
- -remember; **former condition** as unbelievers
- -remember; **w/out the grace of God**-still be lost
- -remember; the amazing **gift of salvation**
- -remember; cleansed in a **regeneration-renewed** by the Holy Spirit
- -remember; called to be **His witnesses** before the lost world

How can I live the principles of this message?

How might these issues be carried into my prayer life?
