

Romans 13 – Summary Thoughts

Table – Romans 13:1-14

- 1 *Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God.*
- 2 *Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation.*
- 3 *For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same:*
- 4 *For he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil.*
- 5 *Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake.*
- 6 *For for this cause pay ye tribute also: for they are God's ministers, attending continually upon this very thing.*
- 7 *Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour.*
- 8 *Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law.*
- 9 *For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.*
- 10 *Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.*
- 11 *And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed.*
- 12 *The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light.*
- 13 *Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying.*
- 14 *But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.*

Notes on Table – Romans 13:1-14

See Dr Ruckman's commentary *The Book of Romans* pp 508-532 and the *Ruckman Reference Bible* pp 1504-1505 for detailed comment.

1. Romans 13:1-5. Paul exhorts his readers as Peter does with respect to civil *obedience* because it pleases God, is in accordance with God's directive will and the dictates of conscience, is a rebuke to "unreasonable and wicked men" 2 Thessalonians 3:2 and does not – *or should not* – incur retribution from the authorities.

Peter exhorts his readers that "Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation. Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme; Or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of them that do well. For so is the will of God, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men...Honour all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king" 1 Peter 2:12-15, 17.

See attached studies "The Royal Law" James 2:8 and **British Police Badge Designs – Significance** that show how both HM authorities and HM subjects *should* honour Romans 13:1-5 and 1 Peter 2:12-15. See attached reports from The Christian Institute and Barnabas Fund on how HM authorities are *failing* to honour Romans 13:1-5 and 1 Peter 2:12-15. They will incur the wrath of the Offended Party.

"But he that doeth wrong shall receive for the wrong which he hath done: and there is no respect of persons" Colossians 3:25.

2. Romans 13:6-7. See point 1 "Fear God. Honour the king" 1 Peter 2:17 and note these "wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness" 1 Timothy 6:3 with respect to the due rendering of dues, tribute, custom, fear and honour. What follows is an excellent illustration of 1 Peter 2:15 "For so is the will of God, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men."

"And they asked him, saying, Master, we know that thou sayest and teachest rightly, neither acceptest thou the person of any, but teachest the way of God truly: Is it lawful for us to give tribute unto Caesar, or no? But he perceived their craftiness, and said unto them, Why tempt ye me? Shew me a penny. Whose image and superscription hath it? They answered and said, Caesar's. And he said unto them, Render therefore unto Caesar the things which be Caesar's, and unto God the things which be God's. And they could not take hold of his words before the people: and they marvelled at his answer, and held their peace" Luke 20:21-26.

3. Romans 13:8-10. Application of Romans 13:8-10 is again "for the Lord's sake" 1 Peter 2:13 and what follows is an excellent illustration of "But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves" James 1:22 for it is one thing to *know* the law and another to *abide by* and *fulfil* it.

"And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself" Luke 10:27 and context. Keep in mind for what follows point 1 with respect to the impending judgement of the Offended Party on this nation for manifold violations of "the royal law" James 2:8 as King David states "It is time for thee, LORD, to work: for they have made void thy law" Psalm 119:126. The persons respected e.g. by some local authorities are not bona-fide rulers but all too often persecutors of Christian believers and in turn far from neighbourly. See again reports by The Christian Institute and Barnabas Fund.

“If ye fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself, ye do well: But if ye have respect to persons, ye commit sin, and are convinced of the law as transgressors” James 2:8-9.

Today’s believer’s attitude to neighbours, not always straightforward to put into effect and with no guarantee of a soon outcome, should be as Paul summarises with respect to his over-arching aim in pleasing **“all men.”** Strive never to compromise effective witness by offence to anyone.

“Give none offence, neither to the Jews, nor to the Gentiles, nor to the church of God: Even as I please all men in all things, not seeking mine own profit, but the profit of many, that they may be saved” 1 Corinthians 10:32-33.

4. **Romans 13:11-14.** Paul is here exhorting the Romans and today’s believer to focus on the Lord’s Return with a view therefore to **“Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord”** Romans 6:11 and in turn reckoning self to be dead to that which displeases God **“Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth...Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry”** Colossians 3:2, 5 **“That ye would walk worthy of God, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory”** 1 Thessalonians 2:12 **“...for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ...So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God”** Romans 14:10, 12 in answer to the following six questions that impinge on neighbourhood support, Romans 13:10, **“speaking the truth in love”** Ephesians 4:15, speaking **“all truth”** by **“the Spirit of truth”** John 16:13 i.e. **“all the counsel of God”** Acts 20:27 not cleverly massaged selections of it, **“Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ”** Acts 20:21 and labouring to **“...grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption”** Ephesians 4:30. The six questions are:

“How hast thou helped him that is without power? how savest thou the arm that hath no strength? How hast thou counselled him that hath no wisdom? and how hast thou plentifully declared the thing as it is? To whom hast thou uttered words? and whose spirit came from thee?” Job 26:2-4 i.e. **“The Spirit of the LORD”** 2 Samuel 23:2 or **“a lying spirit”** 1 Kings 22:22, 23, 2 Chronicles 18:21, 22.

“The Spirit of the LORD” will exalt **“the book of the LORD”** Isaiah 34:16 against www.jesus-is-lord.com/pref1611.htm *self-conceited Brethren, who run their own ways, and give liking unto nothing, but what is framed by themselves, and hammered on their Anvil* by means of **“...the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive”** Ephesians 4:14.

“a lying spirit” will **“speak that which is good”** 1 Kings 22:13 and **“seek to please men”** Galatians 1:10 **“and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple”** Romans 16:18 into abandoning **“the book of the LORD”** Isaiah 34:16 for **“the wisdom of men”** 1 Corinthians 2:5 i.e. *self-conceited Brethren, who run their own ways, and give liking unto nothing, but what is framed by themselves, and hammered on their Anvil* e.g. ‘only the original is inspired,’ it isn’t, **“whale”** Matthew 12:40 should be **“great fish,”** it shouldn’t, **“Easter”** Acts 12:4 should be **“Passover,”** it shouldn’t, 1 John 5:7 **“For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one”** shouldn’t be in the Bible, it should and it is.

Paul’s prayer therefore, which should that for today’s believer for self and others is a match-mate for Romans 13:14. **“And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ”** 1 Thessalonians 5:23.

“The Royal Law” James 2:8



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The Queen Enthroned with “The Royal Law”

British Governance

British governance is embodied in the Coronation Oath¹. Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II undertook the Oath when she was crowned. David Gardner² explains the significance of the Oath.

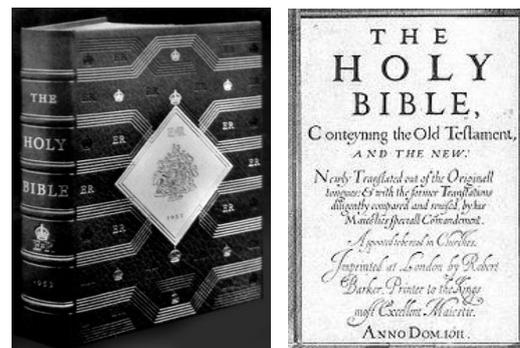
“When the Sovereign is crowned, he or she is required to place one hand on the open Bible, and is then required to take a solemn oath before Almighty God ‘to uphold to the utmost of my power, the Laws of God within the Realm, and the true profession of the Christian Gospel.’ Parliament, through its peers, pledges itself to support the sovereign in this. This is the British position constitutionally.”

It still is, as shown below, regardless of how much it has been violated in practice or by whom.

The Coronation Oath

The monarch-to-be is seated upon the Chair of Estate in Westminster Abbey. The Archbishop of Canterbury gives the Coronation Oath for the monarch’s enthronement. The Oath states in part:

Archbishop: *Will you to the utmost of your power maintain the Laws of God and the true profession of the Gospel? Will you to the utmost of your power maintain in the United Kingdom the Protestant Reformed Religion established by law? Will you maintain and preserve inviolably the settlement of the Church of England, and the doctrine, worship, discipline, and government thereof as by law established in England? And will you reserve unto the Bishops and Clergy of England, and to the Churches there committed to their charge, all such rights and privileges, as by law do or shall appertain to them of any of them?*



The Coronation Bible and Title Page

Queen: *“All this I promise to do.”*

The Oath is sealed with the King James Bible³, presented to the monarch. The presenter at Queen Elizabeth II’s Coronation was the Moderator of the Church of Scotland, with these words. *“Our gracious Queen: to keep your Majesty ever mindful of the Law and the Gospel of God as the Rule for the whole life and government of Christian Princes, we present you with this Book, the most valuable thing that this world affords. Here is Wisdom [Revelation 13:18]; This is the royal Law [James 2:8]; These are the lively Oracles of God [Acts 7:38, Romans 3:2, Hebrews 5:12, 1 Peter 4:11].”*

The King James Bible used for the Coronation contains the Apocrypha but the Apocrypha is *not* part of “the royal law.” See figure **The Coronation Bible and Title Page**.

“The Royal Law”

James 2:8 states ***“If ye fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself, ye do well:”*** ***“The royal law”*** and ***“the scripture”*** are each ***“the whole law”*** James 2:10 and the Coronation Oath is unequivocal that the King James Bible is ***“the royal law”*** for ***“the Rule for the whole life and government of”*** Her Majesty and her subjects. In turn, nothing is above the King James Bible ***“for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name”*** Psalm 138:2.

“The royal law” states in Numbers 15:16* with respect to Great Britain and the Old Dominions that:

“One law and one manner shall be for you, and for the stranger that sojourneth with you.”

*To Israel first but not rescinded for other nations by Paul, the author of specific Christian doctrine

Numbers 15:16 means that for governance of Britain’s inhabitants by ***“the royal law”*** the AV1611:

- Criticism of the ***“the royal law”*** the AV1611 is treason against God and the Crown.
- Hostility towards Israel and/or the Jewish people is treason against God and the Crown.
- Catholicism by its hatred of ***“the royal law”*** the AV1611 is treason against God and the Crown.
- Britain’s membership of the papal European Union is treason against God and the Crown.
- Entry of foreigners alien to ***“the royal law”*** the AV1611 is treason against God and the Crown.
- Mohammedanism and all non-Biblical religions are treason against God and the Crown.
- Secular belief systems e.g. Darwinism, Marxism etc. are treason against God and the Crown.
- ***“Whoremongers...them that defile themselves with mankind...menstealers...liars...perjured persons”*** 1 Timothy 1:10 ***“and all that do unrighteously, are an abomination unto the LORD thy God”*** Deuteronomy 25:16 and traitors to ***“the royal law”*** the AV1611, God and the Crown.

The Coronation Oath has been repeatedly violated since the Coronation and it still is. However, as Rev Gardner states, the Oath is ***“a solemn oath before Almighty God”*** so God the Offended Party must punish the violators.

God the Offended Party

Men in scripture are likened to trees. ***“And he looked up, and said, I see men as trees, walking”*** Mark 8:24.

God promises a judgement by fire in the End Times. ***“And I will send a fire on Magog, and among them that dwell carelessly in the isles: and they shall know that I am the LORD”*** Ezekiel 39:6.



The Fire of Jeremiah

“The isles” and ***“trees, walking”*** are easily identified.

Jeremiah 21:14 is therefore a grim warning for Britain.

“...I will punish you according to the fruit of your doings, saith the LORD: and I will kindle a fire in the forest thereof, and it shall devour all things round about...”

Proverbs 13:13 is a further warning, though with ***“mercy...against judgment”*** James 2:13: ***“Whoso despiseth the word shall be destroyed: but he that feareth the commandment shall be rewarded.”***

Britain *must* therefore regain her only firebreak ***“the royal law”*** the AV1611 to receive mercy when God’s End Times judgement by fire finally descends ***“that the whole nation perish not”*** John 11:50.



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British Police Badge Designs - Significance

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Introduction

British police badges show the British Crown at the top with an empty cross above the crown. This design is typical for UK police forces past and present. See figures above, *Ethics in Policing* www.ethicsinpolicing.com/countryDetails.asp?id=225 and *Crown and cross stay on police badge* news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/england/2193265.stm. The design therefore has great significance, with respect to both what it is *not* and what it is.

Significance – What the Police Badge Design is NOT

It is not this: en.wikipedia.org/wiki/LGBT_symbols#Lambda.



It is not this: en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Swastika.



It is not this: en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hammer_and_sickle.

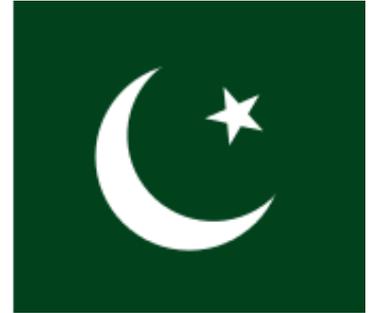


It is not this: en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Freemasonry.



It is not this: en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Flag_of_Pakistan.

Note that the last four emblems have one source. See: www.chick.com/reading/tracts/1077/1077_01.asp *Mama's Girls*.



It is not either of these:



en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Flag_of_Europe



en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Flag_of_the_United_Nations

Significance – What the Police Badge Design IS

The British police badge design shows that all aspects of upholding law and order in the realm of the British Crown are subject to Him for Whom the Cross is empty: “...**our Lord Jesus Christ...who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords**” 1 Timothy 6:14-15. However, the Lord Jesus Christ Himself has subjected Himself to “**the scripture of truth**” Daniel 10:21 “...**for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name**” Psalm 138:2.

The British Crown is itself therefore subject to “**the scripture of truth**” via The Coronation Oath. See *Royal Law – James 2:8* www.timefortruth.co.uk/why-av-only/. The Oath is sealed with a copy of the King James Bible presented to the monarch with these words, spoken at Queen Elizabeth II’s coronation by the Moderator of the Church of Scotland.

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For law and order and indeed governance for Britain and the Old Dominions, they still are.

“The counsel of the LORD standeth for ever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations” Psalm 33:11.

Gay attacks on religious people

Bishop of Chester

Bishop Peter Forster was investigated by Cheshire Constabulary after an interview in which he mentioned research showing that some homosexuals 're-orientate' through therapy. A gay rights activist had made a complaint and the Lesbian and Gay Christian Movement supported it. The police eventually concluded no crime had been committed. The Chief Constable made an astonishing public attack on the Bishop, even suggesting his remarks could lead to violence.

The Chester Chronicle, 7 November 2003; *The Daily Telegraph*, 10 and 11 November 2003; *The Independent*, 10 November 2003; *The Times*, 11 November 2003; <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/england/merseyside/3257623.stm> as at 6 April 2006

Lynette Burrows

Mrs Burrows, author and family values campaigner, took part in a radio phone-in where she disagreed with placing children for adoption with homosexuals. An offended gay rights activist complained to the police. The following day a police officer telephoned Mrs Burrows to take issue with her 'homophobic' views.

The Daily Telegraph, 10 December 2005; *The Sunday Times*, 18 December 2005; *Daily Mail*, 12 December 2006

Joe & Helen Roberts

A retired Christian couple were subjected to an 80-minute interrogation by police after they complained to their local council about its gay rights policies. No criminal offence was committed and yet the police and the council refuse to apologise for their actions. The Roberts are taking legal action.

Daily Mail, 23 December 2005



Ake Green

A Swedish pastor was charged with inciting hatred against homosexuals after a sermon urging Christians to show homosexuals "deep respect" and offer them the "grace of Jesus Christ". He called sexual immorality, including homosexuality, a "cancerous growth" in society. He was convicted and sentenced to one month in jail. The Swedish Supreme Court acquitted him on appeal.

<http://www.cbn.com/CBNNews/News/040907aa.asp> as at 6 April 2006; http://www.sweden.se/templates/cs/NewsML_12744.aspx?newsid=1163 as at 6 April 2006; *Office of the Prosecutor-General v. Green*, Case No. B 1050-05, Supreme Court of Sweden, 29 November 2005



Western Isles Council

Christian registrars in the Western Isles of Scotland refused to carry out marriage-style ceremonies alongside the registration of homosexual 'civil partnerships'. The Council backed their decision and, as a result, received hate-mail from around the world, including a call for councillors to be "hanged from the nearest tree".

The Scotsman, 20 and 21 December 2005; *The Daily Telegraph* (Scottish edition), 21 December 2005

Harry Hammond

An elderly street preacher was assaulted by gay rights activists and then arrested for holding a placard saying, "Stop Immorality. Stop homosexuality. Jesus is Lord". At his trial he was convicted and fined £300 plus £395 costs. He died shortly afterwards. A posthumous appeal was unsuccessful.

The Mail on Sunday, 28 April 2002; *The Mail on Sunday*, 5 May 2002; *Hammond v DPP* [2004] EWHC 69 (Admin)

Violence at Parliament

In 1998 when the Lords voted against reducing the homosexual age of consent, gay rights activists outside Parliament became violent. Protesters scuffled with police and jumped barricades in a bid to get inside and confront Peers. Some, including former Archbishop Donald Coggan, were insulted, jostled and threatened. Christian campaigner, Baroness Young, had to be protected by police.

Outrage!, Press release, *House of Lords Besieged by Gay Rights Protesters*, 26 July 1998 and *Daily Mail*, 23 July 1998

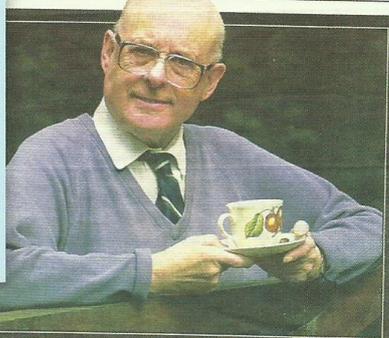
Desecration of a church

Gay rights group Stonewall held a meeting in Newcastle upon Tyne at which an audience-member called for volunteers to take action against Jesmond Parish Church. A few nights later the 19th Century church was daubed with gay rights slogans, obscenities, pornographic drawings and personal attacks on the vicar.

The Journal, 23 October 1999; *Evening Chronicle*, 23 October 1999; *The Daily Telegraph*, 23 October 1999



The Mail on Sunday May 26, 2002



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Editorial: British convert to Christ hospitalised after being brutally beaten outside his home

**Dr Patrick Sookhdeo,
International Director
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Nissar Hussain, a British man of Pakistani descent who converted from Islam to Christianity, was brutally beaten outside his home in Bradford on Tuesday (17 November) and left with multiple fractures and severe bruising.



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CCTV footage of people throwing firework rocket and eggs at Mr Hussain's house

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