



**Riverstone**  
BAPTIST CHURCH

## Sermon Based Questions

Date- Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2019  
Series- Greatest Letter ever Written Pt 13

### **Authority, love and the coming salvation!**

*Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. (Romans 13:1-2)*

#### **1. Honour those in authority. Romans 13:1-7**

- The authority of the state. Rom. 13:1-4.
- The ministry of the state. Rom. 13:5-7.

#### **2. Love fulfills the law. Romans 13:8-10**

#### **3. How the believer is to behave- given the time. Romans 13:11-14**

### **A. Examining the texts.**

1. Read Romans 13:1-7. What does Paul say about “the authorities,” in this section of the scriptures?
2. Read Romans 13:8-10. What does Paul say about love here? How does he connect this with what he said about the authorities earlier?
3. Romans 13:11-14. Why are the believers to “behave,” because of the hour is near? What does Paul ask them to do and why is now the time to do it?
4. What do you think it means to clothe one-self with Jesus Christ? (vs 14)

### **B. Meditation & application**

5. How do we reconcile Paul’s admonition to honour the state as those appointed by God, and his own “run ins,” with the state and his constant imprisonment? When do you think it is ok to defy the states authority- and when is it not?
6. What do you think it means to have a debt of love that remains outstanding? What does it look like to continue on in that debt of love and what are some practical and specific ways can we continue to act as though that debt is outstanding?
7. Paul seems to think that the end of things should impact here and now- how does he express this? Some 2000 years on from when these words were penned- how do maintain the urgency that Paul seems to be advocating- given the hour?
8. How does what you believe about the afterlife / the coming of Christ affect your behavior presently? What would it mean for you to have a vision of life that is shaped by your view of ultimate things?

Dear heavenly Father, We praise you for the order that you have established through governments and those in power throughout the world. Help us to pray for those in authority and honor them. Help us also to be marked by love and to live in light of ultimate things. In Jesus Name- Amen.