

## **“BIBLICALLY, WHEN CAN YOU DISOBEY YOUR GOVERNMENT?” (Part 3)**

### **VII. GOD’S RIGHTEOUSNESS REVEALED THRU THE CHURCH (12:1-16:23)**

#### **A. The Christian’s Responsibility to Obey Governing Authorities (13:1-7)**

1. Civil governments have been invested by God with the \_\_\_\_\_ to rule the state, and as Christians, we are to \_\_\_\_\_. (Rom. 13:1-7; 1 Peter 2:11-17)
2. As believers we are to always obey human government, \_\_\_\_\_ when government over-reaches, and \_\_\_\_\_ us to do what God commands or even \_\_\_\_\_ us to do what God forbids.

#### **B. You are to obey God rather than man when government officials pass laws that restrict you as a believer to worship the Lord according to the Scriptures. (Daniel 6:1-24)**

1. In their scheming, the governing officials had already drafted documents that would force Daniel to either \_\_\_\_\_ his biblical principles or \_\_\_\_\_ himself in breaking the law. (vv. 5-9)
2. With full knowledge that this “no prayer” mandate had been made law by Darius, and that there was a death penalty attached to it, Daniel \_\_\_\_\_ to obey the \_\_\_\_\_; he prayed openly. (v. 10)
3. The charges were immediately brought before Darius, and oddly enough it was the \_\_\_\_\_ who tried to have Daniel acquitted; but he was unsuccessful, and Daniel was \_\_\_\_\_ to death. (vv. 11-15)
4. In this case, the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ the death sentence and \_\_\_\_\_ it on the guilty. (vv. 16-24)

**C. You are to obey God rather than man even when officials in power threaten you to not teach in the name of Jesus Christ. (Acts 4:1-31)**

1. Peter and John had \_\_\_\_\_ a lame man in the temple and then proceeded to preach in the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ to this huge public gathering. (Acts 3:1-16)
  
2. The religious authorities had Peter and John \_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 4:1-7), and the next day Peter was asked to give his verbal \_\_\_\_\_. (vv. 8-12)
  
3. The governing authorities reasoned privately that they could not deny the miracle, but they concluded that they would \_\_\_\_\_ them to no longer teach in the name of Jesus. (vv. 13-18)
  
4. Peter and John \_\_\_\_\_ told the authorities up front that they had \_\_\_\_\_ of obeying them, instead they were \_\_\_\_\_ to preach what they had "*seen and heard*" regarding Christ. (vv. 19-22)
  
5. The apostles did \_\_\_\_\_ pray for deliverance from the persecution, but for \_\_\_\_\_ in the face of it. (vv. 29-31)

\* Are you praying for deliverance or for boldness and power to face the storm?