CLOTHE YOURSELVES WITH THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

**Romans 13:1-14**

**Key Verse 13:14**

*“Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh.”*

1. Read verses 1-2. What should be the Christian's attitude toward the governing authorities under which he lives (1Ti 2:1-2; Titus 3:1; 1Pe 2:13-14)? Why? Are there limits to obedience to the authorities (Ac 5:29)?
2. Read verses 3-5. Who are the ones who are fearful of rulers? How can we be free of such fear? Why did God institute the governing authorities? What are the two reasons Paul gives for submitting to the authorities (5)?
3. Read verses 6-7. Why should Christians pay taxes? What other responsibilities do we have toward those in authority? What guidance do verses 1-7 give to Christians living under totalitarian regimes? What was Jesus’ example (Mt 22:21)?
4. Read verses 8-10. What is the one outstanding debt which Christians should permit? Why? Why pay off the others? How does loving one's fellowman fulfill the Law? In what respect is this obligation to love others a part of our spiritual battles? How can we win the spiritual victory over the battle and please God?
5. Read verses 11-14. What must we understand about the present time? What does it mean that the night is nearly over and the day is almost here? What must we do (12b-13)? What are the deeds of darkness? Why must we put on the armor of light (Eph 6:10-18)?
6. How does this passage reflect Jesus’ own life? How can we clothe ourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ?