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THE LORD'S DAY
November 23, 2014 8:30 & 10:15 AM

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Organ Prelude Carol Dammann
Piano Wendy Baldwin
Announcements Ron Mock

MEDITATION

Romans 13 (on opposite page)

Psalm 47

Scripture

Prayer

Hymns 815, 793 "Doxology" "For the Beauty of the Earth"

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn 790

"We Gather Together"

Message

I CANNOT TELL A LIE Deuteronomy 5:20

James 3:1-10

Pastor Cal VanderMey

Hymn 794

"Let All Things Now Living"

Benediction

THE MINISTRY OF MISSION

For the glory of God, Bible Fellowship Center is committed to spreading the Good News of salvation, equipping the believers, that they might become more Christ-like, worship God and enjoy Him forever.

WESTMINSTER CATECHISM

Question 34: What is sanctification?

Answer: Sanctification is the work of God's free grace, whereby we are renewed in the whole man after the image of God, and are enabled more and more to die unto sin, and live unto righteousness.

Scripture: 2 Thessalonians 2:13; Ephesians 4:23-24

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS—Happy 10 Years!!!

Youth Group Monday 6:30-8pm. Ages 8 and up

Adult Prayer Meeting and Bible study Tuesday at 6:30pm- Ernie Beck

Precept study Tuesday at 6:30pm - Wendy Baldwin

Wednesday Bible study at 9:30am with Jim O'Rourke

No Precept study Thursday at 9:15am - Margaret Was

Adult Bible study Friday at 7pm - John Woodell leading

Thanks for joining us at the BFC this morning!

Sunday messages are available on CD or e-mail. See Bill Schultz

Thanksgiving Eve Service Wednesday Nov. 26 at 6:30pm

Men's Breakfast Saturday November 29 at 10am

Overview of Romans Chapter 13

The subject of this chapter is clearly indicated in the first verse: "Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities." There seems to be no question that the subject is the Christian and his relation to the state.

The church at that time was undoubtedly made up to a large extent of Jewish members, and the Jews had a peculiar feeling when it came to bending the knee to a Gentile ruler. The Pharisees declared it was wrong to acknowledge a Gentile ruler; the Herodians, being politicians, thought the best policy was to acknowledge Caesar and Herod. The same question was in the minds of early church members.

An instance of the attitude of the Roman government toward the Jews appears in Acts 18:2 where it says that Claudius commanded all the Jews to depart from Rome. Most likely this was centered on the fact that the Jews had a negative attitude toward the Roman government.

Since the church was at that time mainly Jewish believers, there would have been an emphasis on Jesus Christ as King of kings and Lord of lords. In Acts 17, there is the accusation by the Romans that Christians were saying that there is another king—Jesus. Interestingly, during the colonial break with England, American patriots proclaimed: "NO KING BUT JESUS."

Many in Paul's day had great difficulty in reconciling the doctrine of the kingship of Jesus with the Gentile rule on earth. Therefore this chapter is essential to keep the church from being marginalized as an anti-Roman faction.

