

BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CENTER
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THE LORD'S DAY
December 7, 2014 8:30 & 10:15 AM

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Organ Prelude Carol Dammann
Piano Wendy Baldwin
Announcements Ron Mock

MEDITATION

Romans 13:1-2 (on opposite page)

Psalm 111

Scripture

Prayer

Lighting of 2nd candle to signify the city of Christ's birth Micah 5:2

Hymn 277 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

Pastoral Prayer Pastor Cal VanderMey

Hymn 261 "Away in a Manger"

Message "JESUS' HANUKKAH SERMON" John 10:22-33
Dr. Michael Heuer

Hymn 284 "The Birthday of a King"

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 37: What benefits do believers receive from Christ at death?

Answer: The souls of believers are at their death made perfect in holiness, and do immediately pass into glory; and their bodies, being still united to Christ, do rest in their graves till the resurrection.

Scripture: Hebrews 12:23; 2 Corinthians 5:1-8

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

No Precept study Tuesday at 6:30pm - Wendy Baldwin

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

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

We welcome Dr. Michael Heuer to our pulpit this morning

Choir practice will begin in Dec. Start warming up your voices!

Ladies Christmas luncheon is on Dec. 13th at 12:30pm.

Christmas Caroling Monday Dec. 15th bus leaves 6pm sharp!

Christmas Eve Candlelight and Carol service at 6pm.

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. ² Consequently, whoever rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves.

As far as subjection to the state is concerned, everyone—literally every soul—is to be subject to the higher authorities. While in chapter 12 our relation to God was through "spiritual service," in chapter 13 it is through a different sphere—service to this world.

Just as Daniel taught in the Old Testament, so also Paul reminds us that there is no power on earth that is not established by God. Daniel taught that God establishes kings and He dethrones kings. God gives the power to whomever He wills.

Jesus standing before Pilate affirmed this truth. Pilate in anger told Jesus: "I have power . . . to release you." Jesus reminded Pilate that he had no authority except that which was given to him from God.

Thus Paul draws the conclusion that opposition to government is opposition to God. A judgment awaits those who rebel against the authority that God has ordained. God calls us to account and we know that we must all stand before the judgment seat of Christ and give an account. God will take a Christian to task if he rebels against the authorities. While we are not to rebel, Paul says nothing about a person trying to improve a form of government—and in democracies that means a ballot box.