

Many Members ONE BODY



CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP

Romans 13:1-7

We welcome you to Concord on this hot summer day with the expectation that God will speak to our hearts as we open His Word. We meet together after a very good week of Vacation Bible School.

God blessed. Workers worked. Children came in great numbers. Many children came to Jesus for salvation and growth. I am so thankful for Chris Thomson and a wonderful team of workers.

This morning we are dealing with a passage of scripture that is not always convenient. Romans 13:1-7 lays out how Christians should conduct themselves as it relates to citizenship in earthly society. It goes beyond griping and complaining. It encompasses submission to authority and paying taxes. We are going to take a little journey through history as we point out three things from this text.

- I. _____ in Society. (13:1, 2)
- II. _____ in Society. (13:3-5)
- III. _____ in Society. (13:6, 7)

The First Amendment in our US Constitution promises us freedom to practice our faith without the interference of Congress or the law. This amendment is first in its placement in the Bill of Rights and first in its priority. Thank God for this right. May we honor our Heavenly Father as we conduct ourselves as good citizens of heaven while living here on earth.

We are thankful for Dr. John Francis from Hannibal-LaGrange University who is out guest worship leader this morning. John was a great help to us in our most recent Festival of Light and previously was the Worship Team Leader for the Missouri Baptist Convention. Thank you, John, for helping us today.

Your Servant in Christ,
Bro. Monte