

A Nation in Peril (#12)
[Christians in a Client Nation]

Every Church Age Believer (CAB) is a citizen of at least two countries: national and heavenly – “For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.” (Phil.3:20)

What are some of the responsibilities that the CAB has as a citizen of a client nation?

Paul and Peter taught on this subject. Paul taught about it in (Rom.13:1-7; 1 Tim.2:1-7 and Titus 3:1-8) and Peter taught about in (1 Pet.2:12-17; and Acts 4:17-21)

This lesson will study these five passages and will underscore 26 responsibilities that every CAB has as a citizen of client nation..

1. We will begin with five responsibilities listed (Rom.13:1-7).

Note these five terms for governing authorities: rulers; a minister; an avenger, a ruler and a public servant

Note the phrase, “ordinance of God” (te diatage tou Theos) in (Rom.13:2)

(Rom.13:1, 5) “Let every person be in subjection (hupotasso / p.m.impv.3ms) to the governing authorities”.

(Rom.13:2) “He who resists (ho antitasso / p.m.ptc.) or opposed (anthistemi / perf.a.ind.) will receive condemnation”

(Rom.13:3) “Do (poieo / p.a.impv) what is good”. (agathos)

(Rom.13:4) “He who does evil brings wrath”.

Pay taxes (teleo / p.a.impv / phoros) (Luke 20:20-26; 23:1-2) and render (apodidomi / a.a.impv) taxes, customs (telos) (Matt.17:24-27), fear, honor (Rom.13:6-7)

(Rom.13:5) “Therefore it is necessary to be in subjection, not only because of wrath, but also for conscience’ sake.”

2. Paul mentioned four responsibilities and why they are important in (1 Tim.2:1-7).

(1 Tim.2:1-2a) “First of all, then, I urge that entreaties, prayers, petitions, and thanksgivings, be made (poieo/ p.m.infin) for all men, for kings and all who are in authority” **WHY?**

(1 Tim.2:2b-7).”This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved”

“Live for the Lord without compromise even when compromise is the norm and standard of A Nation in Peril.

3. Paul mentions seven responsibilities in (Titus 3:1-8) (Five present infinitives. markers).

(Titus 3:1-2) “Remind them to be subject (**hupotasso / p.m.infin**) to rulers and to authorities, to be obedient (**peitharcho / p.a.infin**), to be (**eimi / p.a.infin**) ready for every good deed, to malign (**blasphemo / p.a.infin**) no one, to be (**eimi / p.a.infin**) uncontentious, gentle, showing every consideration for all men”.
[Grammatical markers]

Note: There are seven characteristics of Old Man Cosmos Diabolicus (OMCD) system of thinking (Titus 3:3).

Note: The spiritual solution is given in one Greek sentence in (Titus 3:4-7): God’s kindness, love, mercy, and grace).

God designed the spiritual solution to correct cultural, ethnical, religion, parental, peer, and educational cosmos diabolicus thinking. We are converted out of the OMCD system to New Man Divine Viewpoint thinking. (1 John 5:19; 2 Cor.4:4; Acts 26:18; Rom.12:2; Eph.4:22-24).

(Titus 3:8) “Those who have believed God may be careful to engage in good deeds. These things are good and profitable for all men.”

4. Peter mentioned eight responsibilities in (1 Pet.2:12-21).

Keep your behavior excellent among the Gentiles (1 Pet.2:12)

Submit yourselves for the lord’s sake to every institution, whether to a king or governors (1 Pet.2:13-15)

Act as free (eleutheros) men (1 Pet.2:16a). **Evil policies forced upon CABs by legislation (law) attacks the divine institution of freedom whether by the client nation or by religion. It is a big clue to a Nation in Peril.**

Do not use your freedom as a covering for evil, but use it as bondslaves of God (1 Pet.2:16b)

Honor all people (1 Pet.2:17a)

Love the brotherhood (1 Pet.2:17b)

Fear God (1 Pet.2:17c)

Honor the king (1 Pet.2:17d)

5. Peter taught two responsibilities in (Acts 4:17-21) and (John 11:47-51).

Whether it is right in the sight of God to give heed to you rather than to God, you be the judge (Acts 4:19b)

For we cannot stop speaking about what we have seen and heard (Acts 4:20)

The persecuting of the early church by putting to death Jesus Christ, John Baptist, James, and Stephen brought divine discipline upon the client nations and religion, but did not stop the spreading of the gospel.

Read the book “This is the Verdict” of John 3:19-21.