

# ROMANS

Government  
Function -  
13:1-5

Colosseum





**Roman  
Forum**



**PROVISION**  
Of God's Righteousness

1-8



**VINDICATION**  
Of God's Righteousness

9-11



**APPLICATION**  
Of God's Righteousness

12:1-  
15:13



**God**  
12:1-2

**Church**  
12:3-21

**Society**  
13

**C. Liberty**  
14:1-15:13

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        - 1) Response of Submission 13:1**

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# SUBMISSION

1. Term - ὑποτάσσω (hupotasso)
2. Meaning - military term  
to line up under, to rank one under  
to submit to authority
3. Begins with Submission to God
4. Includes attitude of heart
5. At heart of Christian life

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# **DELEGATED**

**1. Sovereign over Creation - Gen 1:28**

**2. Divine Institutions**

**a. Views - social structures**

**Secular - arbitrary conv.**

**Biblical - Divine institutions**

**b. Foundations of Culture**

**marriage, family, masters,  
church, government**

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# **SUBMISSION BASIS**

- 1. Sovereignty in OT - Dan 2:21, 37, 4:17, Ps 2:2-4, Jer 29:4-7**
- 2. Jesus - Lk 2:51, Jn 19:11**
- 3. Sovereignty in NT -  
Stephen (Ac 7), Apostles**

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        - 3) Reasons for Submission 13:2**

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3. Resist - ἀντιτάσσω (antitasso)  
to resist, to oppose



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## **1. Restraining of Evil**

**OT Punishment - Ex 21:22, 33-34**

**teach right/wrong**

**restrained evil**

**to deter crime**

**rehabilitation**

**to prevent vengeance**

# PRISONS

- 1. Not in Israel**
- 2. Egypt - Joseph (Gen 39:20-23)**
- 3. Philistines - Samson (Jdg 16:21)**
- 4. Assyria - Hoshea (2Kg 17:4)**
- 5. Babylon - Jehoiachin (2Kg 25:27)**
- 6. Romans - John, Peter, Paul & Silas**

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**12:7, service, deacons**

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**sword = μάχαιρα (machaira)**

**Instrument of execution**

**Capital punishment -**

**Deut 21:18-21**

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A sunset over the Sea of Galilee. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a golden glow across the sky and water. In the foreground, a curved fishing net is visible. In the middle ground, a pier with several vertical posts and a truss bridge structure extends into the water. The background shows a hazy horizon line.

Sea of Galilee

**Teach children the  
importance of  
submitting to  
AUTHORITY!!!**