

# MESSAGE

Occasion : Sunday Morning Service  
Theme : Being Enriched in All Gifts According to His Grace  
Venue : Lighthouse BBC Tatalon  
Date : May 5, 2019

**TITLE : OUR CIVIL RESPONSIBILITIES AS PEOPLE OF GOD**  
Text/s :

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Bible Reading :

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3 For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour;

4 Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.

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Jer 29:7

7 And seek the peace of the city whither I have caused you to be carried away captives, and pray unto the Lord for it: for in the peace thereof shall ye have peace.

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## INTRODUCTION

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2 Peter 1:3-9

3 According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, **through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:**

**4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.**

5 And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge;

6 And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness;

7 And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.

8 For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

9 But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins.

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1 Peter 2:9-10

9 But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

10 Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.

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Heb 12:14-15

14 Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:

15 Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled;

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Gen 18:23-33

23 And Abraham drew near, and said, Wilt thou also destroy the righteous with the wicked?

24 Peradventure there be fifty righteous within the city: wilt thou also destroy and not spare the place for the fifty righteous that are therein?

25 That be far from thee to do after this manner, to slay the righteous with the wicked: and that the righteous should be as the wicked, that be far from thee: Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?

26 And the Lord said, If I find in Sodom fifty righteous within the city, then I will spare all the place for their sakes.  
27 And Abraham answered and said, Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak unto the Lord, which am but dust and ashes:  
28 Peradventure there shall lack five of the fifty righteous: wilt thou destroy all the city for lack of five? And he said, If I find there forty and five, I will not destroy it.  
29 And he spake unto him yet again, and said, Peradventure there shall be forty found there. And he said, I will not do it for forty's sake.  
30 And he said unto him, Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak: Peradventure there shall thirty be found there. And he said, I will not do it, if I find thirty there.  
31 And he said, Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak unto the Lord: Peradventure there shall be twenty found there. And he said, I will not destroy it for twenty's sake.  
32 And he said, Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak yet but this once: Peradventure ten shall be found there. And he said, I will not destroy it for ten's sake.  
33 And the Lord went his way, as soon as he had left communing with Abraham: and Abraham returned unto his place.  
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## BODY

What does the Word of God teach in regards our civil responsibilities are His people?

### 1) Be prayerful.

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### 2) Be in submission to authority.

Rom 13:1-5

1 **Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers.** For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God.

2 Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation.

3 For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same:

4 For he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil.

5 **Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake.**

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### 3) Be lawful. Give what is due.

1 Peter 2:13-17

13 **Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake:** whether it be to the king, as supreme;

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Rom 13:6-7

6 For for this cause **pay ye tribute also**: for they are God's ministers, attending continually upon this very thing.

7 **Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour.**

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Matt 22:21

21 They say unto him, Caesar's. Then saith he unto them, **Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's.**

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**4) Be ready to contribute whatever may be beneficial to society.**

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**5) Be respectful.**

1 Peter 2:17

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1 Tim 6:1

6 Let as many servants as are under the yoke count their own masters worthy of all honour, that the name of God and his doctrine be not blasphemed.

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1 Peter 5:5

5 Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.

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**6) Be detached from those who have nothing but presumptuous attitude and rebellion in their hearts.**

2 Peter 2:9-11

9 The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished:

10 But chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness, and **despise government.**

**Presumptuous are they, selfwilled, they are not afraid to speak evil of dignities.**

11 Whereas angels, which are greater in power and might, bring not railing accusation against them before the Lord.

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Jude 8

8 Likewise also these filthy dreamers defile the flesh, **despise dominion, and speak evil of dignities.**

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Prov 24:21

21 My son, fear thou the Lord and the king: and meddle not with them that are given to change:

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Do not associate with those given to change;

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And who knows the ruin those two can bring?

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Prov 24:21-22

21 My son, [reverently] fear the Lord and the king, and do not associate with those who are given to change [of allegiance, and are revolutionary],

22 For their calamity shall rise suddenly, and who knows the punishment and ruin which both [the Lord and the king] will bring upon [the rebellious]?

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Prov 17:11

11 An evil man seeketh only rebellion: therefore a cruel messenger shall be sent against him.

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## 7) Be earning praise by virtuous conduct becoming of God's peculiar people

Rom 13:3

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Phil 4:8-9

8 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

9 Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.

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Col 4:5

5 **Walk in wisdom toward them that are without,** redeeming the time.

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1 Thess 4:11-12

11 And that ye study to be quiet, and to do your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you;

12 That ye may **walk honestly toward them that are without,** and that ye may have lack of nothing.

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1 Tim 3:7

7 Moreover he must **have a good report of them which are without**; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.

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Prov 24:23-25

23 These things also belong to the wise. It is not good to have respect of persons in judgment.

24 He that saith unto the wicked, Thou art righteous; him shall the people curse, nations shall abhor him:

25 But to them that rebuke him shall be delight, and a good blessing shall come upon them.

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Titus 2:7-8

7 In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine shewing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity,  
8 **Sound speech, that cannot be condemned**; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you.

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1 Peter 2:11-17

11 Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul;

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1 Cor 5:9-11

9 I wrote unto you in an epistle not to company with fornicators:

10 Yet not altogether with the fornicators of this world, or with the covetous, or extortioners, or with idolaters; for then must ye needs go out of the world.

11 But now I have written unto you not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one no not to eat.

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Matt 5:14-16

14 Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.

15 Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.

16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

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## CONCLUSION