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#### Welcome To Trinity Church

If you are looking for a place to investigate what Christianity is all about or grow in your faith then Trinity is the place for you! Please explore this website and find all the things we offer.

Please join us for worship this Sunday at 11:00 am. You will find a friendly place



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Psalm 22:28

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For everything was created by him, in heaven and on earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities all things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, and by him all things hold together. Colossians 1:16-17

# Government is established by God for our good

So, Pilate said to him, "Do you refuse to speak to me? Don't you know that I have the authority to release you and the authority to crucify you?" John "You would have no authority over me at all," Jesus answered him, "if it hadn't been given you from above. John 19:10-11

Let everyone submit to the governing authorities, since there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are instituted by God. So then, the one who resists the authority is opposing God's command, and those who oppose it will bring judgment on themselves. For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad.

Do you want to be unafraid of the authority? Do what is good, and you will have its approval. For it is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, because it does not carry the sword for no reason. For it is God's servant, an avenger that brings wrath on the one who does wrong.

Therefore, you must submit, not only because of wrath but also because of your conscience. And for this reason, you pay taxes, since the authorities are God's servants, continually attending to these tasks. Pay your obligations to everyone: taxes to those you owe taxes, tolls to those you owe tolls, respect to those you owe respect, and honor to those you owe honor.

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### Government is supposed to be limited

The responsibility of government is to maintain a safe, just, and righteous environment for freedom to flourish.

The purpose of our Federal Government, is to "establish Justice, ensure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our posterity."

The Preamble of the Constitution

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"Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human institution; whether to a king or one in authority, or to governors as sent by him for the <u>punishment of evildoers</u> and the praise of those who do right."

1 Peter 2:13-14

First of all, then, I urge that petitions, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all those who are in authority, so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity.

1 Timothy 2:1-2

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- 3. Honor and respect others

...respect to those you owe respect, and honor to those you owe honor.

Do not owe anyone anything, except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.

Romans 13:7-8

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1 Timothy 2:1-4