

**Romans: Righteousness Revealed**  
**“A Christ Centered Approach To Citizenship”**  
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**Romans 12:21** says, “Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.”

\*What do you think Paul means by that?

1. All **AUTHORITY** is **ESTABLISHED** by God!  
(vs 1-5; Judges 17:6, Proverbs 14:12, 21:25;  
1 Peter 2:13-15)

\*Just because you don't like it or don't agree with it, does not make it **CEASE** to be God's **ORDAINED** authority over you.

\*There is a **RIGHT** and **WRONG**... a **STANDARD** for life and function set in place by God.

2. **OBEDIENCE** isn't a **CHOICE**...It's the right thing to do!  
(vs 5-10; Leviticus 19:18; Matthew 7:12)

\*God didn't say this would be **EASY** or even **SEEM FAIR**, but it is the right thing to do!

\*Paul is reminding us that **LOVE** for our fellowman is fulfillment of the law.

**So, what is love?!** (1 John 4:7-12)

\*In order to know **HOW** to love, we must first know where love **COMES** from. (vs 7-8)

\*Love is what Jesus did on the **CROSS**. (vs 9)

\*Jesus chose to die, it was a **DECISION** of His own free will, and we reap the **BENEFIT** of that loving sacrifice.

\*God shows us what real love is by taking the **FIRST** step. (vs 10)

\*If we would **ACCEPT** His free gift of salvation, we can find real **LOVE** & real **LIFE**. (Ephesians 2:4; John 3:16; 1 John 3:16a)

**Opportunity Challenge:**

What about the resurrection is hardest for me to accept?

What steps do I need to take this week to find the truth?