Christian's Responsibility to Government
2 Pet. 2:10

Introduction:
A. Government is fundamental to civilized life.
   1. Govern - To control; guide; direct. - To rule by exercise of sovereign authority - To regulate or
determine. - To restrain - To decide; determine.
   2. Needed at all levels of society.
B. Let’s notice our responsibilities as dual citizens - in kingdom of God and kingdoms of men.

Discussion:
I. Our Responsibilities As Citizens Of The Kingdom Of God.
A. To behave as citizens of heaven. (Phil. 3:20; 1 Pet. 2:11).
B. To honor all authority in the kingdom.
   2. The authority of the apostles. (2 Cor. 10:8; 13:10).
   3. The authority of the preached word. (Tit. 2:15)
   4. The authority God-ordained elders. (1 Cor. 12:28; 1 Tim. 5:17-20; Heb. 13:27,24)
C. To respect the non-political nature of the kingdom of God. (John 18:36)

II. Our Responsibilities As Citizens Of The Kingdoms Of Men.
A. To recognize them as ordained of God. (Rom. 13:1,2).
B. To recognize them as servants of God. (Rom. 13:4).
   1. Serving under the "King of kings and Lord of lords." (1 Tim. 6:15; Rev. 17:14).
      a. “King of kings” was applied to heads of empires - kings over other kings (Ezra 7:12; Dan.
          2:37,38)
   3. Even ungodly governments are servants of God. (John 19:10,11; Isa. 10:5-7)
D. To pay taxes, customs, etc. to them. (Rom. 13:7; Matt. 22:21)
E. To pray for them. (1 Tim. 2:1,2).
F. We may exercise rights given by them. (Acts 16:27,38; 25:11)

Conclusion:
A. Christians respect the government of God through Christ.
B. Christians respects all government ordained of God.