

# Campus Community Church-AIU

## Ranked under (Romans 13:1)

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### Submitting Oneself

Romans 13:1 *“Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God”* ESV. To be submissive is an idea that is viewed as weak and non-admirable everywhere. I imagine that



Paul’s audience, the believers in Rome must have struggled with the idea since in that time Emperors were so evil and

abusive. Was Paul asking the believers to suffer abuse voiceless? No!

#### No.... except from God

The first reason Paul made a plea for the Romans to be subject is because there is no authority except from God.

**What does it mean to say “there is no authority except from God?”** It means that God is the sovereign cause of all authority therefore, without him authorities would not exist. There is a caution for everyone who is in authority here; no one is a leader because of their own effort, skill or any abilities. God sovereignly ordained it before the actual time.

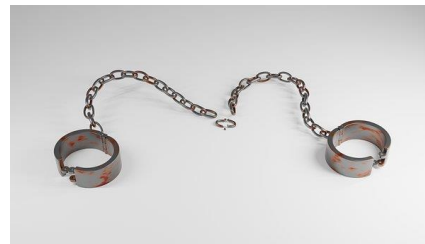
*.... And those that exist have been instituted by God.*

By saying “*those*” Paul could be referring to something that believers in Rome knew, he use what they already know to demonstrate the point he made earlier on.

#### Been Instituted by God

God is the one responsible for creating authority; he set it up, inaugurated it and launched it.

The consequences of resisting authority cannot be ignored as Paul says “..... *Those who resist will incur judgement*” (vs2).



In verse 5 Paul says “*therefore one must be in subjection not only to avoid God’s wrath but also for the sake of Conscience*”.

To resist authority is to expect God’s wrath but also the condemnation of an internal witness to moral obligation based on intuition or self-assessment.

To subject oneself to authorities is **liberty from God’s wrath and self – condemnation.**