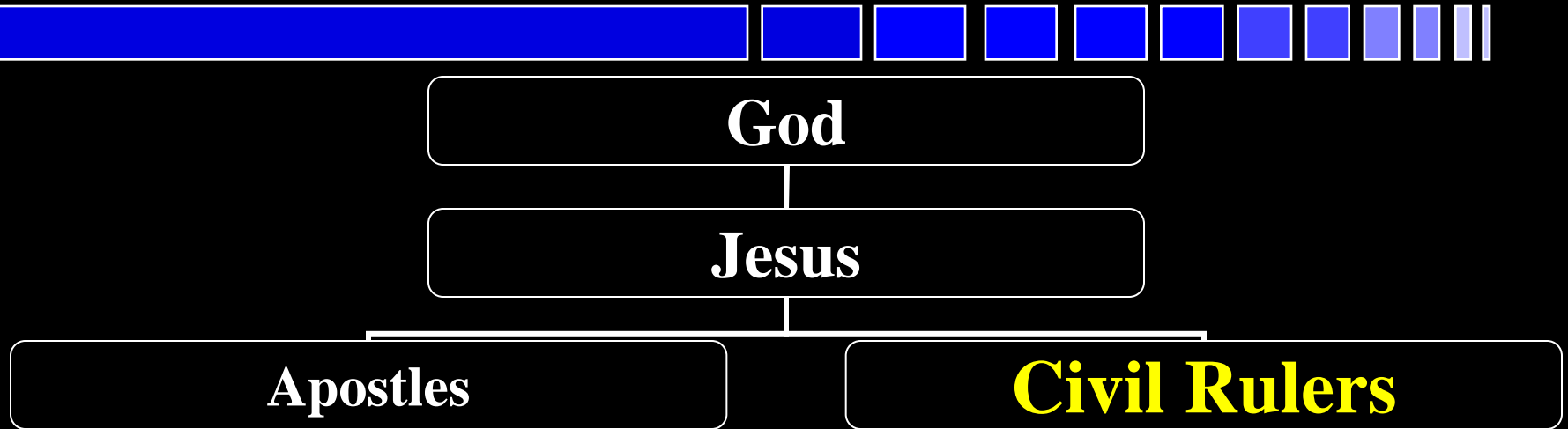




# *Authority*

**We need to learn how and when to submit and obey those in authority.**

# All Authority Comes From God



■ **1Peter 2:13-17** *"Therefore submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake, whether to the king as supreme, or to governors, as to those who are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and for the praise of those who do good. For this is the will of God, that by doing good you may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men—as free, yet not using liberty as a cloak for vice, but as bondservants of God. Honor all people. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king."*

# *For This Reason ...*



- **Submission and obedience to authority is one of the primary reasons Paul left Titus in Crete (full of people infamous for their lying and evil behavior).**
  - Titus 1:5 ~ Set in order what's lacking and appoint elders. So what is lacking?
  - 1:9-13 ~ One reason for Elders is the insubordination of many. Paul quotes a Cretan Poet, named Epimenides from approximately 600 B.C., about their reputation.
  - 2:5 ~ Obedience that God is not blasphemed
  - 2:9-10 ~ Adorn the doctrine with obedience
  - 3:1-8 ~ Obedience to authority is a good work
- **Submit and Obey unless they command us to disobey God**
  - Acts 4:18-20; 5:27-29

# *Treatment of Authority Figures*

- **Do Not Curse Them**
  - Exodus 22:28; Ecclesiastes 10:20; Acts 23:1-5
- **Be Slow To Anger**
  - Pro 20:2; 25:15
- **Fear The LORD and the King**
  - Pro 24:21-22
- **Be a Wise Servant**
  - Pro 14:35
- **Speak with Grace and Righteousness**
  - Pro 16:13; 22:11
- **You Can Appeal To Their Authority**
  - Acts 22:22-29; 25:9-12