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# The Christian and Government

**Read Acts 5.27-32; 17.7; Romans 13.1-7; Philippians 2.9-11; 3.20-21**

1. What do we do when two authorities are in conflict?
2. What is our responsibility toward governing authorities? What reasons does Paul give?
3. If a Roman authority got a hold of Paul's letter to the Philippians, what would he think of the way Jesus is described?

**Read John 18.10-12, 33-37; 1Peter 2.11-17**

4. What did Peter have to learn about the nature of God's kingdom?
5. How does Peter teach us to live in relation to kings and governors?
6. Notice the word exile 1Peter 1.1, 17 and 2.11. How might this term give us a healthy perspective of our place in the world?