

Outline of Romans

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Doctrinal

A. God's Righteousness Grasped and Expressed in His People's Lives (12:1-15:13)

1. In the Response of Consecration (12:1-2)

2. In the Ministry of the Body of Christ (12:3-21)

a. Spiritual Gifts (12:3-8)

b. Love to Fellow Christians (12:9-13)

c. Toward Unbelievers (12:14-21)

→ 3. In Realities of Political and Social Life (13)

4. In the Fellowship of Weak and Strong (14:1-15:13)

There is no facet of the
believer's life which should not
be governed by the life-changing
gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Cf. II Corinthians 5:17

Authority and Submission

Home

Husband

Wife

Children

I Corinthians 11
Ephesians 5 & 6

Church

Elders

Non-elders

Hebrews 13:17

State

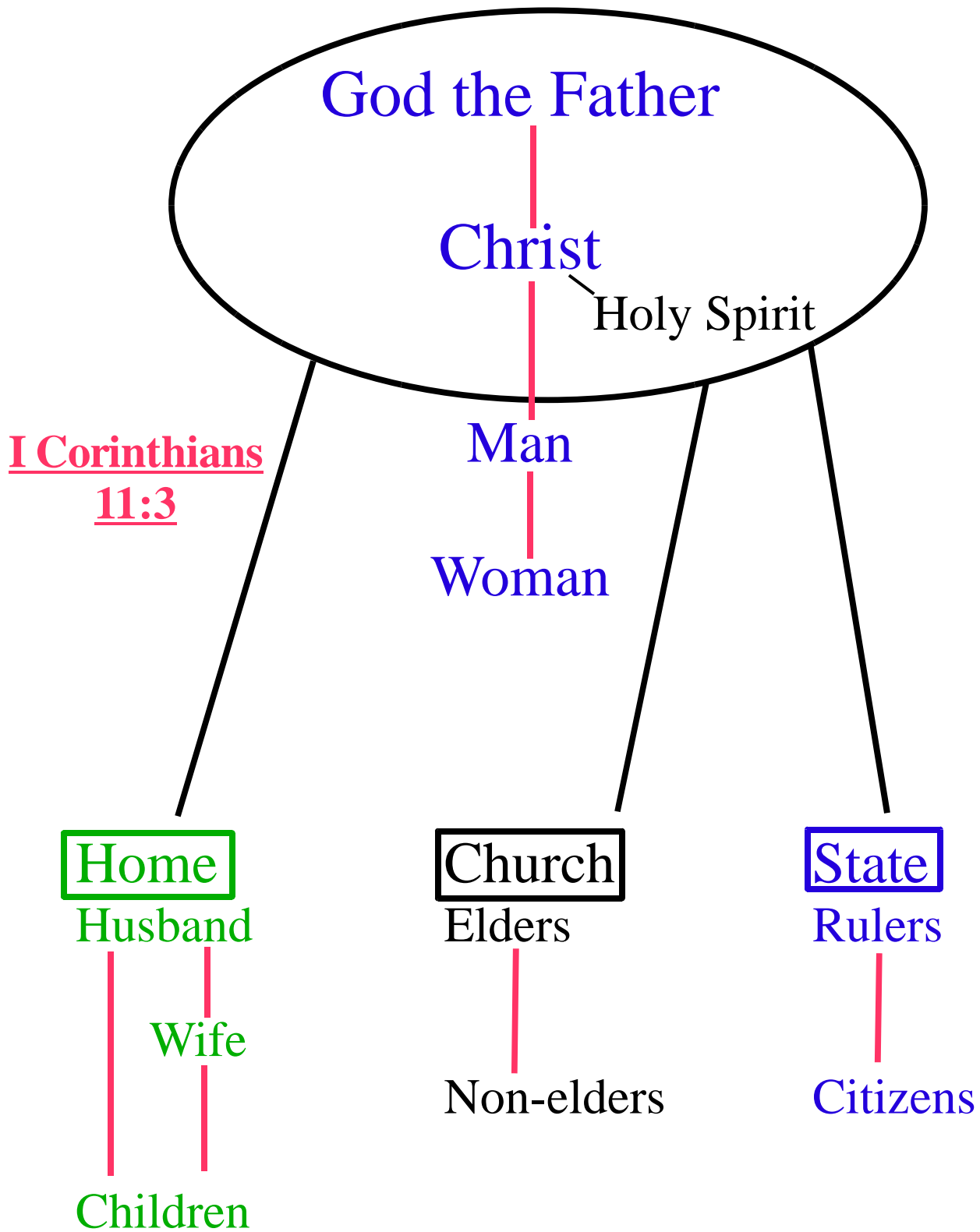
(Civil Government)

Rulers

Citizens

Romans 13:1-7
I Peter 2:13-17

Submission ≠ Inferiority



God is the Supreme Authority

v1

1. All authority is sourced in God.
 2. God ordains all existing authority.
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- Therefore,
Submit

v2

3. Resisting authority is tantamount to opposing God's ordinance (and thus, opposing God Himself).
4. They who so oppose bring judgment (punishment) upon themselves.

v3

5. Obedient citizens should not fear punishment.

The Christian and Civil Disobedience

When the authority "forbids what God requires or requires what God forbids, Christians cannot submit, and some form of civil disobedience becomes inescapable."

New Geneva Study Bible

See Acts 4:18-31 and 5:17-29

"We must obey God rather than men."

Acts 5:29

v4

6. Rulers are ministers (servants) of God.
7. Rulers are commissioned to serve the people for the good.
8. That service includes the punishment of evildoers.
9. That punishment extends to the point of capital punishment.
10. That punishment is an expression of the justice of God.

v5

11. Therefore, you must be subject
 - because of wrath - to escape punishment
 - for sake of conscience - because of obedience to God

v6

12. Submission extends to the paying of taxes.

'God's ministers' - see v4

public servants

v7

'Render'

'due'

'tribute'

'customs' -

τέλος

'fear' - internal

'honor' - external

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a. Christian and Government :1-7

b. Love one another :8-10

 c. Urgency of holiness prompted
by the return of Christ :11-14

v11

'time'

chronos - duration quantity

kairos - character quality

'high time' - the hour now

contrasts

night far spent

day at hand

darkness — light

walk decently, not in sin

Put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and
make no provision to fulfill
the lusts of the flesh.

I John 2:28-3:3