

# Sabbath Marketplace Service

## Romans 13:1-7

January 8<sup>th</sup> 2022

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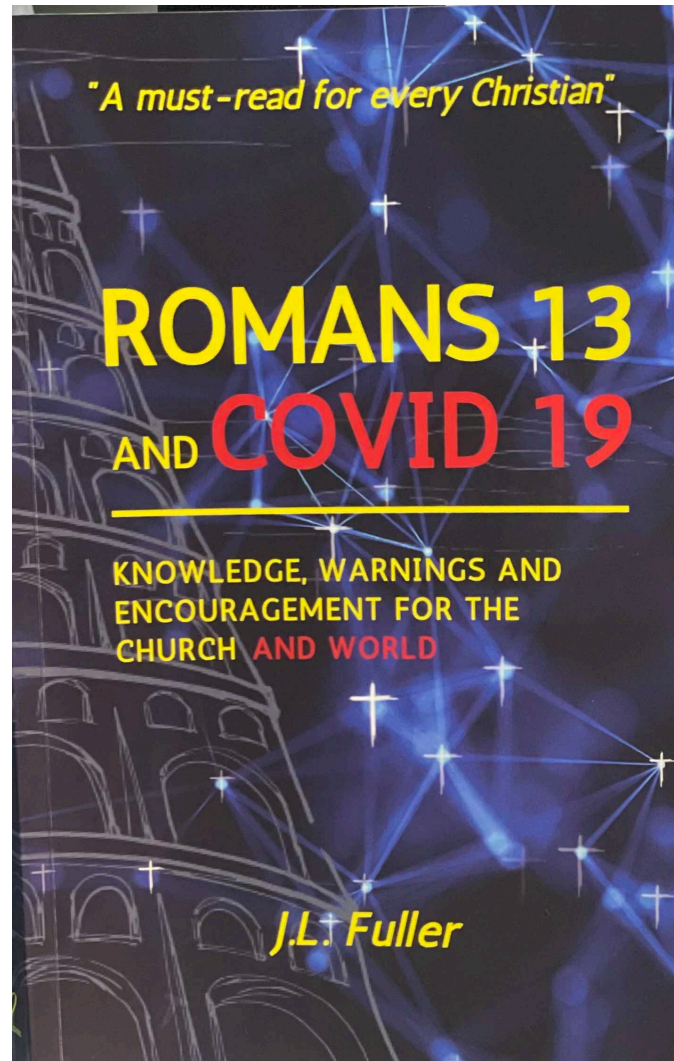
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*This unique, timely book gives a comprehensive analysis and exposure of the deceptive dangers and errors entering the Church under Coronavirus mandates ... and a clear, Biblical roadmap out of it.*

'Romans 13 and Covid 19' is for Pastors, Church leaders, disciples of Jesus Christ and anyone who is concerned by what's being imposed on the Body of Christ and world at large by our Governments, as a result of the Covid crisis.

The book examines Biblical principles on the scope and limits of civil authority, looking at examples from both the current situation and the past (namely the misuse of Romans 13 in 1930s Germany to quell resistance to Hitler). It surveys the key aspects and implications of the Covid directives – from the medical mandates, lockdowns and gene therapy rollout, to systematic State propaganda and the 'Great Reset'. You'll find much-needed knowledge and wisdom about not only what's going on now but also the wider, one-world technocratic agenda at play and where it's headed: Equipping you with all you need to know to accurately understand the times and obey Jesus' command in Matthew 24:4 to 'Take heed that no one deceives you', as well as to watch and pray, wake up from sleep, cast off the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light.

Unlike the news media and official guidance, this book is free of hype, spin and Covid fear-mongering. Whilst it's eye-opening and shocking, it will give you encouragement and practical guidance for living fully and fearlessly and in the joy of a closer walk with God – especially as the squeeze on the Western Church gets tighter, world deception increases and Jesus' return draws nearer.

#### REVIEWS

*"In more than 25 years of Christian leadership, I have not read a book which sets out the truths behind the headlines in such a fearless and relevant way for the times we now live in. This is a must-read for every Christian. The facts will shake you to the core; they did me, but they are vital for us to know, so that we can effectively pray God's kingdom into a world where hope is fast disappearing."*

*"Reading this is akin to reserving for yourself and your loved ones the best seats in the lifeboat just before the Titanic hits the iceberg."*

*"In an age of spin, fake news, lies, propaganda and manipulation by media and governments alike, it is refreshing to find an author who clearly questions the narrative of Covid, along with the reaction of the Church in general. This is a must-read for all Berean Christians, who would claim to be men and women of Issachar, able to read the signs of the times."*

#### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

J.L. Fuller is an entrepreneur, author of several books and Law graduate with a decade of professional experience in legal policymaking, medical law and ethics and business consultancy, as well as almost two decades in natural health research and consultancy. J.L. was 'saved out of the occult new age and humanistic self-development worlds' and is a dedicated follower of Jesus and His great commission, with a keen interest in Biblical doctrine. J.L. has been studying the official documents and factual criminal agendas of the Luciferian New World Order globalist elites for more than twenty years and delights in seeing people set free from this pervasive deception and bondage, through faith in Christ.

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# Background of J.L. Fuller

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## Romans 13:1-7

**13** Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is **no authority except from God**, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God. <sup>2</sup> Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves.

<sup>3</sup> For **rulers** are not a terror to good works, but to evil. Do you want to be unafraid of the authority? Do what is good, and you will have praise from the same.

## Romans 13:1-7

<sup>4</sup> For he is God's minister to you for good. But if you do evil, be afraid; for he does not bear the sword in vain; for he is God's minister, an avenger to *execute* wrath on him who practices evil. <sup>5</sup> Therefore *you* must be subject, not only because of wrath but also for conscience' sake. <sup>6</sup> For because of this you also pay taxes, for they are God's ministers attending continually to this very thing. <sup>7</sup> Render therefore to all their due: taxes to whom taxes *are due*, customs to whom customs, fear to whom fear, honor to whom honor.

# Mis-used of what God says

- Paul's teaching has been mis-used to justify the policies of unscrupulous governments
- Romans 13:1-7 has been used by Nazi Germany to pressurize Christians to obey the State
- Fugitive Slave Law in USA in the 1840-50 that escaped slaves be returned to their masters
- Let's examines what does Scriptures say?

# How did the early Apostles react to earthly authorities?

- Peter and James were “disobedient” to the High Priest and the council (Sanhedrin) and as recorded in Acts 5:27-29
- <sup>27</sup> And when they had brought them, they set *them* before the council. And the high priest asked them, <sup>28</sup> saying, “Did we not strictly ***command you not to teach in this name?*** And look, you have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this Man’s blood on us!”
- <sup>29</sup> But Peter and the *other* apostles answered and said: “***We ought to obey God rather than men.***

# What did Yeshua say of King Herod?

- Luke 13:31-32 “” <sup>31</sup> On that very day some Pharisees came, saying to Him, “Get out and depart from here, for Herod wants to kill You.”
- <sup>32</sup> And He said to them, “***Go, tell that fox,*** ‘Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third *day* I shall be perfected.’



What did  
Peter say  
about  
disobedience?

<sup>14</sup> But ***even if*** you should ***suffer for righteousness' sake, you are blessed.*** “And ***do not be afraid*** of their threats, nor ***be troubled.***” <sup>15</sup> But ***sanctify*** the Lord God in your hearts, and always ***be*** ready to ***give*** a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for ***the hope that is in you,*** with meekness and fear; <sup>16</sup> having a good conscience, that when they defame you as evildoers, those who revile your good conduct in Christ may be ashamed. <sup>17</sup> ***For it is better, if it is the will of God, to suffer*** for doing good than for doing evil.” – 1 Peter 3:14-17

# Reading Scriptures in its context

- Paul's epistle to the Romans in Chapter 13 requires people to oppose earthly authorities when such authorities is the source of injustice

# Who was Karl Barth?

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Karl Barth was a Swiss Calvinist theologian. Barth is well-known in theology for his landmark commentary The Epistle to the Romans, his involvement in the Confessing Church, including his authorship of the Barmen Declaration, and especially his unfinished multi-volume theological summa the Church Dogmatics. [Wikipedia](#) ✓

**Born:** 10 May 1886 **Basel, Switzerland**

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Karl Barth, (born May 10, 1886, Basel, Switzerland—died December 9/10, 1968, Basel), **Swiss Protestant theologian**, probably the most influential of the 20th century. Subsequently, at Basel, he continued work on his monumental Church Dogmatics (completing four volumes) and delivered more than 500 sermons. ...



<https://www.britannica.com/biography/Karl-Barth>

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# What was Karl Barth's Conclusion on Romans 13?

- Romans 13:1-7 “does not call upon people to blindly obey the State. Quite to the contrary, according to Barth, Paul’s epistle to the Romans requires people to rise against the State when the State is the source of injustice.” – JL Fuller



- Dietrich Bonhoeffer was a German Lutheran pastor, theologian, anti-Nazi dissident and key founding member of the Confessing Church



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# Reflect on what Dietrich Bonhoeffer said & Romans 1:32

- “Silence in the face of evil is itself evil: God will not hold us guiltless. Not to speak is to speak. Not to act is to act”
- Romans 1:32 – “<sup>32</sup> who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not ***only do the same*** but ***also approve of those who practice them.***”



# Dietrich Bonhoeffer teachings on the Church and State


Three possible ways the Church can act towards the State

1. The Church can ask the State whether its actions are legitimate and in accordance to the character as State
2. The Church can aid the victims of State action – unconditional obligation to help even those who do not belong to the Christian community – “Do good to all men”
3. Not to bandage the victims under the wheel but to put a spoke in the wheel itself
  1. Direct political action when the Church sees the State fails in its function of creating law and order




Martin Niemöller was a German theologian and Lutheran pastor. He was best known for his opposition to the Nazi regime during the late 1930s



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## Price to pay for righteousness

- Two Germans, Dietrich Bonhoeffer and Pastor Niemoller paid the price
- Bonhoeffer in 1933 gave a famous radio speech on leadership aimed at Hitler. His talk was taken off the air before he could finish it.
- Bonhoeffer was arrested and sent to concentration camp where he was martyred on April 9, 1945
- Pastor Niemoller was arrested in 1937 and sent to Sachsenhausen and Dachau concentration camps until his release in 1945

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He paid the  
price for his  
belief

- On June 27 1937 Ps Niemoller spoke out against the persecution of the Confessing Church
- “We have a *little thought* and as *little hope* as the Apostles had of **escaping from the clutches** of the powers-that-be by our own efforts; and we have certainly as *little intention* as they ***had of obeying the human command*** to *keep silent* regarding what the Lord our **God orders us to say**. For, *as long as the world shall last*, one **must obey God rather than men!**”

# The Confessing Church

- The Confession Church was set up to oppose the German Church ideology
- They formed the Pastors' Emergency League in September 1933
- The Confessing Church oppose the persecution of the Jews
- Only 2,000 pastors out of 16,000 Evangelical ministers in Germany initially joined the League
- BUT only a small number of pastors are actively opposed the Nazi State

# What are the Doctrine of the Confessing Church, the “Barmen Declaration”?

- The **unity** of the Evangelical Churches in Germany **can only come** from **the Word of God** in **Faith** through **the Holy Spirit**
- and **NOT** by (1) false doctrine, (2) by use of force and (3) insincere practices
- Recognizing the Church exists in unredeemed world
- The State by divine appointment the task of providing for justice and peace must trusts and obeys the power of the Word by which God upholds all things
- The State cannot become the single and totalitarian order of human life
- Reject the Church becoming an organ of the State



# What Happened during the Nazi period?

- Hitler mesmerized the masses with his eloquent speeches interwoven with satanic propaganda
- The Nazi kept the Church structure as its vehicle of mass deception, hence the apostate church was formed
- It polluted the Church with anti-semitism, portrayed the Old Testament as a Jewish book that has no place within the Church
- Denying Yeshua's Jewish heritage

# What Happened during the Nazi period?

- Hitler rewrote the Bible with twelve Nazi commandments, including “Honour your Fuhrer” and “Keep the blood pure and your honor holy”
- Weaken the Confessing Church movement by removing and arresting non-compliant Church leaders
- Putting Churches under police supervision
- Pro-Nazi Protestant pastors beginning to quote Romans 13 out of context, to further strengthen the Nazi position of absolute authority
- Romans 13:2 was the glue that kept this evil Nazi regime in power

## Recruited the Youth – Nazi Schooling

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The speech that Hitler made on 6<sup>th</sup>  
November, 1933

“When an opponent declares I will not come over to your side. I calmly say, “Your child belongs to us already. What are you? You will pass on. Your descendants, however, now stand in the new camp. In a short time, they will know nothing else but this new community...”



# Brain Washing by repeated messaging

- Countless “normal people” became “desk murderers” – who planned and organized the holocaust
- Brainwashed white collars workers such as doctors, teachers and administrators followed instructions “we are just doing our jobs”
- Clergymen using Romans 13 to justify their support of Hitler and his evil regime
- Those people who were involved in killing the Jews in concentration camps were normal citizens – believing in a lie



# The Bystander Effect

- A social psychological phenomenon
- More bystanders present, the lesser chances of someone helping the person in need
- If no one speaks out, it becomes harder and harder for anyone to speak.

# The Stockholm Syndrome

- People under coercion or tyranny often develops an attachment to their oppressors
- Even a perverse love relationship
- Trauma bonding – kind of an abused wife

# What was the Church Response?

- Some members of the Confessing Church recognized the dangerous propositions by the German Apostate Church
- BUT they failed to know what to do or having the courage to act in line with their recognitions.
- Will we similarly fail when history repeats???

## Titus 2:11-15

<sup>11</sup> For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, <sup>12</sup> teaching us that, **denying ungodliness** and **worldly lusts**, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, <sup>13</sup> looking for **the blessed hope** and **glorious appearing** of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, <sup>14</sup> who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself *His* own special people, zealous for good works.