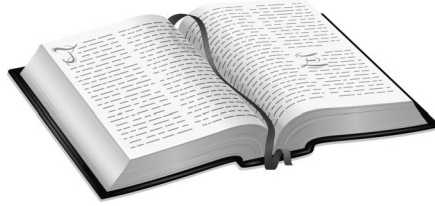


Bible Correspondence Fellowship



Answer Sheet for New Living Translation (NLT) *Romans - Lesson 5 of 5*

Romans Chapter 13

THE CHRISTIAN'S RELATIONSHIP TO GOVERNMENT

The first half of this short chapter teaches what the Christian's attitude and responsibility toward his government should be. The remaining verses teach us how to relate to our neighbors and how we should live our Christian life.

Read Romans Chapter 13 _____ Check.

1. (v. 13:1) Why should Christians submit to the higher powers (government authority)?

Use your own words.

(varies) All authority comes from God and those in position of authority have been
placed there by God.

2. (v. 13:2) If a person rebels against authority, he is resisting what?

what God has instituted

3. (v. 13:3) Rulers hold no terror for those who do right, only for those who do what?

doing wrong _____. If we do that which is good (obey the laws), what will we have?
honor

4. (v. 13:4) The ruler here is called a servant (minister) of God for our good. What will he do to the one who does evil?

punish those who do what is wrong

5. (v. 13:5) Why should we be subject to man's law?

submit to them, not only to avoid punishment, but also to keep a clear conscience

Note: In spiritual or moral matters "...we ought to obey God rather than men" (Acts 5:29). While we should obey civil authority, a believer should refuse to do anything that God's Word clearly says is wrong.

6. (v. 13:6) Why should we pay tribute (taxes) to our government?

Government workers need to be paid. They are serving God in what they do.

7. (v. 13:7) What are four "dues" we should render (give) to civil authority?

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| 1. <u>what you owe them</u> | 2. <u>pay your taxes and government fees</u> |
| 3. <u>respect</u> | 4. <u>honor to those in authority</u> |

8. (v. 13:8) Should we always pay our debts? yes What debt do we have always?

obligation to love one another. He that loves his fellowman has done what?
fulfill the requirements of God's law

9. (v. 13:9) Which of the Old Testament law's ten commandments are listed here? What is said about love?

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| 1. <u>You must not commit adultery.</u> | 2. <u>You must not murder.</u> |
| 3. <u>You must not steal.</u> | 4. <u>You must not covet.</u> |
- Love your neighbor as yourself.
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10. (v. 13:10) Why does love fulfill the Law? Use your own words.

(varies) Love does not wrong to others and fulfills God's love for mankind.

11. (v. 13:11) Why are we to wake out of sleep? Use your own words.

(varies) Time is running out. Wake up, for our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed.

Note: Our salvation here refers to the time when we are taken out of this world into the presence of the Lord.

12. (v. 13:12) Since the day of Christ's coming may be near, what should we put aside?
remove your dark deeds like dirty clothes

What should we put on? shining armor of right living

13. (v. 13:13) Here we are told to walk honestly. List six (6) ways that the believer should not walk.

1. wild parties

2. drunkenness

3. sexual promiscuity

4. immoral living

5. quarreling

6. jealousy

14. (v. 13:14) Instead of the things listed in v. 13, using your own words, what should we do? (varies) Instead clothe yourself with the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Don't let yourself think of how to indulge your evil desires.

For Further study read Ephesians 4:24-32 and Colossians 3:10-15.

But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh in regard to its lusts.

Romans 13:14 NASB

Romans Chapter 14

CONCERNING DOUBTFUL PRACTICES

In the Scofield Bible the heading given to this chapter is, "The Law of Love Concerning Doubtful Things." This refers to the Christian's responsibility to the immature believer, the one who is said to be "weak in the faith (v. 14:1)." These brothers are to be welcomed into fellowship rather than to be condemned or looked down upon. Many converts from paganism and Judaism had convictions about eating meat offered to idols and observing religious days. The stronger brother, realizing that under grace he need not be concerned about such things, must yet have a spirit of love and tolerance toward the weaker brother and his beliefs.

Read Romans 14:1-12. ____ Check.

1. (v. 14:1) Whom are we to accept?

accept other believers who are weak in the faith

2. (v. 14:2) What difference of opinion do we see illustrated here? Use your own words.
(varies) what to eat - eat anything or eat only vegetables.
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3. (v. 14:3) There are principles which show what believers should not do to one another. These are Don't look down on those who do those who don't live by the principles you do about eating. Do not condemn those who do, for God has accepted them.
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4. (v. 14:4) A new believer may be considered wrong in some of his convictions. What is God able to do for him? with the Lord's help, they will stand and receive His approval.
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5. (v. 14:5) One believer may observe certain days (such as the Sabbath) and another may not observe any. What is the rule given here?
You should each be fully convinced that whichever day you choose is acceptable.
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6. Verses 6 and 7 illustrate verses 8 and 9. In verse 8, what does Paul say about living, dying and belonging to the Lord? If we live, it's to honor the Lord. If we die, it's to honor the Lord. Whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord.
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7. (v. 14:10) Why should we not judge or condemn our brother?
We will all stand before the judgment seat of God.
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8. Verse 14:11 is quoted from Isaiah 45:23. What does verse 12 say that every one of us will do. Each of us will give a personal account to God.
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Note: This judgment for the believer does not have to do with our salvation. Our sins have already been judged in Christ. However, the judgment seat of Christ is for rewards for our works.

9. (v. 14:13) We are not to judge one another, rather, how are we to act towards one another? Decide instead to live in such a way that you will not cause another believer to stumble and fall.
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10. (v. 14:14) Paul, knowing he was under grace, was convinced of what?
I know and am convinced on the authority of the Lord Jesus that no food, in and of itself is wrong to eat. But if someone believes it is wrong, then for that person it is wrong.
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Therefore, he could eat any kind of meat, even that which had been offered to idols.

Note (v. 14:15): If we cause our brothers to be grieved (offended) when we eat meat that he will not eat, then we are not “walking charitably” (showing love). So verse 16 says that we must not let what seems good to us be considered evil or wrong to another.

11. (v. 14:17) Please write out this verse in your own words.

(varies) For the Kingdom of God is not a matter of what we eat or drink, but of living a life of goodness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

12. (v. 14:18) He who serves Christ in these things is pleasing to God
and others will approve of you too.

13. (v. 14:19) What two things should we make the effort to do?

1. let us aim for harmony in the church
 2. try to build each other up
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14. (v. 14:21) Even if a Christian has a clear conscience about doing certain things, why should he be willing to avoid doing them? It is better not to eat meat or drink wine or anything else if it might cause another believer to stumble.

Read Romans 14:22-23. _____ Check.

15. (v. 14:22) The question of “doubtful things” raised in this chapter is just as important for us today as it was in Paul’s day. Many Christians are puzzled over engaging in certain practices or activities that are not strictly forbidden in scripture. Our actions must be done in faith before God. Who does Paul say is blessed?

those who don't feel guilty for doing something they have decided is right

16. (v. 14:23) In reaching decisions on doubtful practices, it would be helpful to ask yourself these questions:

1. Can I do it with God’s approval? Would it glorify Him?
2. Even though convinced that a thing is right for me, will others speak evil of my act?
3. Will my actions cause a weaker Christian to sin or be tempted?
4. Does it violate the scripture in any way?

Romans Chapter 15

This chapter is a long one, with many important truths for us. The student should read the entire chapter carefully, trying to understand each verse as he/she reads. The first three verses continue the teaching of

Read Romans Chapter 15. _____ Check.

1. (v. 15:1) The first part of this verse tells us that those who are strong (spiritually) should do what? Must be considerate of those who are sensitive about things like this.

2. (vs. 15:1-3) Each of these three verses contains the word “please”.
(v. 15:1) We are not to please ourselves.
(v. 15:2) Everyone should please others.
(v. 15:3) For Christ pleased not Himself.

3. (v. 15:4) The things written in times past (the Old Testament) were written for our instruction. Why? To give us hope and encouragement as we wait patiently for God's promises to be fulfilled.

4. (vs. 15:5-6) Paul prays that God, who gives patience (endurance) and consolation (encouragement), would grant us harmony with each other, as is fitting for followers of Christ.
So that with one mind (heart) and mouth we might give praise and glory to God.

5. (v. 15:7) How should we receive each other? Why?
As Christ has accepted you.
so that God will be given glory.

6. (v. 15:8) During Jesus Christ’s ministry on earth, He was a minister (servant) to the Jews (Israel). Why? To show that God is true to the promises He made to their ancestors.

Note: The fathers of Israel are Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. The promises here refer to the Kingdom that God promised to Israel. These promises are the main theme of the Gospel of the Kingdom, preached by the Lord Jesus (Luke 4:23) and the twelve apostles (Matthew 10:7).

7. (vs. 15:9-12) These verses are references from the Old Testament concerning salvation to Gentile nations. What does v. 15:10 tell the Gentiles to do?

Rejoice with His people.

8. (v. 15:13) What blessing is stated in this verse and what is the result of the blessing?

God will fill you completely with joy and peace.

You will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit.

9. (v. 15:14) Paul was persuaded that his brothers were full of Goodness and Can teach each other all about them (God and the Holy Spirit (from verse 13)).

10. (vs. 15:15-16) We saw in verse 8 that Christ was a minister to Israel; now we see a contrast in that Paul was the minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God. (See also Romans 11:13.)

Note: The phrase “So that the Gentiles might become an offering acceptable to God” refers to the saved Gentiles who are sanctified by the Holy Spirit, presented to God, and accepted by Him.

11. (vs. 15:17-18a) Paul said here that he had reason to glory (boast) in Christ Jesus.

Explain what Paul had to boast about and whether this was prideful boasting.

Use your own words. About all Christ Jesus has done through Paul in his service to God.

In students own words.

12. (vs. 15:18-19) Christ worked through Paul, by the Holy Spirit, to bring the Gentiles to obedience. What did the Holy Spirit empower Paul to do?

The Gentiles were convinced by the power of miraculous signs and wonders and by the power of God's Spirit.

13. (v. 15:20) What phrase in this verse shows Paul's great desire to preach to those who have never heard of Christ?

"Those who have never been told about Him will see,

and those who have never heard of Him will understand."

14. (vs. 15:21-24) In these four verses Paul talks about his desire to go to Rome. What had kept Paul from visiting Rome?

Verse 22 Paul said he had been delayed because of preaching in these places.

Verse 19 Paul said he had been presenting the Good News of Christ from Jerusalem all the way to Illyricum.

15. (vs. 15:25-26) What was the main reason Paul was going to Jerusalem?

Take a gift to the believers in Jerusalem.

The believers in Macedonia and Achaia have taken up an offering for the poor among the believers in Jerusalem.

16. (v. 15:27) Why were the Gentile believers debtors to the saints in Jerusalem. Use your own words?

They felt they owed a debt to them because the Gentiles received the spiritual blessings of the Good News from the believers in Jerusalem.

Note: The spiritual things here refer to the salvation of God through Christ which was sent to the Gentiles (see Acts 28:28 and 13:46). The carnal things refer to contributions (such as money) that were sent.

17. (v. 15:29) What was Paul sure of?

When he gets to Rome Christ will richly bless our time together

18. (vs. 15:30-32) Name three things that Paul asks the Roman believers to pray for?

1. He will be rescued from those in Judea who refuse to obey God.

2. The believers there will be willing to accept the donations.

3. He will be able to come to them with a joyful heart.

Romans Chapter 16

In this closing chapter of Romans we find a long list of salutations to believers that Paul knew in Rome. In these personal greetings we get some insight into the lives of these people, Paul's love for them, and his thankfulness for their faithfulness. Many of these were previously fellow workers with Paul who now lived in Rome.

1. (vs. 16:1-2) Because Phebe had been a succorer (helper) of Paul and many others, what two things were the saints in Rome asked to do for her?

1. Welcome her in the Lord as one who is worthy of honor among God's people.
2. Help her in whatever she needs

2. (vs. 16:3-4) Here Paul says what two things about Priscilla and Aquila?

1. They were Paul's co-workers in the ministry of Christ Jesus.
2. To save Paul's life they had risk their lives for me.

3. (v. 16:5) Where did the believers meet in Paul's time?

The church meet in homes.

Who was the first convert in Achaia? Epenetus

4. Many faithful Christians are mentioned in verses 6 through 16. Identify them by name.

1. Paul's fellow prisoners who were saved before Paul.

Andronicus and Junia

2. Other believers. Mary

3. Other believers. _____

4. Other believers. _____

(Any of the believers listed in verses 6-16)

5. The importance of women helping in the Lord's work is clearly brought out in this passage. Tell something about each of these women.
1. Phebe: Deacon in the church in Cenchrea.
 2. Mary: Who had worked so hard for your benefit
 3. Priscilla: Co-worker of Paul in the ministry of Christ Jesus
 4. Tryphena and Tryphosa: Lords workers
6. In verses 17 and 18 Paul gives warnings against false teachers. What two things do they cause (v. 17)?
1. divisions
 2. upset people's faith
7. (v. 16:18) Whom do they not serve?
Jesus Christ
8. (v. 16:19) About what would Paul have the believers be wise?
Be wise in doing right.
About what would Paul Have the believers be simple (innocent)?
Stay innocent of any wrong.
9. (v. 16:20) This verse speaks of the promise that God made in Genesis 3:15 concerning Christ who would come and bruise the head of the serpent (Satan). Satan's power will be destroyed. When we go to be with Christ, we will have the victory over sin, death, and Satan. How does Paul encourage the believers ?
May the grace of our Lord Jesus be with you.
10. Evidently Paul had a problem with his eyesight (see Galatians 4:15), often dictating his letters to a scribe. Who wrote this epistle for Paul (v. 22)? Tertius

11. In verses 16:21 and 16:23, Paul names seven men who are with him. How does he describe each of them?

1. (v. 16:21) Timothy my fellow worker
2. (v. 16:21) Lucius, Jason, and Sosipater my fellow Jews
3. (v. 16:23) Gaius Paul's host, also serves as host to the whole church
4. (v. 16:23) Erastus the city treasurer
5. (v. 16:23) Quartus our brother

12. (v. 16:25) By what two ways does Paul state a Christian may be established in sound doctrine?

1. According to Paul's Good News
2. By the preaching of this message about Jesus Christ has revealed His plan for you Gentiles.

Note: The "mystery" referred to in verse 25 is more fully revealed to us in Ephesians 3:1-10 and Colossians 1:24-27. This mystery, revealed through Paul, refers to all the truths concerning the body of Christ in this present dispensation of grace. These truths are found only in Paul's epistles, and it is important to know them in order to be established in the faith.

13. (v. 16:26) This mystery now is manifested (revealed) and made known by the "scriptures of the prophets." (The literal Greek translation is "prophetic writings.") Paul writes the only scriptures we have concerning this mystery, thus the mystery is revealed through Paul's prophetic writings. The scriptures that Paul wrote concerning this mystery were made known to whom by whose command?

Foretold as the eternal God has Commanded, this message is made known to all Gentiles everywhere.

14. (v. 16:27) How does Paul close this letter?

All glory to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, forever. Amen.

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