

Law Enforcement Appreciation Weekend

January 14th & 15th, 2017

Romans 13:1-6

Law Enforcement Officers – Servants of God

1. Law Enforcement Officers are appointed by God!

Romans 13:2a “Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, ...”

❖ God uses the application process to choose His officers!

2. Those who resist God’s appointed authority will incur judgment!

Romans 13:2b “...and those who resist will incur judgment.”

❖ Incur means “to bring on ourselves.”

3. Law Enforcement Officers are a terror to bad behavior!

Romans 13:3 “For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval,”

❖ The Law must be respected in order to have peace in any community – and when offenders are convicted, justice needs to be quick!

Ecclesiastes 8:11 “Because the sentence against an evil deed is not executed speedily, the heart of the children of man is fully set to do evil.”

❖ We need law enforcement because we are lawless by nature!

1 John 3:4 “Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness.”

4. Law Enforcement Officers do not bear their weapons in vain!

Romans 13:4a “for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. ...”

❖ Vain means “worthless, without importance, ineffectual, showy, having no purpose.”

❖ The Law Officer is a servant of God to carryout God’s wrath upon the wrongdoer and to bring them into subjection to the law!

Romans 13:4b-5 “... For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer. Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience.”

5. Law Enforcement Officers are supported by tax-payers who should gratefully encourage all who are involved in the various branches of law enforcement knowing that their service ensures peace and safety in our communities!

Romans 12:6 “For because of this you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing.”