

# IRON LEAGUE MEN'S STUDY

## PAUL'S EPISTLE TO THE ROMANS

### ROMANS 13

Lesson 16

#### Day 1: Read Romans 13:1-2

When Paul wrote this epistle to the believers in Rome, Nero was the reigning Emperor. He was cruel, sadistic, and deranged. Nero lived a life of debauchery, murdering scores of innocent people, including Christians. Ultimately he would be responsible for the Apostle Paul's murder. In light of this, why was Paul's exhortation concerning the *governing authorities* remarkable?

1. How does the reality of God's ultimate *authority* over your life speak to you?

#### Day 2: Read Romans 13:3-7

From Romans 13:7, in your own words summarize Paul's final thoughts on:

- a. Taxes
- b. Customs
- c. Fear (Respect)
- d. Honor

1. How does submission to government showcase a believer's faith in God?

#### Day 3: Read Romans 13:8-10

Observe the commandments listed in Romans 13:9a. Why do you think all of these are *summed up* in the command to *love your neighbor as yourself* (Romans 13:9b)?



Day 4: Read Romans 13:11-14

According to Romans 13:11 *what* are we told to do, and *why* are we to do this?

- a. Briefly describe the times we live in.
- b. What puts you to sleep?

Day 5: Review

1. Our attitude as believers is critical in light of the time in which we live. With this in mind, use this week's study to share what speaks to you concerning your attitude:

- a. Toward the *governing authorities* (Romans 13:1-7)
- b. Toward *your neighbor* (Romans 13:8-10)
- c. Toward *the time* (Romans 13:11-14)

2. Briefly explain the impossibility of these objectives without first presenting your life to God as a living sacrifice.

