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*Heb. 11:13-16: All these died in faith, without receiving the promises, but having seen them and having welcomed them from a distance, and having confessed that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. For those who say such things make it clear that they are seeking a country of their own. And indeed if they had been thinking of that country from which they went out, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; for He has prepared a city for them.*

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*Rom. 13:1-7 Every person is to be in subjection to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are established by God. Therefore whoever resists authority has opposed the ordinance of God; and they who have opposed will receive condemnation upon themselves. For rulers are not a cause of fear for good behavior, but for evil. Do you want to have no fear of authority? Do what is good and you will have praise from the same; for it is a minister of God to you for good. But if you do what is evil, be afraid; for it does not bear the sword for nothing; for it is a minister of God, an avenger who brings wrath on the one who practices evil. 5 Therefore it is necessary to be in subjection, not only because of wrath, but also for conscience' sake. For because of this you also pay taxes, for rulers are servants of God, devoting themselves to this very thing. Render to all what is due them: tax to whom tax is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honor to whom honor.*

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## V. What Are the Believer's Responsibilities to Human Government?

### C. The Means of Cooperation

#### 4. Resist Evil

##### n. Guidelines for civil disobedience?

1n. Cannot be a repudiation of the institution

2n. Personal dislike for government action cannot be the only basis for resistance.

3n. Evidence of government action being opposed to its purpose for existing or excessive of its jurisdiction should be present.

4n. Legal means should be sought first.

5n. Reconciliation should be facilitated & revenge avoided.

6n. Pr. 21:1