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Matthew 22:15-22

Title: The Relationship Between Our Faith and Civil Duty

Introduction: When did this country become independent from Britain?

What does it mean that we are citizens of this great nation?

What does it mean that I am an American who also happen to be a Christian?

“Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?” But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites?... Matthew 22:15-22 NRSV

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Conclusion: Jesus respected the government of the day, and as followers of Jesus, we should do the same.

Romans 13:1, Paul writes: “Everyone must submit themselves to the governing authorities for there is no authority except that which God has established.”

I Timothy 2:2, Paul urges us to pray for “kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives.”

I Peter 2:17, Peter writes, “Show proper respect to everyone: Love believers, fear God, honor the king.”