**Paul’s Letter to the Romans**

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**Should We Obey Nero?**

**(Romans 13:1–14)**

***Introduction:***

* Romans 1–11 — While we were sinners, God demonstrated his love for us by sending his son Jesus Christ to die for us and raising him from the dead. Anyone who believes in him has life and salvation.
* Romans 12 — Those who have this salvation have a transformed and renewed life—to love one another and to exercise the gift of the Spirit properly.

***Question***

* Should we then obey Nero?

***Four Reasons for Obeying Nero***

* Obey Nero because he is God’s servant (13:1–5)
* Obey Nero because you shouldn’t owe anything to anyone (13:6–8a)
* Obey Nero because such obedience is a love-action that fulfills the law of God (13:8b–10)
* Obey Nero because we are children of light, walking in the light and clothed in Christ (13:11–14)

***Application***

* Obey authorities despite who they are.
* Obey God when the authorities demand otherwise.
* Pray for those in authority (1 Timothy 2:1–4)

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