

**TODAY'S  
SCRIPTURE:**

**Romans 13:1-7**

**SERMON TITLE:**

*"CIVIL  
DISOBEDIENCE  
& THE BIBLE"*

**VICTIMS OF EXCESSIVE  
STATE FORCE:**

1. Michael Brown [OH]
2. Eric Garner [NY]
3. Trayvon Martin [FL]
4. Sean Bell [NY]
5. Others...

**3 KEY VERSES:**

1. Rom. 13:1a
2. I Tim. 2:2
3. Acts 5:29

**SERMONIC  
POINT #1:**

**ROM. 13:1a**

*"Be Subject..."*

"Let every soul  
be subject  
to the  
governing  
authorities."

**Romans 13:1a**

“For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God.”

**Romans 13:1b**

“Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves.”

**Romans 13:2**

“For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil.”

**Romans 13:3a**

“Do you want to be unafraid of the authority? Do what is good, and you will have praise from the same.”

**Romans 13:3b**

“For he is God’s minister to you for good. But if you do evil, be afraid; for he does not bear the sword in vain;”

**Romans 13:4a**

“for he is God’s minister, an avenger to execute wrath on him who practices evil. ”

**Romans 13:4b**

“Therefore *you* must be subject, not only because of wrath but also for conscience’ sake. ”

**Romans 13:5**

“For because of this you also pay taxes, for they are God’s ministers attending continually to this very thing.”

**Romans 13:6**

“Render therefore to all their due: taxes to whom taxes *are due*, customs to whom customs, fear to whom fear, honor to whom honor.” **Rom. 13:7**

“And HE said to them, ‘Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.’ ”

**Matthew 22:21**

**SERMONIC**  
**POINT #2:**

**I TIM. 2:2**

*“All...in Authority”*

“Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, *and* giving of thanks be made for all men,”

**I Timothy 2:1**

“ for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence.”

**I Timothy 2:2**

“For this *is* good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior...who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.”

**I Timothy 2:3-4**

**SERMONIC**  
**POINT #3:**

**ACTS 5:29**

*"Obey GOD..."*

“Did we not strictly command you not to teach in this name? And...you have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this Man’s blood on us!”

**Acts 5:28**

“But Peter and the *other* apostles answered and said: “We ought to obey God rather than men.”

**Acts 5:29**

“An *unjust law* is a code that a numerical or power majority group compels a minority group to obey but does not make binding on itself This is difference made legal. By the same token, a *just law* is a code that a majority compels a minority to follow and that is willing to follow itself. This is sameness made legal.”

**-The Rv.Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**

*"One may well ask: "How can you advocate breaking some laws and obeying others?"*

*The answer lies in the fact that there are two types of laws: just and unjust."*

**-The Rv.Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**

*"One has not only a legal but a moral responsibility to obey just laws. Conversely, one has a moral responsibility to disobey unjust laws. I would agree with St. Augustine that "an unjust law is no law at all."*

**-The Rv.Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**

*"Now, what is the difference between the two? How does one determine whether a law is just or unjust? A just law is a man made code that squares with the moral law or the law of God. An unjust law is a code that is out of harmony with the moral law."*

**-The Rv.Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**

*"To put it in the terms of St. Thomas Aquinas: An unjust law is a human law that is not rooted in eternal law and natural law. Any law that uplifts human personality is just. Any law that degrades human personality is unjust."*

**-The Rv.Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**

## **SERMON POINTS:**

**1. "MERCY"**

**2. "MARVELOUS"**

**3. "MY"**