

Chapter 13

1. "...there is no _____ except from God..." (v1)

ORIGEN states that God's judgment against the authorities will be just, if they have used the powers they have received according to their own ungodliness and not according to the laws of God.

2. "...whoever resists the authority resists the _____ of God" (v2)

4. "owe no one anything except to _____ one another" (v8)

The only debt we should owe others is the debt of love, which is the underlying basis of all the commandments.

5. "you shall love your _____ as yourself"

St. Paul wants us to have peace with everyone and love the brethren.

6. "Therefore, let us cast off the works of _____, and let us put on the armor of light" (v12)

If we have Christ in our hearts he gives us light. St. Paul is instructing us to put on the armour of light – to put on Christ! Some practical ways to do this include: reading your bible, fasting, praying, doing good deeds and many more.



3. "Render therefore to all their due: taxes to whom _____ are due, customs to whom _____ are due, fear to whom _____, honor to whom _____." (v7)

ORIGEN states that authorities demand taxes on our property and revenue from our business transactions. What can I say? Jesus Christ Himself instructed His disciples to pay taxes, not because He owed anything but so as not to cause scandal. If He who owed nothing to Caesar and who had every right to refuse to pay taxes nevertheless agreed to pay them, who are we to refuse to do so?



7. "...Put on the Lord Jesus Christ and make no provision for the _____ - to fulfill its lusts..." (v14)

ORIGEN: We have often said that Christ is wisdom, righteousness, holiness, truth and all the other virtues. Therefore anyone who has acquired these has put on Christ. Whoever has them will not bother about the flesh.

Chapter 14

1. "Who are you to _____ another servant" (v4)

God alone is the judge of the heart!

AUGUSTINE: St. Paul says this so that, when something might be done with either good or bad motives, we should leave the judgment to God and not presume to judge the heart of someone else, which we do not see.



2. "he will be made to stand, for God is able to make him ____"(v4)

3. "For none of us _____ to himself, and no one _____ to himself" (v7)

No believer lives for himself or dies for himself, because "Christ has died for all, so that those who live no longer live for themselves but for him."



4. "for if we live, we live to the _____, and if we die, we _____ to the Lord" (v8)

Here "death" refers to the death which we die when we are buried with Christ in baptism, and "life" is the life we live in Christ, having died to sin and become strangers to this world.

5. "let us pursue the things which make for _____ and the things by which one may _____ another" (v19)

Do nothing that would cause another to stumble. Let all that you do be for the neighbor's upbuilding. Always be the PEACEMAKER so that you do not cause anyone to stumble. Christ himself said "blessed are the peacemakers".

