

Message Based Discussion  
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**January 21, 2018**  
**Reading: Romans 13:1-7**

What did you like about this message?

What did you find hard to accept or understand?

What does this message teach you about people?

What does this message teach us about God? What does it teach about Jesus?

What will you do now? Based on this message, how will your life change?

How specifically are you going to live out today's lesson?

Who will you tell? With whom will you have a conversation about this message?

“At the cross in holy love God through Christ paid the full penalty of our disobedience himself. He bore the judgment we deserve in order to bring us the forgiveness we do not deserve. On the cross divine mercy and justice were equally expressed and eternally reconciled.

God's holy love was ‘satisfied’.”

— John Stott

1. It continues, even though iniquity prevails (v. 9-10)

- Tyranny and oppression

- Hypocrisy

2. It continues, even though sinners succeed (v. 11)

- Is God indifferent to human conduct?

- The excitement of success

3. It will end in just retribution (v. 12-13)

- For the sinner

- For the righteous