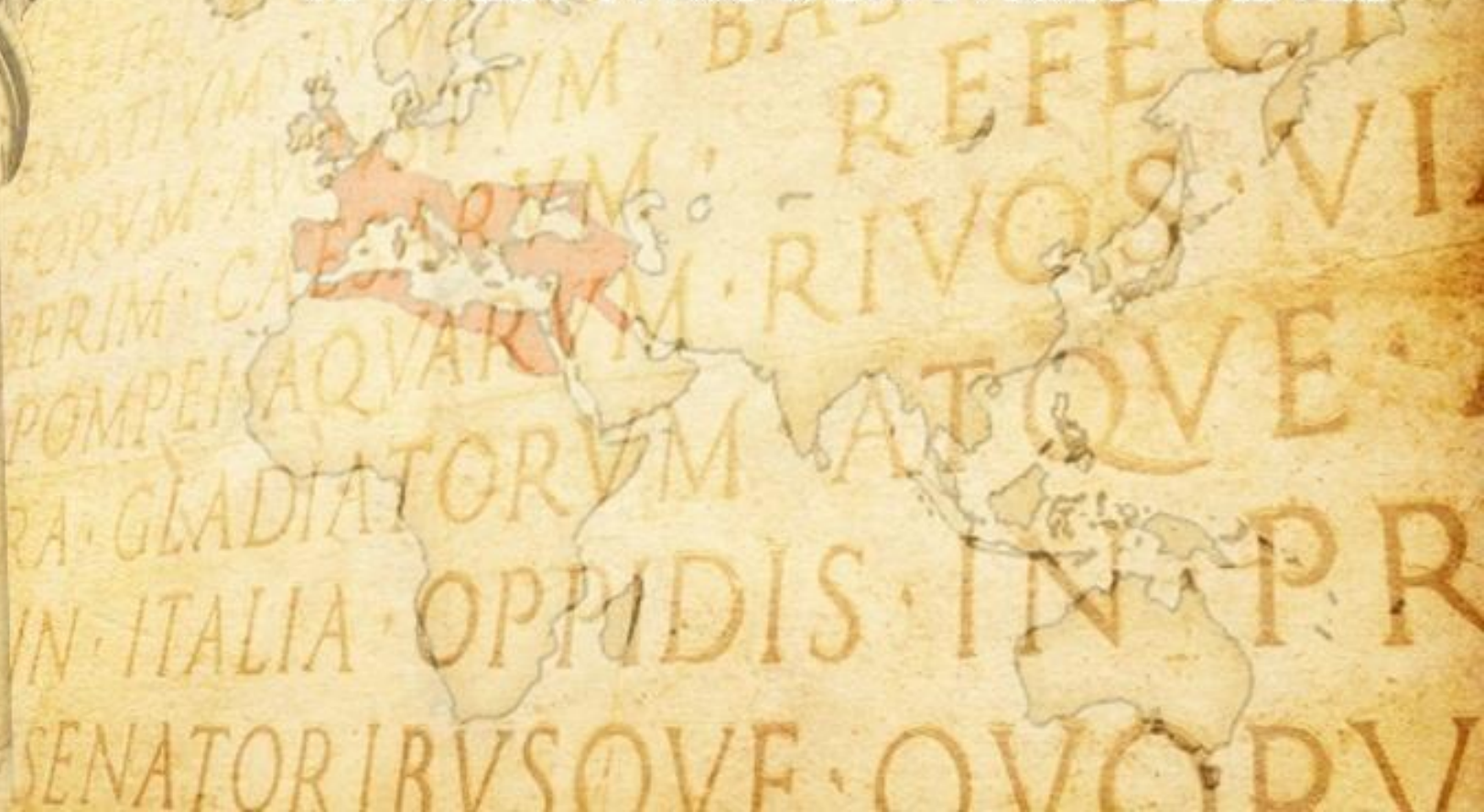




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# Smart Christians

Romans 13-16

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**REVIEW:**

**What's ours in  
Christ**

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# 1. Peace

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand.

-Romans 5: 1-2

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# 2. Freedom

...through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death.

-Romans 8: 2

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# 3. Family

...in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.

-Romans 12: 5

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# THREE FINAL WORDS

Be submitted (c. 13)

Be sensitive (c. 14)

Be strategic (c. 15)

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The authorities that exist have been  
established by God. -Romans 13: 1

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# 1. Be submitted

Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God.

-Romans 13: 1-2

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# Be submitted

Consequently, he who rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves.

-Romans 13: 1-2

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# Submitting to authorities

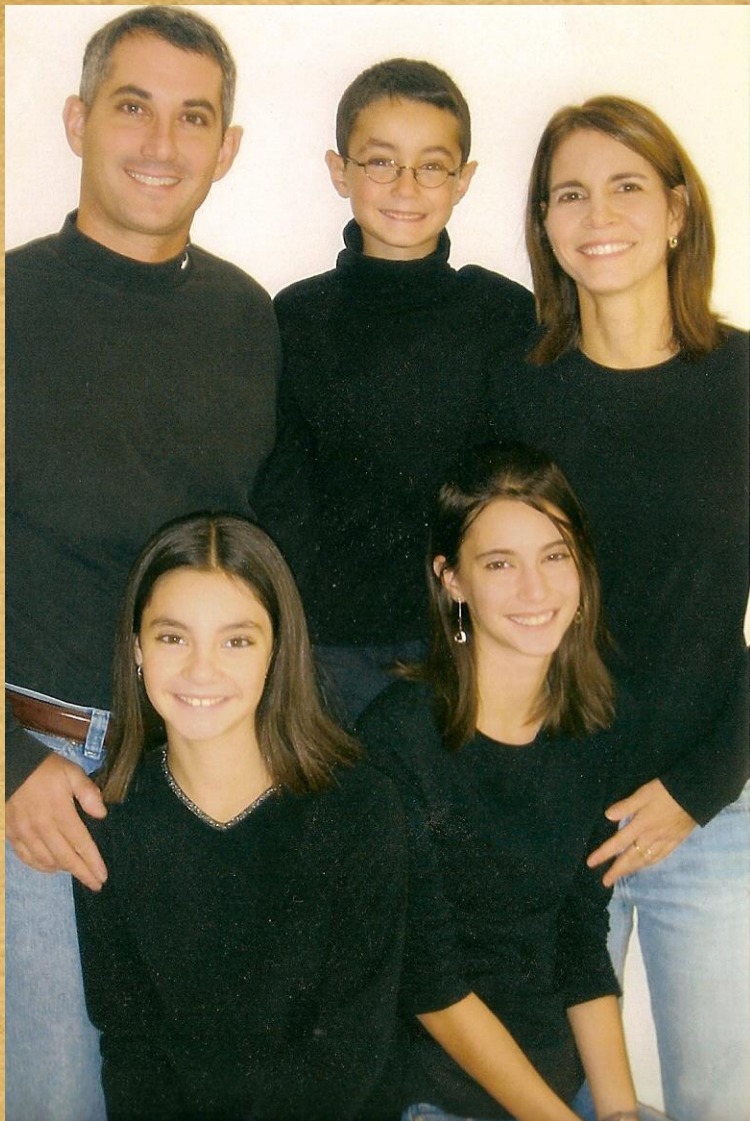
...it is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also because of conscience.

-Romans 13: 5

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## 2. Be sensitive

Accept him whose faith is weak,  
without passing judgment on  
**disputable** matters.

-Romans 14:1

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One man's faith allows him to eat everything, but another man, whose faith is weak, eats only vegetables. The man who eats everything must not look down on him who does not, and the man who does not eat everything must not condemn the man who does, for God has accepted him. Who are you to judge someone else's servant?

-Romans 14: 2-4

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“Some factions consider interdietary dating  
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*-New York Times, 2/13/08*

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Let us make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification.

-Romans 14: 19



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Epictetus

*The*  
ART  
—OF—  
LIVING

The fact that we  
have quarreled



The fact that  
we are brothers

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### 3. Be strategic

It has always been my ambition to preach the gospel where Christ was not known, so that I would not be building on someone else's foundation.

-Romans 15: 20

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## Elsa Jedick

Minnesota State - Mankato

*We loved you so much that we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well, because you had become so dear to us.*

**1 Thessalonians 2:8**



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**IN CONCLUSION...**

**Hold onto the Good News!**

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It's about God's revelation,  
not our convictions

I urge you, brothers, to watch out  
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-Romans 16: 17

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