

## Submission to the Authorities

**13** Let every person <sup>b</sup>be subject to the governing authorities. For <sup>a</sup>there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. **2** Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. **3** For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you <sup>f</sup>will receive his approval, **4** for <sup>s</sup>he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, <sup>l</sup>an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer. **5** Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also <sup>u</sup>for the sake of conscience. **6** For because of this you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. **7** <sup>v</sup>Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.

## Fulfilling the Law Through Love

**8** <sup>w</sup>Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for <sup>x</sup>the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. **9** For the commandments, <sup>y</sup>“You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: <sup>z</sup>“You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” **10** Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore <sup>a</sup>love is the fulfilling of the law.

**11** Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you <sup>b</sup>to wake from sleep. <sup>c</sup>For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. **12** <sup>d</sup>The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us <sup>e</sup>cast off <sup>f</sup>the works of darkness and <sup>g</sup>put on the armor of light. **13** <sup>h</sup>Let us walk properly as in the daytime, <sup>i</sup>not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, <sup>j</sup>not in quarreling and jealousy. **14** But <sup>k</sup>put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, <sup>l</sup>to gratify its desires.