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God's Sovereignty

— Or —

Free Will

“Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God.

Consequently, whoever 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 (NIV)

“Submit yourselves for the Lord’s sake to every human authority: whether to the emperor, as the supreme authority, or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to

*commend those who do right.
For it is God's will that by doing
good you should silence the
ignorant talk of foolish people.*

Show proper respect to everyone, love the family of believers, fear God, honor the emperor.”

1 Peter 2:13-17 (NIV)

*The Jewish leaders insisted,
“We have a law, and according
to that law he must die,
because he claimed to be the
Son of God.”*

When Pilate heard this, he was even more afraid, and he went back inside the palace. “Where do you come from?” he asked Jesus, but Jesus gave him no answer. “Do you refuse to speak to me?”

Pilate said. “Don’t you realize I have power either to free you or to crucify you?” Jesus answered, “You would have no power over me if it were not given to you from above.

*Therefore the one who handed
me over to you is guilty of a
greater sin.”*

John 19:7-11 (NIV)

“If their purpose is of human origin, it will fail. But if it is from God, you will not be able to stop these men; you will only find yourselves fighting against God.”

Acts 5:39 (NIV)

“The apostles left the Sanhedrin rejoicing because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name. Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house,

*they never stopped teaching
and proclaiming the good news
that Jesus is the Christ.”*

Acts 5:41 (NIV)

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