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## Belonging In Our Politically Polarized Culture

Romans 13:1-14

<sup>1b</sup>The authorities that exist have been established by God.

1. Government is *ordained* by God.

<sup>4a</sup>For the one in authority is God's servant ...

2. Government exists to *promote* human flourishing.

3. Government is *worthy* of thoughtful cooperation.

4. Governments and citizens are ultimately *accountable* to God.

### The Kind of People We Long To Be:

1. In Politics, we value *civility*.

<sup>8</sup>Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law. <sup>10b</sup>Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

2. In ethics, we aim for *integrity*.

<sup>12b</sup>So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. <sup>13</sup>Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. <sup>14b</sup>Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ.

3. In lifestyle, we aspire to *richness*.