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Posted by [james](#) on Mon, 21 Oct 2019 17:33:56 GMT
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Rom. 13:8 can be taken out of context but I don't think it's too much of a stretch to be reading along and see that Paul is talking about taxes (tribute) and see that as a literal/physical payment for something that you owe to the physical rulers of the principalities and municipalities we find ourselves under.

He moves from the pivot point (Rom. 13:8) to our spiritual responsibilities to love our neighbors, etc., and in so doing we assure ourselves that we are fulfilling one of the main tenets of our Christian faith. The "owe no man any thing" encompasses 4 areas:

- 1) Tribute - I don't see how this can mean anything but money.
- 2) Custom - One of the listed meanings is: toll, custom (indirect tax on goods).
- 3) Fear - One meaning: respect or reverence.
- 4) Honour - This one includes the idea of reverence but also: a valuing by which the price is fixed.

(All definitions are from the Blueletter Bible. Since the server move I haven't gotten the links working yet but hopefully I'll get that fixed soon!)

Anyway, the fact is, Paul gives both a practical aspect and a spiritual aspect in describing our responsibilities. If owing someone something is deemed to be a lack of love toward that 'someone' then we're told not to "owe".

Open to any other interpretation, but that's how I see it.

Blessings,
William

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Posted by [james](#) on Mon, 21 Oct 2019 18:38:08 GMT
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Good job brother, I had forgotten you were a shade tree theologian. Seriously though, my point was the turning part of a section of scripture into a set in stone law and the rest mostly ignored. Another was Mark 11:24 Jesus said this in teaching followers to walk in faith, faithfully doing the will of God, being forgiving of others and quick to seek forgiveness ourselves...Not to "name it and claim it" as I've also witnessed.

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Posted by [Mark L](#) on Sun, 27 Oct 2019 01:45:52 GMT
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Quote:Good job brother, I had forgotten you were a shade tree theologian.

Thats a good one. Going to remember that.

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Posted by [Gary](#) on Sat, 28 Dec 2019 11:20:31 GMT
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26 For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. 27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. 28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. 29 And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

I think this scripture is pulled out of context. This is talking about our salvation in Christ Jesus.

Some people quote this verse to prove women are called to the five fold ministry.

I have always thought anyone can make the Bible say what they want it to say without considering the context it was written.

In Him,
Gary

Subject: Re: Scriptures Taken Out of Context

Posted by [james](#) on Thu, 02 Jan 2020 17:13:59 GMT
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It's been said before by many that you can make scripture back up most anything, IF you take words and verses out of context or isolate portions.

"Remember ye not the former things, neither consider the things of old."
Isaiah 43:18

Now how many other places are we admonished to REMEMBER the former things God has done, to meditate upon them?

"For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope."
Romans 15:4
