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**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.**

*Romans 13:1*

## God over government

So whom do you want to be president?

“Really, bro? You’re going there? Haven’t we heard enough about the election? Really?”

Yes, really. let’s go there.

We may feel we have had more than enough election and presidential talk. We have been hearing about it for months already. However, no matter what our feelings or tolerance levels may be, we don’t live in isolation. As Christians, it’s important for us to be on high alert and in tune with God’s Word when major world events are happening around us. A presidential election, especially this particular one, certainly qualifies as such.

This week is election week. So many have deep-seated thoughts about the candidates this year. So many are hoping one person is president and that the other one is not. So many are very concerned about what direction the country will go in if one or the other is elected.

What should Christians do if Donald Trump is president again . . . or if Joe Biden is elected president? The answer is—rejoice!

That’s right. “Rejoice!” The joy we have as Christians is not rooted in a political party or a certain candidate. Our hopes do not rest in one leader or a system of government. We can rejoice in any and every situation and with any and every president because *God is in control*.

Today’s Bible verse in Romans 13 is from a chapter that goes into great detail regarding what God says about government. It starts with one foundational understanding—God is King of kings and Lord of lords. God is in control, and thus, every government that exists is established by God.

The newly elected president of the United States of America may or may not be your personal choice. But he is in fact the one that God has allowed according to his wisdom to be the president at this moment and at this time in our government in order to accomplish his plans and purposes. So Christian friends, take a deep breath. Relax. Rejoice. No matter what happens this week, our God is still ultimate leader in ultimate control. Praise God for that!

**Prayer: Heavenly Father, we pray for an extra measure of faith and trust this election week. Help us to remember that you are in control, you establish all authorities, and presidential candidates are elected only as you allow and see fit. Help us to trust that no matter the outcome of this week, you still hold all things in your hands. Amen.**