

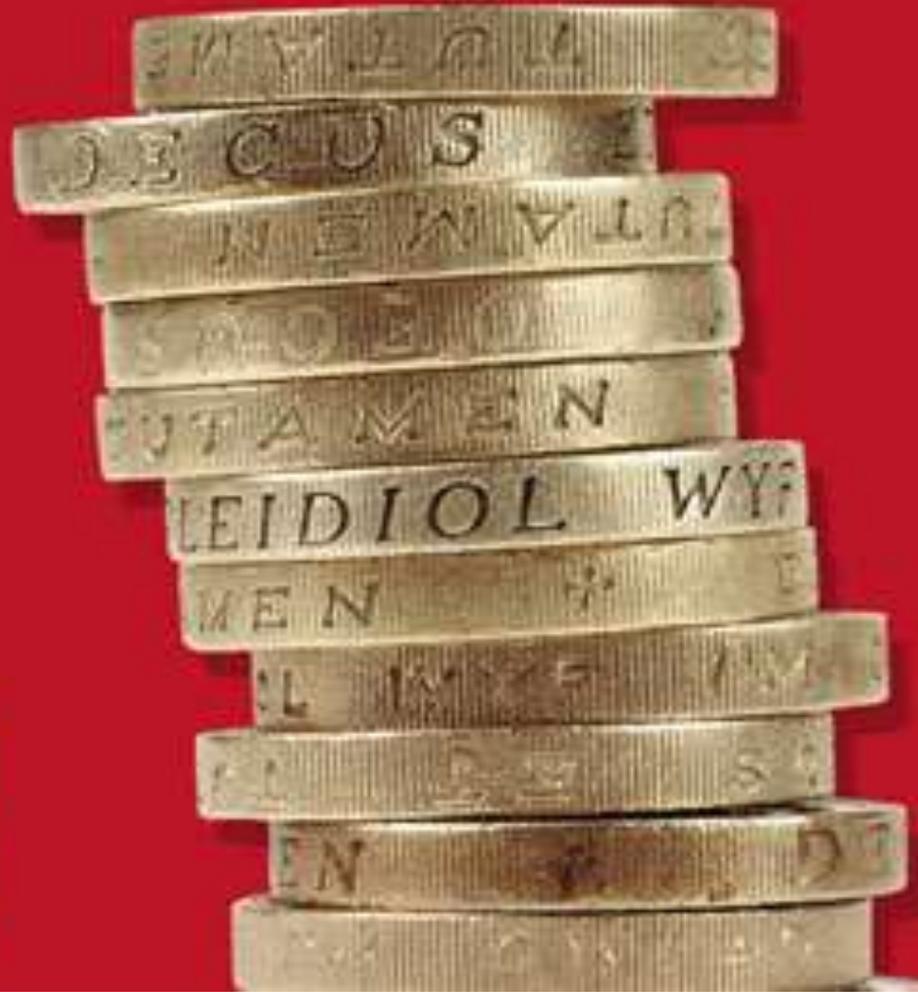


# Romans 13: 1 - 7



Luke 20:25 Jesus said, "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's".

**We  
pay  
our  
taxes!**



1 Timothy 1: 9 – 11

## LAW & ORDER

We also know that the law is made not for the righteous but for lawbreakers and rebels, the ungodly and sinful, the unholy and irreligious, for those who kill their fathers or mothers, for murderers, for the sexually immoral, for those practicing homosexuality, for slave traders and liars and perjurers--and for whatever else is contrary to the sound doctrine that conforms to the gospel



# Punish Offenders

Genesis 9: 5 – 6

Exodus 21:24

Deuteronomy 19: 15 - 21



# Exercise God-given Authority



**Workplace**

Titus 2:9-10

**Disputes**

Acts 25: 10 - 12

Give to Caesar ONLY what is Caesar's



Caesar is tempted to demand more than he is allowed!

Augustus as Pontifex Maximus, found in Via Labicana.  
Pontifex Maximus was the head of the state religion of Rome.

Jesus is LORD

Revelation 1: 9



In Jerusalem, the Sanhedrin overstepped its powers.



Acts 4: 1-2, 18 – 22

Acts 5:25 - 40



Submit to Nero, Claudius etc. ?

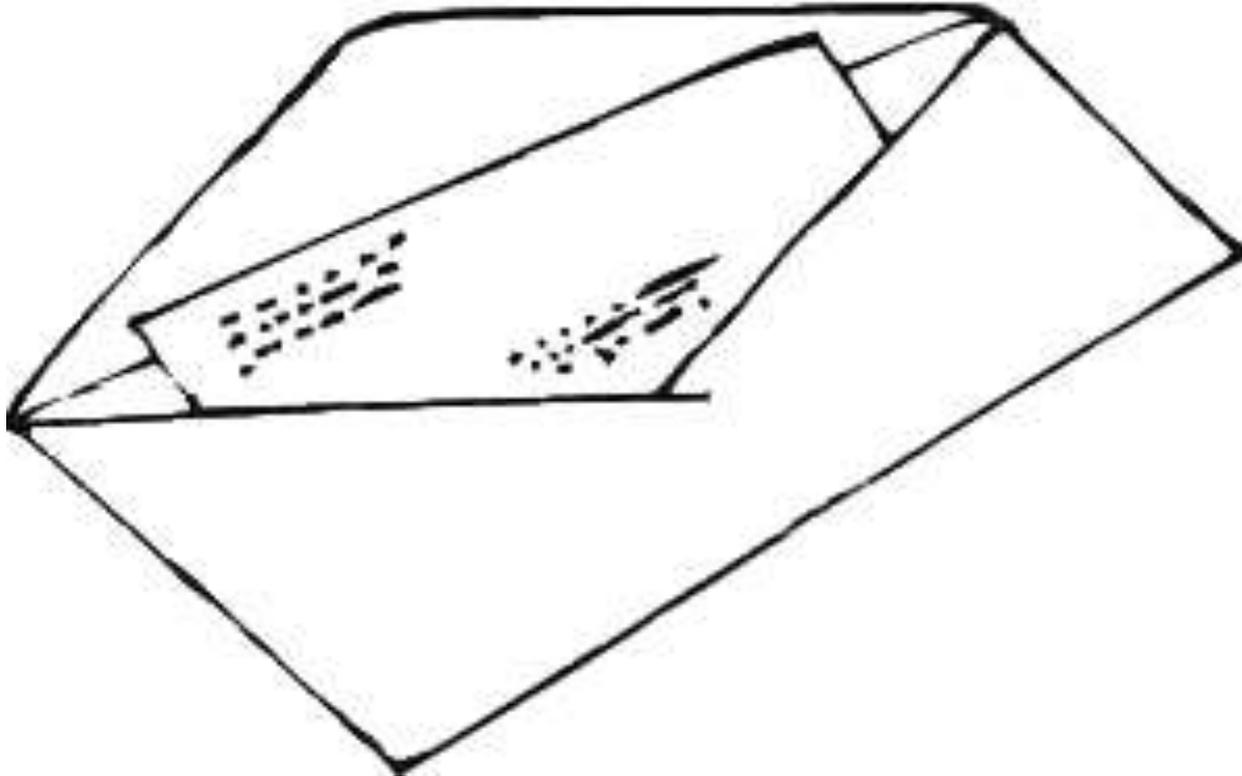
Romans 13:1-2

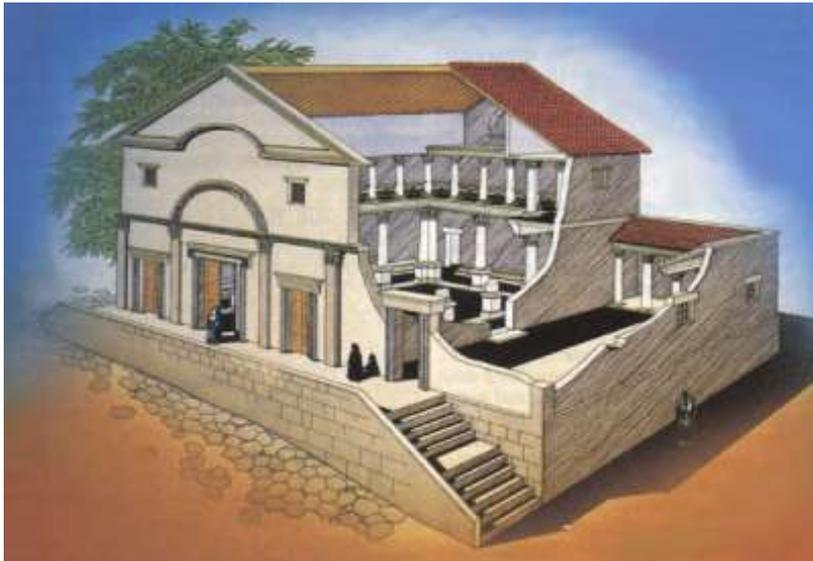
Jeremiah 29: 7

Habakkuk 2:16

Possibly more in mind than just Roman authorities

Paul's objective .....

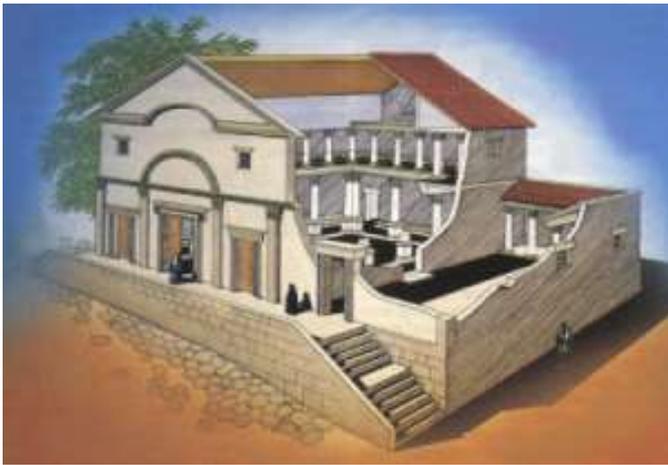




The gentile Christians were accepted as “God fearers” in the Synagogue.

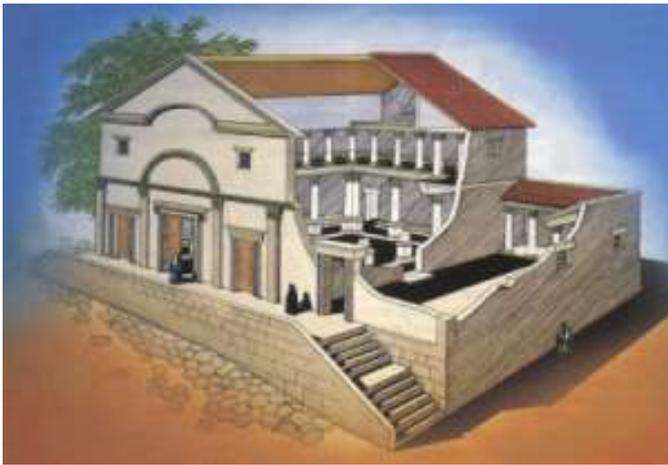
Capernaum Synagogue Ruins





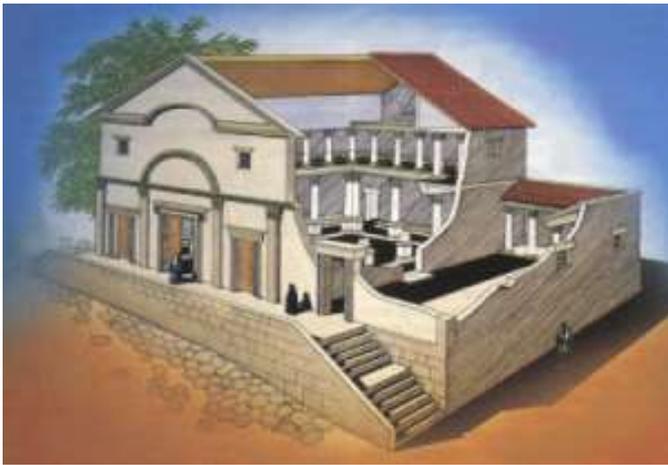
The Synagogue was given permission by Rome to exercise their God-given authority.  
Therefore .. Respect & Obey





The Synagogue was given permission by Rome to exercise discipline  
“fine - flog – fire”  
(but not the death penalty)





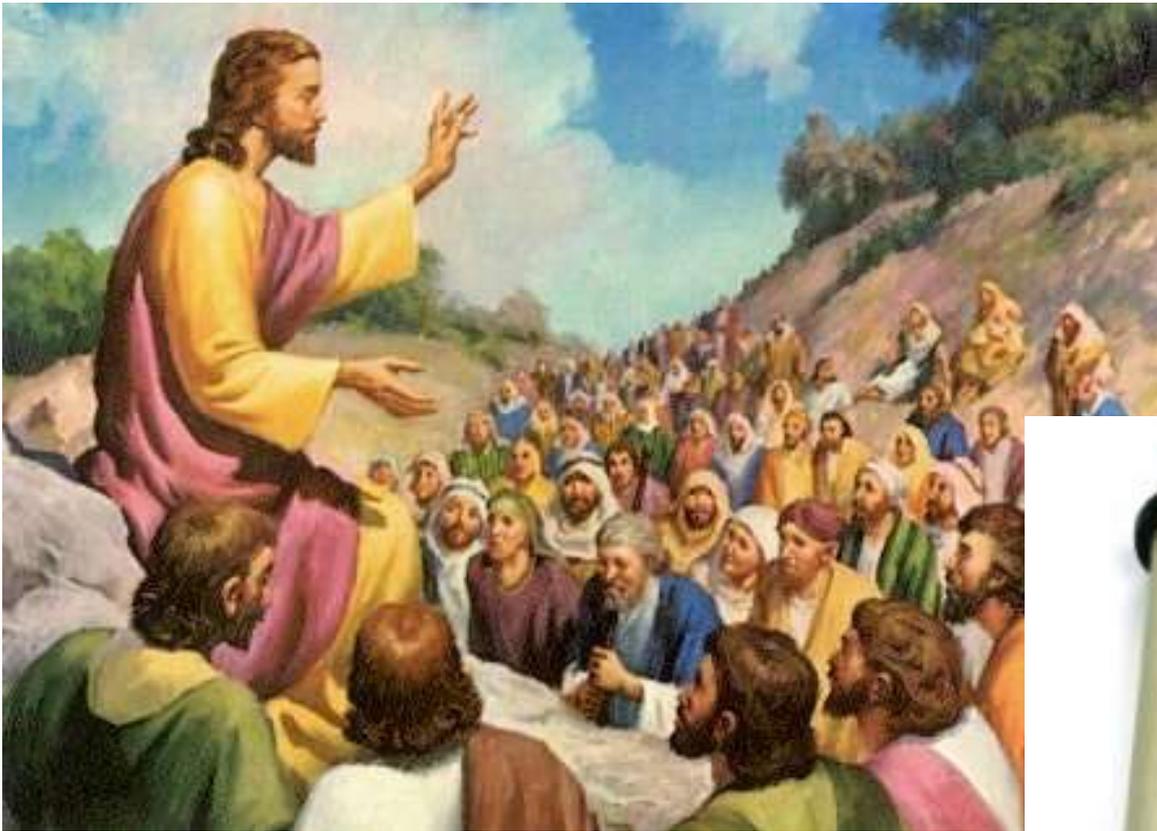
Members of the Synagogue were required to pay the Temple tax.



Is Paul trying to encourage the gentile believers to make the gospel “attractive” to the members of the Synagogue who had not yet come to faith in Jesus as the Messiah?

This leads into Romans 13: 8 - 14





Romans 13: 8 - 10

Matthew 7:12



# Romans 13: 11- 12



Romans 13: 14



**Does  
our behaviour  
and attitude to others  
make the gospel attractive to them?**