

JURYDUTY

With all due respect, as the Apostle Paul instructed those in Rome that were called of Jesus Christ: beloved of God, called to be saints, to let every soul be subject unto the higher powers (**Rom.13:1-7**). Then the Apostle instructed those in Crete, through Titus, “to be subject to principalities and powers, to obey magistrates, to be ready to every good work” (**Titus 3:1**). The Apostle Paul instructs the Church through Timothy that even supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; for kings, and **for all** that are in authority (**1Tim.2:1-2**). Then the Apostle Peter reminds the Church to submit ourselves to every ordinance of man **for the Lord’s sake** (**1Pet.2:13-15**). A Christian MUST note the instruction, “for the Lord’s sake”, because of its meaning which is, 1223 dia (dee-ah’); a primary preposition denoting the channel of an act; through: KJV-- through the ground or reason by which something is or is not done. So, when things that are asked or even commanded, stop being for the Lord’s sake; which simply means “according to his will” then it is the responsibility of a true suffering Christian, to hear and obey Christ, through his Holy Ghost guided apostles rather than men, as God has commanded (**Matt.17:1-8; Matt.28:16-20; John17:14-20 and Acts1:1-4**). Note the scriptural example of the Apostle Peter and the other Apostles, as they had been put in prison, verses **18** and **19** of Acts chapter **5: Acts 5:14-29...27** And when they had brought them, they set them before the council: and the high priest asked them, **28** Saying, Did not we straitly command you that ye should not teach in this name? and, behold, ye have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this man's blood upon us.**29** Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, **We ought to obey God rather than men.**KJV

We believe according to SCRIPTURE, the terms Christian and/or Christianity are the MOST misunderstood, misapplied, misused and abused terms, on the face of the earth!

So, as one STRIVING to be a Christian (a follower of Christ), **the name Christian** indicates a **lifestyle and supersedes anything else that I am**. This also binds me to follow the instructions of Christ, through those that he authorized, (his apostles). Striving to be a Christian the **wife of Christ, John 3:29-30; 2Cor. 11:2; Rom.7:4; Eph.5:23**; this also **binds me to the law of Christ (Rom.8:1-9)**, through the word/doctrine of his apostles (which is in New Testament scripture) John 17:20; Acts 1:1-4; 2:41-42; 1Cor.11:1-3; 2Pet.3:1-2; 1John4:4-6 and Jude 1:17. The commandments of the Lord’s apostles are given to the Church of and by Christ, as they were guided by The Holy Ghost (**Matt.16:13-18; Eph.3:21; Eph.4:1-6; Eph.5:22-33; Col.1:9-20**). The Church MUST strive to follow these instructions circumspectly; “**Eph 5:15** See then that ye **(1)walk (2)circumspectly**, not as fools, but as wise, **16** Redeeming the time, because the days are evil. **17** Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is”.....**Definitions: (1)walk**-4043 peripateo-to walk: b) Hebrew for, to live 1) to regulate one's life 2) to conduct oneself 3) to pass one's life. **(2)circumspectly**-199 akribos (ak-ree-boce’); adverb from the same as 196; exactly: KJV-- circumspectly, diligently, perfect (-ly), exactly, accurately, diligently.

When reading and understanding **Luke 6:27-37**, it teaches me first; what the will of the Lord is on this matter, thereby teaching how “**the children of the Highest**’ MUST think and strive to live. “**Luke 6:27** But I say unto you which hear, **Love your enemies, do good to them which hate you, 28 Bless them that curse you, and pray for them which spitefully use you. 29** And unto him that smiteth thee on the one cheek offer also the other; and him that taketh away thy

cloke forbid not to take thy coat also. **30** Give to every man that asketh of thee; and of him that taketh away thy goods ask them not again. **31** And **(1)as (2)ye would** that men should do to you, do ye also to them (3)likewise. **32** For if ye love them which love you, what thank have ye? for sinners also love those that love them. **33** And if ye do good to them which do good to you, what thank have ye? for sinners also do even the same. **34** And if ye lend to them of whom ye hope to receive, what thank have ye? for sinners also lend to sinners, to receive as much again. **35** But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children **of the Highest**: for he is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil. **36** Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful. **37 (4)Judge not, and ye shall not be judged: (5)condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned: (6)forgive, and ye shall be forgiven:**” (KJV)

Definitions:

(1)as-2531 kathos-1) according as, just as, even as, inasmuch, in proportion as, in the degree that since, seeing that.....**(2)ye would** that men should do to you -2309 thelo or ethelo in certain tenses; to will, to have in mind, b) to desire, to wish c) to love, to like to do a thing, to be fond of doing d) to take delight in, to have pleasure, be inclined to, choose or prefer, to wish: KJV-- desire, be disposed (forward), intend, list, love, mean, please, have rather.....(3)do ye also to them likewise-3668 homoiios-likewise, equally, in the same way....(4)Judge NOT-2919 krino (kree'-no); properly, to distinguish, i.e. decide (mentally or judicially); by implication, to try, condemn, punish: KJV-- avenge, conclude, damn, go to (sue at the) law, ordain, call in question, sentence to, to be of an opinion, to deem, to think, to determine, to resolve, to decree, to pronounce an opinion concerning right and wrong, to pronounce judgment, to subject to censure, used of those who act the part of judges or arbiters in matters of common life, or pass judgment on the deeds and words of others, to preside over with the power of giving judicial decisions, to contend together, to dispute, in a forensic sense....(5)condemn NOT-2613 katadikazo-to give judgment against (one), to pronounce guilty, to condemn....(6)forgive-630 apoluo (ap-ol-oo'-o); from 575 and 3089; to free fully, i.e. (literally) relieve, release, dismiss (reflexively, depart), or (figuratively) pardon or (specially) divorce: KJV-- (let) depart, let go, loose, set at liberty, to let go, dismiss, (to detain no longer), to acquit one accused of a crime and set him at liberty, indulgently to grant a prisoner permission to depart.

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