

ELECTION TIME

It's that time again, to elect a leader to guide the United States of America. For many this is a time of grave concern causing much "anxiety." I chose the word "anxiety" because I believe its definition best describes the emotions put upon all who will or will not participate in this process.

Definition: Main Entry:**anx*i*ety**; Function:noun1 : painful uneasiness of mind usually over an anticipated ill 2 : abnormal apprehension and fear often accompanied by physiological signs (as sweating and increased pulse), by doubt about the nature and reality of the threat itself, and by self-doubt

Many feel there is no way around these pressures (painful uneasiness of mind, abnormal apprehension and fear, self-doubt) because of the way this process has been devised. For those who profess to be **Christians(5546 Christianos- a Christian, a follower of Christ)**, these are the pressures that must be our focus considering the choices made; that our (Christ-ian) lives must be according to the will of God. **(1 Pet 4:2 That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God.)**

We must remember that America is ruled by a government chosen by the people for the people. Will I make the right choice? Ok...I can vote for this candidate because he or she doesn't believe in "preemptive" wars but he or she believes that someone has the right to "murder" (terminate a pregnancy) "Pro Choice." Or...I can vote for this candidate because he or she doesn't believe in abortions "Right to Life" but he or she believes in "preemptive" and "retaliatory" war, "murdering" civilians as well as soldiers in the process.

Definitions: Main Entry:**pre*emp*tive**; Function:adjective marked by the seizing of the initiative : initiated by oneself *preemptive attack* Main Entry:**re*tal*ia*to*ry**; Function: adjective to return like for like; esp: to get revenge

Matt 5:38 Ye have heard that it hath been said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth: 39 But I say unto you, That (1) ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also. 40 And if any man will sue thee at the law, and take away thy coat, let him have thy cloke also. 41 And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain. 42 Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away. 43 Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy. 44 But I say unto you, (2)Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; 45 That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust. 46 For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same? 47 And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others? do not even the publicans so? 48 Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect. (See also Luke 6:27-36) (KJV)

Definitions: (1) ye resist NOT EVIL-436 anthistemi (anth-is'-tay-mee); from 473 and 2476; to stand against, i.e. oppose, 1) to set oneself against, to withstand, resist, oppose 2) to set against: KJV-- resist, withstand.473 anti (an-tee'); a primary particle; opposite, i.e. instead or because of (rarely in addition to): KJV-- for, in the room of. Often used in composition to denote contrast, requital, substitution, correspondence, etc. (2)Love your enemies-25 agapao (ag-ap-ah'-o); perhaps from agan (much) [or compare 5689]; to love (in a social or moral sense), 1) used of persons: to welcome, to entertain, to be fond of, to love dearly 2) used of things: to be well pleased, to be contented at or with a thing: KJV-- (be-) love (-ed). Compare 5368.

Rom 1:28 And even as they did not like (1)to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a

(2)**reprobate** mind, to do those things which are not (3)**convenient**; 29 Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, (4) **murder**, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, 30 Backbiters, haters of God, spiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, 31 Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, (5)**unmerciful**: 32 Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but (6)**have pleasure** in them that do them.

Definitions : (1)did not like to **retain** God in their knowledge -2192 echo-1) to have, that is, to hold; to have (hold) in the hand, in the sense of wearing, to have (hold) possession of the mind (refers to alarm, agitating emotions, etc.), to hold fast keep, to have or comprise or involve, to regard or consider or hold as 2) to have, that is, to own, to possess 3) to hold oneself or find oneself so and so, to be in such-and-such a condition 4) to hold oneself to a thing, to lay hold of a thing, to adhere or cling to, to be closely joined to a person or a thing. (2)**reprobate** mind-96 adokimos (ad-ok'-ee-mos); from 1 (as a negative particle) and 1384; unapproved, i.e. rejected; by implication, worthless (literally or morally), 1) not standing the test, not approved: properly used of metals and coins 2) that which does not prove itself as it should: unfit for, unproved, spurious, reprobate: KJV-- castaway, rejected, reprobate. (3)Not **convenient**-2520 katheko (kath-ay'-ko); from 2596 and 2240); to reach to, i.e. (neuter of present active participle, figuratively as adjective) becoming: KJV-- convenient, fit. (4) **murder**-5408 phonos- **murder, slaughter**. (5)**unmerciful**-415 aneleemon (an-elah-ay'-mone); from 1 (as a negative particle) and 1655; without mercy, merciless: KJV-- unmerciful. (6)**have pleasure** in them that do them-4909 suneudokeo (soon-yoo-dok-eh'-o); from 4862 and 2106; to think well of in common, i.e. assent to, feel gratified with, 1) to be pleased together with, to approve together (with others) 2) to be pleased at the same time with, to consent, to agree to to applaud: KJV-- allow, assent, be pleased, have pleasure.

Rom 12:17 (1)**Recompense** to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men. 18 If (2)**it be possible**, as much as lieth in you, (3)**live peaceably** with all men. 19 Dearly beloved, (4)**avenge not yourselves**, but rather give (5)**place** (6)**unto wrath**: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord. 20 Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. 21 Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good. (see **Matt.5:38-48**)

Definitions:(1)**Recompense** to no man evil for evil-591 apodidomi (ap-od-eed'-o-mee); from 575 and 1325; to give away, i.e. up, over, to pay off, back, etc. (in various applications): KJV-- deliver (again), give (again), (re-) pay (-ment be made), perform, recompense, render, requite, restore, reward, yield. (2)**If it be possible**-1415 dunatos (doo-nat-os'); from **1410**; powerful or capable (literally or figuratively); neuter possible, b) strong in soul 1) to bear calamities and trials with fortitude and patience 2) strong in Christian virtue 2) to be able (to do something) a) mighty, excelling in something:KJV-- able, could, (that is) mighty (man), possible, power, strong. **1410** dunamai (doo'-nam-ah-ee);of uncertain affinity; to be able or possible, 1) to be able, to have power whether by virtue of one's own ability and resources, or of a state of mind, or through favorable circumstances, or by permission of law or custom: KJV-- be able, can (do, + -not), could, may, might, be possible, be of power. (3)**live peaceably** with all men-1514 eireneuo (i-rane-yoo'-o);from 1515; to be (act) peaceful: KJV-- be at (have, live in) peace, live peaceably.1) to make peace 2) to cultivate or keep peace, harmony 3) to be at peace, live in peace. (4)**avenge** not yourselves-1556 ekdikeo (ek-dik-eh'-o); from **1558**; to vindicate, retaliate, punish, 1) to vindicate one's right, to do one justice to protect, to defend one person from another 2) to avenge a thing, to punish a person for a thing: KJV-- a (re-) venge. **1558** ekdikos (ek'-dik-os); from 1537 and 1349; carrying justice out, i.e. a punisher: KJV-- a (re-) venger. (5)but rather give **place**-5117 topos (top'-os); apparently a primary word; a spot (general in space, but limited by occupancy; whereas 5561 is a large but participle locality), i.e. location (as a position, home, tract, etc.); figuratively, condition, opportunity; specifically, a scabbard, b) opportunity, power, occasion for acting: KJV-- coast, licence, place,

X plain, quarter, + rock, room, where. **(6)unto wrath**-3709 orge (or-gay'); 3709 orge-1) anger, the natural disposition, temper, character 2) movement or agitation of the soul, impulse, desire, any violent emotion, but especially anger 3) anger, wrath, indignation 4) anger exhibited in punishment, hence used for punishment itself; used of punishments inflicted by magistrates: KJV-- anger, indignation, vengeance, wrath.

Rev 21:8 But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and **(1)murderers**, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, **and all liars, shall have their part in the lake** which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

Definition: (1)5406 phoneus- **a murderer, a homicide; ho*mi*cide** Function:noun **1** : a person who kills another **2** : a killing of one human being by another

We have a woman candidate but can't find anywhere in the Bible where God ever chose a "Female" King. In the New Testament, where the Apostle's Doctrine is found he consistently speaks of the "Woman's role" as being in "subjection" to the man as opposed to being a "leader" of men.

1 Cor 11:1 Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ. (Christianos- a Christian, a follower of Christ) **2** Now I praise you, brethren, that ye **remember me in all things**, and **keep the ordinances, as I delivered them to you.** **3** But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God.

1 Tim 2:12 But I suffer not a woman to teach, **nor (1)to usurp authority over the man**, but **to be in silence.** **13** For Adam was first formed, then Eve. **14** **And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression.**

Definition: (1) usurp authority over -831 authenteo- to govern, to exercise dominion over one

If I don't vote, I will not have fulfilled my responsibility as a "citizen." Even worse, I will have forfeited my right to complain about the direction in which the country is being lead. Decisions...Decisions...what should I do? As always, we will assist you in answering life's questions by passing on the truth (the word of God).

John 17:17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. And as always, "if believed and followed, the truth shall make you free." **John 8:31** Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; 32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you (1)free.

Definition: (1) free-1659 eleutheroo- set at liberty: from the dominion of sin **to liberate**, i.e. (figuratively) **to exempt** (from moral, ceremonial or mortal liability): **deliver, make free.**

Not only will it make us free from sin, but as it relates to this issue, it will also **liberate** us from the **anx*i*ety** of this process. The word of God will show that **Christians all over the world**, are **exempt** from this process **altogether.** First, let me start by saying those who **are not** Christians have "much larger problems" than who runs this country. They truly should be feeling "much" **anx*i*ety** (painful uneasiness of mind, abnormal apprehension and fear, self-doubt) because their souls are in an "unsaved" condition. The "only" way to relieve this **anx*i*ety** (painful uneasiness of mind, abnormal apprehension and fear, self-doubt) is to be "Baptized into the Body of Christ." **Gal 3:27** **or as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.** **Mark 16:16** **He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.** **1 Pet 3:21** The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ: So please, let's prioritize properly and focus on taking care of that immediately.

“If I don’t vote I will not have fulfilled my responsibility as a **citizen**.” Let’s take a closer look at that statement. The operative word is “**citizen**”, denoting that I must bear the responsibility of participating in this voting process because I am of this country. We know this to be true because there will be no illegal aliens or “citizens” of any other country allowed to be participants of this process.

Definition: Main Entry:cit*i*zen Function:noun a native or naturalized member of a state or nation who owes allegiance to a government and is entitled to its protection –cit*i*zen*ship noun

As we stated earlier, when you have become a Christian **the truth shall make you free** (liberated, exempt) from this process:

Phil 3:20 For our **(1)conversation is in heaven**; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ:

Definitions: **(1)conversation-4175** politeuma (pol-it'-yoo-mah);from **4176**; a community, i.e. (abstractly) citizenship (figuratively)1) the administration of civil affairs or of a commonwealth 2) the constitution of a commonwealth, form of government and the laws by which it is administered 3) a state, a commonwealth; the commonwealth of citizens; a community, i.e. (abstractly) citizenship (figuratively):conversation: KJV-- conversation. **4176** politeuomai (pol-it-yoo'-om-ah-ee); middle voice of a derivative of 4177; to behave as a citizen (figuratively), 1) to be a citizen 2) to administer civil affairs, to manage the state 3) to make or to create a citizen a) to be a citizen b) to behave as a citizen 1) to avail oneself of or recognize the laws 2) to conduct oneself as pledged to some law of life: KJV-- let conversation be, live.

To understand the Apostle Paul in this verse, we first need to establish who we are (**Christ-ians**). Citizenship has always been determined by place of birth. Webster’s definition of the root word Citizen starts with: **a native or naturalized member of a state or nation who owes allegiance** to a government and is entitled to its protection.

Definition: Main Entry: na*tive Function:adjective1 : **INBORN : NATURAL** 2 : born in a particular place or country 3 : belonging to a person because of the place or circumstances of birth *her native language 4 : grown, produced, or originating in a particular place

Born in America, “American”; born in Canada, “Canadian”; born in Egypt, “Egyptian” etc. Thereby having been first born of flesh **causing us to be fleshly**, we must be born again of the Spirit **causing us to be Spiritual**.

John 3:3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, **Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.** **4** Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? **5 Jesus answered**, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, **Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit**, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. **6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh;** and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

Paul tells us how this is done in:

Rom 6:3 Know ye not, that so many of us as were **(1)baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?** **4** Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

Definition: (1)baptized-907 baptizo- **to immerse, submerge; to make overwhelmed (i.e. fully wet); used**

only (in the N. T.) of ceremonial ablution, especially (technically) of the ordinance of Christian baptism: Baptist, baptize, wash.

Gal 3:27 For as many of you as have been (1)baptized into Christ have put on Christ. **28** There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.

Col 3:10 And have **put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge** after the image of him that created him: **11** Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but Christ is all, and in all.

Here we see that as Christ died fleshly and rose again. Spiritually, we must do the same through **baptism**. After we have been born again into the body of Christ we read that we have put on Christ. In keeping with Webster's definition of **Citizen**, we become **Christians**; making us **a native or naturalized member of a (HOLY) state or nation: who owes allegiance to a government** (governed by the laws of God through Christ and his apostles) **and is entitled to its protection**

1 Pet 2:9 **But ye are a chosen** generation, a royal priesthood, **an holy nation, a peculiar people**; that ye should shew forth the praises of him **who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light**: **10** Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy. **11** Dearly beloved, I beseech you **as (1) strangers and (2)pilgrims**, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul;

Definitions: (1) strangers-3941 paroikos- **one who lives on earth as a stranger, a sojourner on the earth; used of Christians whose home is in heaven.** **(2) pilgrims**-3927 parepidemos- **one who comes from a foreign country into a city or land to reside there by the side of the natives; a stranger; sojourning in a strange place, a foreigner; in reference to heaven as the native country, one who sojourns on earth**

1 Pet 1:1 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, **to the strangers** scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia,

Here (**verse 1**) Peter is identifying **Christian Citizenship** when he refers to those scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia as **strangers(used of Christians whose home is in heaven)** in all of the above cities. Having been born again through baptism into Christ, Peter continues (**verse 9**) to identify their **Christian Citizenship** as members of **an holy nation, a peculiar people** and (**verse 10**) that they **are now the people of God**. Finally, (**verse 11**) when giving them instructions on how to live as **(Christians) the people of God** (not Pontusians, Galatians, Cappadocians, Asians and Bithynians) he addresses them as **strangers(used of Christians whose home is in heaven)** and **pilgrims(in reference to heaven as the native country, one who sojourns on earth)**. Note verses 12-19 of 1Pet.1; also

1 Pet 2:12 Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into. **13 Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind**, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; **14 As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according** to the former lusts in your ignorance: **15** But as he which hath called you is holy, **so be ye holy in all manner of conversation**; **16** Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy. **17** And if ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's work, pass the time of **your (1)sojourning here (2)in fear**: **18** Forasmuch as ye know that **ye were not redeemed with corruptible things**, as silver and gold, from **your**

vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; **19** But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

Definitions: (1) your **sojourning**-3940 paroikia (par-oy-kee'-ah); from 3941; **foreign residence:** KJV--sojourning, X as strangers. (2) **here in fear**-5401 phobos (fob'-os); from a primary phebomai (to be put in fear); alarm or fright: KJV-- be afraid, + exceedingly, fear, terror.

Now that we have scripturally identified our Citizenship as Christians (being born again into Christ, becoming members of an holy nation, the people of God, who's home is in HEAVEN and who sojourns here on earth in fear), we will now scripturally identify what government we owe **allegiance** to. First let's look at Webster's definition of allegiance and government.

Definition: Main Entry: **Al*le*gance** Function: noun **1** : loyalty owed by a citizen to a government **2** : loyalty to a person or cause

1 Cor 6:19 What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? **20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and **in your spirit, which are God's.****

2 Cor 5:15 And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again.

Definition: Main Entry: **Gov*ern*ment** Function: noun **1** : **authoritative direction or control** : **RULE** **2** : **the making of policy** **3** : the organization or agency through which a political unit exercises authority **4** : the complex of institutions, laws, and customs through which a political unit is governed **5** : the governing body

1 : Authoritative Direction Or Control : RULE

Matt 28:18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, **All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.** **19** Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: **20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you:** and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

2 : The Making Of Policy

Matt 17:5 While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him.

3: The Organization Or Agency Through Which A Political Unit Exercises Authority

John 12:49 For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak. **50** And I know that his commandment is life everlasting: whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto me, so I speak.

4: The Complex Of Institutions, Laws, And Customs Through Which A Political Unit Is Governed and 5: The Governing Body

John 5:39 Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.

John 17:19 And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth. **20** Neither pray I for these alone, **but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; 21 That they all may be one;** as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.(KJV)

Acts 2:41 Then they that **gladly received his word** were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls. **42 And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship,** and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

1 Cor 11:1 **Be ye followers of me,** even as I also am of Christ. **2** Now I praise you, **brethren, that ye remember me in all things,** and **keep the ordinances, as I delivered them to you. 3** But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God.

Eph 1:20 Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, **21 Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come; 22** And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, 23 Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.

Phil 3:17 Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so **as ye have us for an ensample.**

Phil 4:8 Finally, **brethren,** whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. **9** Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and **the God of peace shall be with you.**(KJV)

1Thes 2:13 For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.

2 Tim 3:16 **All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for** doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: **17 That the man of God may be perfect,** throughly furnished unto all good works.

2 Pet 1:17 For he received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. **18** And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with him in the holy mount. **19 We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed,** as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts: **20** Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. **21** For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

2 Pet 3:1 This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in both which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance: **2** That ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and

of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord and Saviour:(KJV)

Now that we have “scripturally” proven that “CHRIST-IAN CITIZENSHIP” is in “HEAVEN”, it is our hope that we (**Christ-ians**) will no longer feel the **anxiety** (painful uneasiness of mind, abnormal apprehension and fear, self-doubt) to be participants in this process to elect a leader for America, **or any other country**. We have our leader (God through Jesus Christ) who has already set a government in place (God’s word through Jesus Christ and the Apostles’ doctrine found in New Testament scriptures) **of whom we owe all of our allegiance** (being bought with a price through the blood of Christ on the cross). As a matter of fact, Christians cannot be apart of electing someone who will condone murder by war or abortion. We cannot condone a female leader when God has never done such and speaks against it. I know some may say “none of the candidates are perfect so we are left to pick the best one”. Our response to that is, our leader (God through Jesus Christ and his apostles) is “perfect” and that’s why we have chosen him and encourage all others to do the same. Choosing sin can never be an option for “Christ-ians”. Not only are we not to be apart of unrighteousness in any manner, but have been commanded to reprove those who are. World leaders are chosen for the sole purpose of guiding the world down the path, benefiting the world. America says it best, “by the people for the people.” Our leader’s (God through Jesus Christ, and his apostles) sole purpose is to guide us **through** this world to eternity in Heaven (**2Peter3:1-12**). As our Lord said “let the dead bury their dead”, let’s follow our leader and “let the world elect their worldly leader.

According to the God, through Christ and His apostle’s words/doctrine, Christians must be subject to and honour ALL EARTHLY higher powers; not only those in America (**Rom.13:1-7; Titus3:1-3; 1Pet.2:13-24**). For GOD CREATED ALL and is over ALL, including the DEVIL. Even if we are not citizens when CHRISTIANS are IN America; Canada; Egypt; Rome; etc., we MUST be Subject to their Rules for the **Lord’s sake**; just as any SOJOURNER must. We MUST honour ALL and pray for ALL; “**1 Tim 2:1** I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, **be made for all men; 2** For kings, and for **all** that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. **3 For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; 4 Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.**” Most of all we MUST remember, that as followers of Christ “Christians members of his Body”, we cannot and MUST NOT follow Any Rules, ANYWHERE, that goes against God, through Christ and His Apostles; “**Gal 1:10** For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ. **Col 1:13** Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: **14** In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins: **15** Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: **16 For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: 17 And he is before all things, and by him all things consist. 18 And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the (1)preeminence. 19** For it pleased the Father that **in him** should all fulness dwell; **20** And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven.” (See also **Num.24:13; Acts 4:19-20 and 5:29-32**)

Definition: (1)preeminence-4409 proteuo (prote-yoo'-o);from 4413; to be first (in rank or influence), to be first, to hold the first place: KJV-- have the preeminence.

Matt 8:21 And another of his disciples said unto him, Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father. **22 But Jesus said unto him, (1)Follow me**; and let the dead bury their dead.

Definition: (1)Follow me-190 akoloutheo (ak-ol-oo-theh'-o); from 1 (as a particle of union) and keleuthos (a

road); properly, to be in the same way with, i.e. to accompany (specially, as a disciple), 1) to follow one who precedes, join him as his attendant, accompany him 2) to join one as a disciple, become or be his disciple: **to side with his party**: KJV-- follow, reach.

Luke 9:23 And he said to them **all**, **If any man will come after me**, (1)**let him deny** himself, and take up his (2)**cross daily**, and (3)**follow me**. (KJV)

Definitions: (1)**let him deny** himself-720 arneomai (ar-neh'-om-ahee); perhaps from 1 (as a negative particle) and the middle voice of 4483; to contradict, i.e. disavow, reject, abnegate, 2) to deny someone, to deny oneself a) to disregard one's own interests or to prove false to himself b) to act entirely unlike himself 4) not to accept, to reject, to refuse something offered: KJV-- deny, refuse. (2)**take up his cross daily**-4716 stauros (stow-ros'); from the base of 2476; a stake or post (as set upright), i.e. (specifically) a pole or cross (as an instrument of capital punishment); figuratively, exposure to death, i.e. **self-denial**; by implication, the atonement of Christ: KJV-- cross. (3)**Follow me**-190 akoloutheo (ak-ol-oo-theh'-o); from 1 (as a particle of union) and keleuthos (a road); properly, to be in the same way with, i.e. to accompany (specially, as a disciple), 1) to follow one who precedes, join him as his attendant, accompany him 2) to join one as a disciple, become or be his disciple: **to side with his party**: KJV-- follow, reach.

Matt 5:48 Be ye therefore **perfect**, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

I Jn 5:17 (1)**All unrighteousness is sin**: and there is a sin not unto death.

Definition: (1)**All unrighteousness is sin** 93 adikia (ad-ee-kee'-ah); from 94; (legal) injustice (properly, the quality, by implication, the act); morally, wrongfulness (of character, life or act): 3) a deed violating law and justice, act of unrighteousness KJV-- iniquity, unjust, unrighteousness, wrong.

Definition: **RIGHTEOUSNESS**1342 dikaios-righteous, **observing divine laws** a) in a wide sense, upright, righteous, virtuous, keeping the commands of God

Rom 6:13 Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God.

Eph 5:11 And have no (1)**fellowship** with the unfruitful works of darkness, **but rather (2)reprove them**.

Definitions: (1) **fellowship**-4790 sugkoinoneo- to become a partaker together with others, or to have fellowship with a thing. (2) **reprove**-1651 elegcho- of uncertain affinity; to confute, admonish:**convict**, convince, **tell a fault**, rebuke, **reprove**.

2 Cor 6:14 **Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers:** for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?

John 15:18 If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you. **19 If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you.**

James 4:4 Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that **the friendship of the world** is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the (*)**world is the enemy of God**.

I Jn 2:15 **Love not the (*)world, neither the things that are in the world.** If any man love the world, the love

of the Father is not in him. **16 For all that is in the world**, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, **is not of the Father, but is of the world**.

I Jn 4:5 They are of the (*)world: therefore speak they of the world, and the world heareth them. **6** We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error.

(*)**world** 2889 kosmos-1) an apt and harmonious arrangement or constitution, order, government 2) ornament, decoration, adornment, that is, the arrangement of the stars, 'the heavenly hosts', as the ornament of the heavens. 1 Pet. 3:3 3) the world, the universe 4) the circle of the earth, the earth 5) the inhabitants of the earth, men, the human race 6) the ungodly multitude; the whole mass of men alienated from God, and therefore hostile to the cause of Christ 7) world affairs, the aggregate of things earthly the whole circle of earthly goods, endowments riches, advantages, pleasures, etc., which although hollow and frail and fleeting, stir desire, seduce from God and are obstacles to the cause of Christ

I Jn 5:19 And we know that we are of God, and **the whole world (1)lieth in wickedness**. **20** And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.

Definition: (1)lieth in wickedness-2749 keimai (ki'-mahee); middle voice of a primary verb; to lie outstretched (literally or figuratively): KJV-- be (appointed, laid up, made, set), 2) metaphorically: a) **to be (by God's intent) set, that is, destined, appointed** b) used of laws, to be made, to be laid down c) **lies in the power of the Evil One, that is, is held in subjection by the Devil (see Luke 4:1-8)**

2 Cor 13:5 Examine yourselves, whether ye be in **the faith**; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that **Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be (1)reprobates?**(KJV)

Definition: (1)reprobates-96 adokimos (ad-ok'-ee-mos); from 1 (as a negative particle) and 1384; unapproved, i.e. rejected; by implication, **worthless** (literally or morally): **KJV-- castaway, rejected, reprobate.**1) not standing the test, not approved 2) that which does not prove itself as it should: unfit for, unproved

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