

## VOTING

I have been asked from time to time, do I vote? My answer is no, not anymore. Then, I am asked why? My answer is; I have not voted since I have learned The Truth, and I'm now **striving** to be a Christian, according to the Word; the obedient self denying (Luke9:23-26), follower of Christ. This response usually is not pleasing to the ear. I know this pleases GOD though because; (**John 8:47** teaches, He that is of God **heareth God's words**: ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God). To those that have been buried with Christ (**Rom.6:1- 4, Col.2:12**), and put on Christ in baptism (**Gal.3:21-29 note verse 27**), here are some of the last words that was spoken of GOD, after Jesus' baptism; (**Matt.17:1-8 note verse 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.**)

Christ has given instructions, (has spoken) on how to deal with those of authority, and **VOTING** is not involved. To those that have been baptized with The One baptism, into The One Body, The Church, The one Faith, which is of The One Spirit, (**Eph.4:1-6, 1Pet.3:20-22**) must hear, obey and follow Christ on all issues (**James1:21-27**). This then would make us the peculiar ones (**Titus2:12-15, 1Pet.2:7-11**), members of The One Church that Christ built (**Matt.16:16- 18**), The Churches of Christ (**Rom.16; 16-18**), The One Church by Christ (**Eph.3:20-21**), The One Church of God, which He purchased with His own blood (**Acts20:27-30**), speaking the same things, and that there be no division among us. This is exactly what voting causes in The Church, divisions, Read Please; (**Rom.16:17-18, 1Cor.1:10-13, 1Cor.11:1-3, Gal.1:6-12, Phil.3:16-20, Phil.4:8-9, Col.- 2:6-10, 1John 2:18-19.**)

Now, lets read The Lord's instructions on how we as true Christians, are to deal with **ALL** authority, not just in this nation that is a little over 200 year old, but all authority in all nations. We as true Christians must remember these instructions were written over 2000 years ago, before the existence of this nation, and God is not a respecter of persons (**Acts10:34-36**), **all nations under God**. We will start with **the example of Jesus Christ** and how he handled higher earthly powers that **was ordained of God** even though they were not Christians, and were **scripturally wrong, just as our world leaders are today**. Christians **must respect all** world leaders (higher powers) even if we don't like them, **not kill them or vote them out**.

### John 10:17-18

17 Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again.  
18 **No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again.** This commandment have I received of my Father.(KJV)

### John 18:35-36

35 Pilate answered, Am I a Jew? Thine own nation and the chief priests have delivered thee unto me: what hast thou done?  
36 **Jesus** answered, **My kingdom is not of this world**: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: **but now is my kingdom not from hence.**(KJV)

### **John 19:1-3**

- 1 Then **Pilate therefore took Jesus, and scourged him.**
- 2 And the soldiers platted a crown of thorns, and put it on his head, and they put on him a purple robe,
- 3 And said, Hail, King of the Jews! and they smote him with their hands.(KJV)

### **John 19:6**

- 6 When the chief priests therefore and officers saw him, they cried out, saying, Crucify him, crucify him. **Pilate saith unto them, Take ye him, and crucify him: for I find no fault in him.**(KJV)

### **John 19:9-11**

- 9 And went again into the judgment hall, and saith unto Jesus, Whence art thou? But Jesus gave him no answer.
- 10 Then saith Pilate unto him, Speakest thou not unto me? **knowest thou not that I have power to crucify thee, and have power to release thee?**
- 11 **Jesus answered,** Thou couldest have **no power at all against me, except it were given thee from above:** therefore he that delivered me unto thee hath the greater sin.(KJV)

Now, we should understand by scripture, that **Jesus our Lord and Saviour was subject to a higher earthly power**, which was **Pilate, God's minister**. Let us look now at one that followed our Lord, the apostle Paul. Even though Ananias was not a Christian but, was the high priest of the Jews Paul, at no time attempt to kill or remove him from that office in any manner. There were some that was called Christians at that time (**Acts11:26**). The Jews were plotting to kill Paul, and Ananias had order Paul smitten even though he was trying to convert them to Christianity. This caused Paul to be upset and spoke against higher powers not knowing who Ananias was, note his reply and his submission.

### **Acts 23:1-5**

- 1 And Paul, earnestly beholding the council, said, Men and brethren, I have lived in all good conscience before God until this day.
- 2 And the high priest Ananias commanded them that stood by him to smite him on the mouth.
- 3 **Then said Paul unto him, God shall smite thee, thou whited wall:** for sittest thou to judge me after the law, and commandest me to be smitten contrary to the law?
- 4 And they that stood by said, Revilest thou **God's high priest?**
- 5 Then said Paul, I wist not, brethren, that he was the high priest: **for it is written, Thou shalt not speak evil of the ruler of thy people.**(KJV)

Brothers and Sisters Please note, who Michael the archangel respected. We will look further into this 9th verse of Jude chapter 1 later.

### **2 Pet 2:9-11**

- 9 The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished:
- 10 But chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness, and **despise**

**government.** Presumptuous are they, selfwilled, they are not afraid to speak evil of dignities.

11 **Whereas angels, which are greater in power and might, bring not railing accusation against them before the Lord.**(KJV)

### **Jude 1:8-9**

8 Likewise also these filthy dreamers defile the flesh, despise dominion, and speak evil of dignities.

9 **Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil** he disputed about the body of Moses, **durst not bring against him a railing accusation,** but said, The Lord rebuke thee.(KJV)

With these examples before us, these same instructions are now given;  
on the respect of higher powers no matter who they are, or whether  
they are right or wrong; just as Jesus and Paul did.

### **Rom 13:1-7**

1 Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. (see **John19:11**)

2 Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation.

3 For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same:

4 For he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil.

5 Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake.

6 For for this cause pay ye tribute also: for they are God's ministers, attending continually upon this very thing.

7 Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour.(KJV)

### **1 Pet 2:13-18**

13 **Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme;**

14 Or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of them that do well.

15 **For so is the will of God,** that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men:

16 As free, and not using your liberty for a cloke of maliciousness, but as the servants of God.

17 **Honour all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king.**

18 Servants, be subject to your masters with all fear; not only to the good and gentle, but also to the froward.(KJV)

We now understand, by scriptural examples of those before us, how we as followers of Christ must respect **all world powers**, as being ordained by God. It does not matter if they are right or wrong, good or bad, Republican or Democratic etc. Some one asked the question once, **“If we do not vote and make our voices heard, how will government officials provide us**

**with laws that will allow us to live in peace?”** My response was, through prayer, not voting but prayer, read please;

### **1 Tim 2:1-5**

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.

5 For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, **the man Christ Jesus**;

Why is it so hard for those that have put on Christ in baptism, to have faith in God? If we have obeyed the bible form of doctrine, then our faith should not be in men, but in God through Christ Jesus. What, we don't believe that Christ is the mediator between God and man? We of so little faith (note verse 5 of 1Tim.2) (note verses 1&2 of 1Tim.2, it is stated pray **for** all men, pray **for** kings and **for** all that are in authority. Note; pray **with** was not at any time used, because they have not all obeyed the gospel, and they need the prayers of those has. There is no need for true Christians to vote on any man. We appeal to the one that has all power, through Christ Jesus.

**Read Please:**

### **Eph 3:17-21**

17 That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,  
18 May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height;

19 And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.

20 Now unto **him** that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that **we** ask or think, according to the power that worketh in **us**,

21 Unto **him** be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.(KJV)

### **Col 2:8-12**

8 Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, **after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.**

9 For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.

10 **And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:**

11 In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ:

12 **Buried with him in baptism**, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead.(KJV)

Brethren, true Christians must follow scriptural command and or example, and **not traditions of men, such as voting**. We must not vote when scripture commands us to pray. Prayer is of God. I haven't found anywhere in New Testament scripture, command or example of Christ or the apostles, maneuvering anyone in or out of office of authority by any means, or for

any reason. Those that profess to be of Christ must remember that **we are not of this world**, and that politics is. Politics is Earthly, Secular, Temporal, Mundane, and Fleshly and is of man. The scriptures teach us **not to mind** Earthly things. **Read Please:**

**Matt 16:23**

23 But he turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto me: **for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men.**(KJV)

**Col 2:8-12**

8 Beware lest any man spoil you **through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.**

**Phil 3:16-20**

16 Nevertheless, whereto we have already attained, **let us walk by the same rule, let us mind the same thing.**

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

18 (For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, **that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ:**

19 Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, **who mind earthly things.**)

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

**NOTE THE UNDERLINED WORDS  
IN THE DEFINITIONS OF THE THREE WORDS BELOW**

**(1)pol·i·tic** (p<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>l<sup>41</sup>-t<sup>1</sup>k) *adj.* 1. Using or marked by prudence, expedience, and **shrewdness; artful.**3. **Crafty; cunning.** --pol<sup>41</sup>-i·tic·ly

**(2) Po·lit·i·cal** 1. Of, relating to, or dealing with the structure **or affairs of government,** politics, or the state. 2. **Relating to, involving, or characteristic of politics, parties, or politicians.** 3. Having or marked by a definite or organized policy or structure with regard to government.

**(3)pol·i·ti·cian** (p<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>l<sup>41</sup>-t<sup>1</sup>sh<sup>41</sup>...n) *n.* 1.a. **One who is actively involved in politics,** especially **party politics.** b. One who holds or seeks a political office. 2. **One who seeks personal or partisan gain, often by scheming and maneuvering.** 3. One who is skilled or experienced in the science or administration of government.

Brothers and Sisters true Christians are not their own, and has been bought with a price. Christ is the buyer, the owner, and the husband. God has told us to hear him, and it is written that **we are not to be entangled with the affairs of this life.** The scriptures also teach us, how we should live in this present world, there is no mention of politics; but of **teaching. Read Please:**

### **1 Cor 6:19-20**

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.(KJV)

### **1 Cor 7:20-24**

20 **Let every man abide in the same calling wherein he was called.**

21 Art thou called being a servant? care not for it: but if thou mayest be made free, use it rather.

22 For he that is called in the Lord, being a servant, is **the Lord's freeman**: likewise also he that is called, being free, is Christ's servant.

23 **Ye are bought with a price; be not ye the servants of men.**

24 Brethren, let every man, wherein he is called, therein abide with God.(KJV)

### **2 Tim 2:1-5**

1 Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

2 And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.

3 **Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.**

4 **No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.**

5 And if a man also strive for masteries, yet is he not crowned, except he strive **lawfully.**

### **Titus 2:11-15**

11 For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,

12 **Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;**

13 Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;

14 Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself **a peculiar people, zealous of good works.**

15 These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee.

### **Matt 28:18-20**

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.(KJV)

### **Acts 26:21-29**

21 **For these causes the Jews caught me in the temple, and went about to kill me.**

22 Having therefore obtained help of God, I continue unto this day, witnessing both to small

and great, saying none other things than those **which the prophets and Moses did say should come:**

23 **That Christ should suffer**, and that he should be the first that should rise from the dead, and should shew light unto the people, and to the Gentiles.

24 And as he thus spake for himself, **Festus said** with a loud voice, Paul, thou art beside thyself; **much learning doth make thee mad.**

25 But he said, I am not mad, **most noble Festus**; but speak forth the **words of truth** and soberness.

26 **For the king knoweth of these things**, before whom also I speak freely: for I am persuaded that none of these things are hidden from him; for this thing was not done in a corner.

27 **King Agrippa, believest thou the prophets? I know that thou believest.**

28 Then Agrippa said unto Paul, **Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian.**

29 And Paul said, I would to God, that not only thou, but also all that hear me this day, were both almost, and altogether such as I am, **except these bonds.**(KJV)

True Christians are called out of the **world** through baptism into Christ, and to the obedience of God through Christ Jesus. We are to **suffer** and follow Christ, pray and teach others, and finally salvation through faith by grace (**Eph.2:8**), if we hold to the one faith (**Heb.3:6&14**). Teaching and prayer is how a Christian's voice is heard, and to the one who truly provides; to God his Father and through Jesus Christ his Mediator, Master and Saviour.

If we as Christians take this scriptural route of prayer, as we have been commanded, we then would never be part of the wrong, evil things that are done by our world leaders. We would always be part of the good things through Christ and by God our Father. There would never be **DIVISIONS in The Church**, because of some, being **REPUBLICANS** or **DEMOCRATS** etc. This is why a true Christian is not to vote one in or out, but to pray world wide for who ever is in those positions. It does not matter if they are liked or not, good or bad, republican or democrat, but pray for all men (**1Tim.2:1-4**).

Brothers and Sisters the scriptures teach us to prove all things (**1Thes.5:21**), and they also teach us; (**Matt 22:29**) Jesus answered and said unto them, Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God. Some might ask who will take care of the evil doers on earth. The scriptures are clear on this matter, world Higher Powers (**1Pet.2:13-15**). This can, and should be done without one professing to be a Christian voting; there by letting the world, put in world leaders, while Christians pray; that **we** (Christians) may lead a quiet and peaceable life **in all godliness and honesty**. For we know by scripture the world will always have wars (**Matt.24:3-14**). The following scriptures will give **commands** and **examples to Christians**, on how to handle evil; these are not by man, but by our Lord Jesus, and the **sufferings** that are involved. Read Please:

### COMMANDS

**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 ye (**1**)**resist not** evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also.(KJV)

**Definition: (1) Resist**; to stand against, i.e. oppose: KJV-- resist, withstand.  
(i.e. shun evil, **but not physically fight evil** see **1Pet.3:11 & 2Cor.10:3-6**)

### **Matt 5:43-48**

- 43 **Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy.**
- 44 **But I say unto you, 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.(KJV)

### **Acts 14:21-22**

- 21 **And when they had preached the gospel to that city, and had taught many,** they returned again to Lystra, and to Iconium, and Antioch,
- 22 **Confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God.**(KJV)

### **Rom 12:14**

- 14 **Bless them** which persecute you: **bless, and curse not.**(KJV)

### **Rom 12:17-21**

- 17 **Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men.**
- 18 If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.
- 19 Dearly beloved, **avenge not yourselves, but rather give place 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.**(KJV)

### **1 Pet 4:1-2**

- 1 Forasmuch then as **Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin;**
- 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.(KJV)

## **EXAMPLES**

### **Luke 23:33-34**

- 33 And when they were come to the place, which is called Calvary, there they crucified him, and the malefactors, one on the right hand, and the other on the left.
- 34 **Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them;** for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment, and cast lots.(KJV)

### **Acts 7:59-60**

- 59 And they stoned Stephen, calling upon God, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.
- 60 And he kneeled down, **and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their**

**charge.** And when he had said this, he fell asleep.(KJV)

## **2 Tim 4:14-16**

14 **Alexander the coppersmith did me much evil: the Lord reward him according to his works:**

15 Of whom be thou ware also; for he hath greatly withstood our words.

16 At my first answer no man stood with me, but all men forsook me: **I pray God that it may not be laid to their charge.**(KJV)

## **1 Pet 2:19-24**

19 For this is thankworthy, if a man for conscience toward God endure grief, suffering wrongfully.

20 For what glory is it, if, when ye be buffeted for your faults, ye shall take it patiently? but if, when ye do well, and suffer for it, ye take it patiently, this is acceptable with God.

21 For even hereunto were ye called: because **Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps:**

22 Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth:

23 **Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously:**

24 Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.(KJV)

## **Jude 1:9**

9 Yet Michael the archangel, **when contending with the devil** he disputed about the body of Moses, **durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee.**(KJV)

If we notice in the above scripture that even the archangel when contending with a higher power, and a evil one at that, submitted (respected) unto the devil, and turned it over to the Lord. This is what we must do as Christians, the righteous and remember this;

## **1 Pet 3:11-14**

11 Let him **(1)eschew** evil, and do good; let him seek peace, and ensue it.

12 **For the eyes of the Lord are over the (2)righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers:** but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil.

13 And who is he that will harm you, if ye be followers of that which is good?

14 But and if ye suffer for righteousness' sake, happy are ye: and be not afraid of their terror, neither be troubled;(KJV)

### **Definitions:**

#### **(1) Eschew-**

1) to turn aside, to deviate 2) to turn (oneself) away, to turn away from, to keep aloof from one's society 3) to shun one

#### **(2) Righteous-**

**observing divine laws.** a) in a wide sense, upright, righteous, virtuous, keeping the commands of God. 3) used of him whose way of thinking, feeling, and acting is wholly conformed to the will

of God.4) approved by or acceptable by God

Last, but by all means not least brethren, we as followers of Christ must know and remember who the god of this world is. We through scripture will also read how he came about his power, and what we should do to stay out of his grasp. Read Please:

## THE GOD OF THIS WORLD

### Luke 4:1-7

1 And **Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost** returned from Jordan, and **was led by the Spirit into the wilderness,**

2 Being forty days tempted of the devil. And in those days he did eat nothing: and when they were ended, he afterward hungered.

3 And the devil said unto him, If thou be the Son of God, command this stone that it be made bread.

4 And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.

5 And the devil, taking him up into an high mountain, **shewed unto him all the kingdoms of the world** in a moment of time.

6 **And the devil said unto him, All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it.**

7 If thou therefore wilt worship me, all shall be thine.(KJV)

### 2 Cor 4:3-4

3 **But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost:**

4 In whom **the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not**, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.(KJV)

### Eph 2:1-2

1 And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins;

2 Wherein in **time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air**, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:

### Eph 6:11-12

11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, **but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.**(KJV)

### I Jn 5:19

19 And we know that we are of God, and **the whole world lieth in wickedness.**(KJV)

## POWER GIVEN HIM

### Rev 12:8-9

8 And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.

9 And the **great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world:** he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

#### **Rev 12:12-13**

12 Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. **Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you,** having great wrath, **because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.**

13 And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child.(KJV)

#### **Rev 13:7-9**

7 **And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.**

8 And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, **whose names** are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

9 **If any man have an ear, let him hear.**(KJV)

## **WHAT CHRISTIANS MUST DO TO KEEP OUT OF HIS GRASP**

#### **Eph 6:11-12**

11 **Put on the whole armour of God,** that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. (**Not a fleshly armour of war, not a voting machine, but, The Word of God and prayer!**)

#### **1 Tim 1:18-19**

18 This charge I commit unto thee, son Timothy, according to the prophecies which went before on thee, that thou by them mightest war a good warfare;

19 Holding faith, and a good conscience; which some having put away concerning faith have made shipwreck: (KJV)

#### **2 Tim 2:2-4**

2 And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.

3 **Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.**

4 **No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.**(KJV)

#### **James 4:3-4**

3 Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts.

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.(KJV)

#### **I Jn 2:15-17**

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.

17 **And the world passeth away**, and the lust thereof: **but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.**(KJV)

Brethren, it seems as though when the Church is given the opportunity to be the peculiar people or the light, that the scripture speak of (**Matt.5:13-16, Titus2:14, 1Pet.2:9-10**), we almost always fail. For some reason, the Church do not like peculiarity, but enjoys similarity, do not like to be the light, but enjoys darkness. Is it because we do not want to suffer as our Lord did? This is neither the mind of Christ, nor the look of Christ and we should be ashamed. We are the salt that has lost its savor. We need to get back in the scriptures, and be the sojourners, peculiar people, and The Light of the world, the bible speaks of.

**Rom 12:17** Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men. **18** If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men. **19** Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place 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. (KJV)

**2 Cor 10:1** Now I Paul myself beseech you **by the meekness and gentleness of Christ**, who in presence **am base among you**, but being absent am bold toward you: **2** But I beseech you, that I may not be bold when I am present with that confidence, wherewith I think to be bold against some, which think of us as if we walked according to the flesh. **3** For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: **4** (**For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal**, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) **5** Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ; **6** And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled. (KJV)

Contrary to what some, if not most believes, **Rom.12:18** doesn't mean if you can't live peacefully, it's OK to fight. For, as **true** Christians, we must suffer wrong; we must not fight, kill nor voluntarily back those that do. Christians are to be killed, to suffer wrong (**read Luke 23:34; Acts 7:59-60; 1Cor.6:7-8; 1Thes.5:15; 1Pet.2:19-23; 1Pet.3:9**) we are the doves, the lambs, just as our Lord was; meek and gentle, also as those that followed him. Now ask yourself this question, who is, and or is willing to be a faithful Christian?

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