

Update on Trials

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Good morning again everyone! I want to take a few minutes this morning and remind you again of Kingdom Conference 2020! It is going to be held at the Maranatha Bible and Retreat Center, just outside Everton, Missouri which is about 35 minutes northwest of Springfield, Missouri. The event is going to feature Evangelist Ted Weiland - who is my pastor and all-time favorite preacher. I recommend Ted's preaching to everyone I can and at every opportunity I can. I recommend his books and his websites and I am looking forward to seeing and hearing Ted again in real life.

The conference is March 26th through the 29th. I have a lot more details on my website at www.godsendusmen.com There is a page link for the Conference at the very top of the Home page.

On the evening of the 28th, we are going to deviate from our Kingdom theme a little bit and host a trial of the U.S. CONstitution. The litigating parties will be Ted Weiland taking the opposition side that, "No the United States CONstitution is NOT a Christian document," and federal constitutional attorney Brent Winters from Terre Haute, Indiana is defending the Constitution, and saying, "Yes, the constitution is a christian document."

We intend on inviting the general public to see this and we think it is going to be a highlight of the Conference. It is certainly not going to be the highlight. The highlight is going to be the tremendous messages preached on the present-day reality of the Kingdom of God and our responsibility to it. There are men from all over America who are seeking to take the next steps toward Ecclesia - whether joining with other men in a new place - or where they are currently - but Ecclesia will be a major focus of the Conference.

And, praise God, it looks like I am going to be able to attend! Guess what? Trial dates have been reset again - I think this is now the 8th time in 4 years. They have set trial dates for the end of July, 2020. I'll get into more of that in a few minutes.

I don't know whether you celebrate quote unquote "Thanksgiving" or not - and I would tell you that our family doesn't celebrate "Thanksgiving" - but it has become a time of year where it seems easy to get all our family here at one time. And this year, we just had such a blessed time. All of our children and their new brides and husband were here, the grandchildren were here - and we just had such a great time. I hope you were able to have family over for a great time as well.

I've never told you this before, and to me, in some ways it is just so funny, and in other

ways it's actually quote humbling to see the hand of God in action. Teresa and I have a 7 year old grandson. He's too little to know about the persecution that his Papa and Mimi have been going through for the last 4 years - let alone understand it all - and to my knowledge - I don't even think he knows that anything is even going on.

But a year or two ago, our daughter called us and told us the funniest story. Our little grandson had gone to a class or something and when the adult leading the class asked him what his name was - he told her something completely different than the name he was born with. We just started laughing about that and then for a while, our little grandson was changing his name with regularity. One day we found out he had changed his name to Otto - then he had changed it to something else. I mean, when my daughter met the leader of the class, the leader of the class told her what a bright little boy her Otto was. My daughter just laughed and told the lady what his birth name was.

But how ironic. Of all the little 7 year olds out there, I've got one that believes he has a right to call himself whatever he wants to. That's just so funny.

Then, this weekend, their family was here and spent the better part of 4 days with us. Their youngest son is a singer - well they both are - but the youngest one especially. We were playing some youtube videos of his favorite songs - almost 5 years old now - and his favorite song is an acapella version of the song "The Kingdoms of earth pass away."

Folks, the sins of the fathers pass onto the children to the third and fourth generations - that's Bible - but that cycle can be broken and good and Godly things can be passed on to the children to the third and fourth generations, too. I can't tell you how thrilling it was to sit and listen to my little grandson sing, "The Kingdoms of earth pass away, one by one, but the Kingdom of Heaven remains" and to know that is his favorite song!

I was so happy to know that every night at bedtime, my little grandsons go to bed with this type of music playing.

With my tongue firmly planted in my cheek - I have great news to report to you as a result of the - uh - "hearing?" this past Wednesday, 11/27/2019.

As I always need to do, please give me just a minute to set up the stage. First of all, this is 100% totally hearsay in the courts of the ungodly - according to their quote unquote "rules of evidence." I have absolutely no first hand evidence that I am 57 years old. When I was born - just like all the rest of us mere animals in existence today - I have no personal, first hand recollection of the event.

Apparently, in America's quote unquote "court system" - judges, persecutors, court clerks - all those who run the show - were born with such advanced intellect - that they

were able to read the calendar, tell the time, know the names of their parents - including their mother's maiden name - place their little feet in an ink pad maybe - and a result - they are able to stand in their courtrooms and present evidence of their quote unquote - "date of birth."

Now here's the kicker, knowing full well that the rest of little mindless, peons and idiots who have become their slaves - even though we have no personal, first hand knowledge or recollection of the day we were born - we are still expected to testify - according to their "rules of evidence" when we were born and the name we were given by our parents, and all the rest of those "vital statistics" that they recorded with their department of commerce - or whatever they call it.

With that said - my mother told me that I am 57 years old. Now, I know that I am married. I've been married to the same woman for over 30 years. I was there when she conceived all five of our children - and I was there when all five our children were born in our home. I watched the events with my own eyes - I am a first hand witness to the arrival of all our children. I have two grandchildren and hope to have even more - sooner than later.

With all that history out of the way - you'll never guess what happened in court the other day. I was told by a man that has never met my parents, he has never met me, never shaken my hand, never been to my house, never heard me preach or sing - but that guy stood up there and declared to me what my name is. And even though it's not the name by which my parents know me, my wife of 30 years knows me, my children, grandchildren, people that have known me for many years - my neighbors - he informed me that my name is totally different than what I have been telling people for years and years and years.

At some point, I must have lost my ear tag or my collar, and thank God, he found it for me. It feels so good to know that someone I didn't even know existed until October 9th of this year - has finally found my long lost collar and dog tag - and has finally told a 5 year old man what his name is.

Well, I've got some news for this man who I know absolutely nothing about - I know what my name is. My parents know what my name is. My wife and children knows what my name is - and more importantly than all of them - my King knows what my name is and bless God - I've never worn a dog tag - I've never worn one of their collar's and I'm not about to start now.

They have already tried to heat up the furnace 14 times hotter - they can scream, they can rant and rave, they can do whatever they want to - but when I realized that for me - I'm not now - nor ever have - told anyone, anywhere - that a name change is a

requirement of being born again - but for me - I believe that I was being asked by my Father in heaven to follow the example of more than 40 people in the Book - to change my name via the Law of God method - I did so - and for me - it made my understanding of being "born again" - the "old man dying in Christ" - the "old man being buried in Christ's death" - and then being raised again to walk in newness of life - where old things have passed away and behold ALL things are become new - and a new name was written down in glory - and it's mine - oh yes it's mine. And the white robed angels sing the story - a sinner has come home.

So, anyway, I want to tell you a little more about what happened the other day. First thing I want to tell you about is that this thing was called a quote unquote "hearing." If I would have known what I have suspected now for more than two years - but what has finally sunk in as reality - I can tell you that I would have been able to help my wife cope with the tremendous amount of stress that this battle has been. And here's my conclusions.

All I can do is speak about my experience in the 39th circuit court of missouri - but here it is.

1) Whoever is brought into that building on a quote unquote "charge" is 100% guilty - until somehow - they can prove they are innocent. If you think in America - no strike that because I only have first hand knowledge of Mt. Vernon, Missouri - though I have my suspicions about a much broader scale and scope - but if you think a man is innocent until proven guilty - I will laugh you out of your seat. That is the most ridiculous concept I've ever heard in my life.

You are guilty. No one could possibly be innocent if they've been arrested by a cop, brought before a "judge" and entered into the "system."

In the quote unquote "system" that I've been drug into - one which I've never claimed for myself - one which I've never voted for - one which I've never paid taxes for - one which I've never pledged "allegiance to" - but in the system I've been dragged into - they tell you there is one of those things called a "hearing" - that thing that has become so mysterious to me - but they have something they call a "preliminary hearing." And in that thing called a "preliminary hearing" - so-called "evidence" is supposed to be brought to a judge - and the judge decided whether or not there is "evidence" to go to the next part of the process - the trial court.

Well, apparently, where I have first-hand knowledge - every single time I've seen - what they call an attorney - asked about one of these "preliminary hearings" - every single time I've witnessed one of these people in their courts - they have quote "waived their right to the reading of the charges, and they have waived the right to a preliminary

hearing. Why? Why are they doing this?

It's because it is a waste of time and the attorneys know it. The persecutor has a complete rubber stamp knowing that whatever he says or wants - the judge just rubber stamps it. And this is because - what I am seeing with my own eyes - first hand witness for nearly four years - when a man or woman is brought into this system - they are considered guilty and they must somehow, somehow, prove their innocence.

The persecutor is allowed to lie. He is allowed to make things up. He is allowed to coach his so-called witnesses into framing and conspiring against the man - and basically is allowed to do anything he wants to in order to secure a quote unquote "conviction."

Let me give you an example. No wait, I need to keep going with setting up the stage. Hopefully, I'll remember to come back to this.

2) The second thing I have learned about their system is, when you come in, you sit when you are told to sit, you stand when you are told to stand - you stand where you are told to stand - and if you don't - you will be threatened with jail. Even though you - and everyone else in the room perceives the same threat you do - if you ask if you are officially being threatened with jail - you know you have to be careful - because even asking if you being threatened - could wind you up in jail - simply for asking. And this is because you are an animal. You are the property of the state - whatever that is. If you were to ask what this "state" is - you would be again assailed, threatened and ridiculed. This so-called "state" is against you - but there's no one there from this so-called "state" that even knows who you are - and you certainly do not know who they are. It's quite amazing.

Please do not think I am talking about what is going on with me. I have seen this many times and in the quote unquote "case" just prior to mine the other day - I saw it again.

A woman, who I'll not name, had her name called by the judge. She did not want to cross into the area they call the "bar." She asked if she could speak from where she was sitting. Of course, she was not officially threatened - but she - and everyone else in the room knew - that if she did not walk through that gate - she was going to be thrown in to jail.

On a side note, I saw on the Internet the other day, a quote unquote "defendant" who was speaking with the judge - and this lady was standing outside the gate. This particular judge did not make any big deal whatsoever about the lady standing outside the gate and they had their normal judge/defendant conversation. But where we were the other day, this lady was told to walk through the gate - against her will - and had she not done so - she would have been in jail - no doubt in my mind.

This was not a matter of right or wrong - this was a matter of - you will do what I say - when I say - how I say - sit when I say sit - stand when I say stand - or you will face severe consequences. The poor lady was treated like a dog - a mere animal - a mere piece of trash.

Let's get back to this thing called "hearing." After my time-slot the other day, when I got home, I was talking to Brent about what happened. I told him about my event and I told him about this lady's event. He said something to me that I never considered before. He said, "Charlie, think about the word for a minute. The word is 'hearing.' Who is supposed to be doing the 'hearing?' Well, friends, that's not the way it's working. Brent said, "The judge is supposed to be doing the hearing, and you are supposed to have your quote - "day in court, your opportunity to BE heard."

Instead, it's the 100% complete other way around. "You shut up, sit down, stand up, turn around, keep your mouth closed and listen to what we tell you."

This courageous lady who - and I'm sorry if you are listening to me today - but she is as misguided as I was - thinking that she would get the chance to be heard - to tell her side of the story - to argue right and wrong according to law - to reason as to why the persecutor should be barred from continuing to come against her - but I am not exaggerating to you at all - every single time she opened her mouth and began to speak - her opportunity to be heard - the judge would say "overruled." Then, she would try to speak again - and after one or two words - she would hear "overruled." Then, as she persistently tried to be "heard" - he began mocking her - "Next? What do you have next? Overruled! Next! What else do you have for me? Overruled."

"But, I thought I was here to get my day in court, to be heard." Not so.

I am not authority on their law or their system in any way shape or form. I don't want to be. I want nothing whatsoever to do with them. But I know enough to know that the accused is supposed to be allowed to be heard and to read their words into the record. But no. There is no time for that. It is a waste of everyone's time because you are guilty. You are an animal. You are a worthless piece of trash - you are going to prison - you are going to pay a fine - and that's how it is.

That wasn't my hearing, that was the lady that was before mine.

When she was finally let out of her cage, she couldn't get out of there fast enough. I followed her out. I caught up with her outside on the sidewalk. When I spoke to her - she nearly bit my head off. I tried to assure her that I was not her enemy, but I wanted the opportunity to know what they were trying to do to her. She told me what her name is.

One name. No last name. She told me she no longer uses a last name because quote "they" had stolen her identity. Of course, that piqued my interest in her further.

Interestingly enough, this lady - who I'm quite certain is not a freaky, perverted cross-dresser - but when she tried to tell the judge she was not who they are charged - she said - "did you read the document? The document says 160 pound, green-eyed male. Can you not see that I am about a 125 pound brown-eyed female?" But even that was completely ignored. It's just incredible.

It's like in my situation, I asked the cop after he had raped our home - I said, "You were in our home for over 3 hours, did you find one single thing in that home that had the name of the Defendant on it?" He said, "No." I said, "Then how can you say that I am the person of the Defendant?" And he answered - and I kid you not - "Because your clothes were in your closet." And the judge just sat there and nodded as if that was some sort of acceptable evidence in their system. No, it's because we own you, you are an animal, you are a piece of trash and we will treat you however we want to.

If you are clearly a 125 pound brown-eyed woman, and we say you are a 160 pound, green-eyed male - then by criminy - that's what you are. And we'll declare it to be so and you'll like it or else.

Friends, that's what I have been seeing for almost 4 years now. So, here's what I wish I would have known 4 years ago - that I could have helped my wife find comfort with.

At this level - you are not winning. You will not get heard. You will not be able to clear your good name pre-trial. You will go to trial. You will most likely be found guilty. You will go to prison - and if you can afford to do so - you can appeal - and maybe you'll get released from the nightmare - but at least not before pounds of flesh are removed from you - scars are indelibly printed on your body - and your good name will be trashed before the community forever.

Now, this new judge that I have - though - look - from where I sat - I believe he mistreated that lady. He was not fair with her. He did not give her the opportunity to be heard. But, in my situation, even though he refused to hear me - he at least did not treat me this past week like I was a piece of trash - though I've already felt like that many many times before.

Had I known that they were not going to let you be heard at this level - Teresa and I would have never had the roller coaster ride we had these past four years. I can't tell you how many times Teresa and I thought, "Ok, today's the day. Finally going to get the chance to be heard, and when I tell my side and present my facts according to the Law, this will all be over." Only to go in there, once again get shhhd and ignored and put off -

just leaving there shaking at heads at "Wow, what just happened?"

Almost 4 years ago, I remember standing before one of the judges in that system and he asked me if I had quote "legally" changed my name. I told him absolutely. He then said, "You mean you went to court and a judge changed your name?" I said, "Of course not. I changed my name via the common law. Just like it says on the official courts of Missouri website. I said, "See, look at the document I provided for you. It should be right there on your screen." He told me it wasn't there on his screen. So I handed him a printed copy of the official courts of Missouri website regarding Name Change where it says the #2 method of the three methods listed is "Common Law." That was almost 4 years ago - and here we still are going in this battle.

In this past week's quote unquote hearing. I want you to please listen very closely to what took place.

At the beginning of the hearing, a name was called. The name that was called - is not my name. However, everyone knows that I am being forced to answer for that name - or I will be once again hauled back into their stinking jail - where they already had me for a total of 54 days.

So, when the name is announced, I politely tell them - as I have done now - literally hundreds - maybe more than a thousand times - that my name is Charlie Steward.

From the time of my arrest - and even a year prior when the highway patrolman started his year-long, exhaustive, intensive investigation of me and my intentions - he only knew me by my name - Charlie Steward.

So, I have made it very clear that my name is Charlie Steward.

We were there this past week on something called a motion hearing. I went into the hearing thinking - "Ok, Teresa, new judge, I'm going to get to read my full motion and show him the history of name change - and even though I do not claim their courts - please understand me on that - but this is already settled in the courts of Missouri. I was going to show him only courts from the quote unquote "supreme court of Missouri" where they said as plain as day - the right to change your name without court proceedings is still in effect in Missouri." But of course, before I could even open my mouth - he told me had had overruled my motion. I never got the chance to speak the motion into the record. He said overruled.

In the speaking a few months ago - I hope you caught that - I think it is far more correct to refer to them as speakings instead of hearings - so in the speaking last month - the judge looked at me and said, "Where were you born?"

And I sat there for a second - and thought. Hmmm. Under their system, which I being forced to death to comply with, don't I have a supposed "right to remain silent?" Don't I have a supposed right to not provide evidence against myself?" So I answered, "I don't think I want to answer that." Wrong answer. BZZZZ. Go to jail, directly to jail, do not pass GO.

He yelled at me and said, "You are going to answer my question!"

Now friends, please get this - I knew where he was going with this, but I could care less what my parents named me when I was born. I could care less if my parents obtained a "birth certificate" out of ignorance for THEIR records stating that a child was born to them on such and such a day, and time, and their names were so and so, and the baby was the most beautiful blue eyed, blond haired baby ever born in the state of Florida - I could care less if those things were done.

The reality is this - I have never seen a birth certificate. I have never used a birth certificate and that document is does not belong to me anymore than any other contract my mom and dad my have entered into in their lives. I have never taken possession of that document and used it - thereby making it mine. But nonetheless, I could care less if such a document exists.

So, I told him under threat of going back to jail, where I was born. Not because I had some thought they would find some piece of paper - but I did not want to respond simply because they are trying to coerce me into being one of theirs - and theirs has apparently bogus "rights" to remain silent and not be forced into providing evidence against oneself. In this instant - a supposed "birth certificate" is certainly nothing that can be used against me - but they sure think it is. I was standing on principle. I thought in America, you had the right to remain silent. I thought in America, you had the right not to provide evidence against you. But what a joke. That's is not the case.

He asked me what my mother's name was - even though that's already been on the record for almost four years. The same for my Dad - even though that too, has been on the record for almost four years.

I filed Affidavits from both my Mom and my Dad - that said - "Charlie Steward is our son. He changed his name because of his deeply held Biblical beliefs."

But nonetheless, the new judge was not aware of that - until I told him. So, he told the persecutor to obtain a certified copy of a birth certificate.

Now here is what is just so crazy about this. Remember, the so-called "crime" was

committed almost 4 years ago - now - almost 4 years AFTER the supposed "crime" was committed - the judge is forcing me to provide quote unquote "evidence" against me directly to the persecutor. Ridiculous. This is exactly one of the reasons why I spell their CONstitution, capital C, capital O, capital N, lowercase stitution. It's a CON. The document promises one thing and delivers something totally opposite.

Last week, there was an envelope in the mail addressed to the first and last name only of the name of their defendant. I did what I have done for the last 4 years - to every single piece of mail they have put in that mailbox. I took a red Sharpie and I crossed out the name. I wrote, "NO ONE BY THIS NAME HERE." Then, next to it, I wrote, "DEAD IN CHRIST." Then, on the back of the envelope, I wrote, John 3:3, Verily, verily I say unto you, Except a man be born again, he shall not see the Kingdom of God. Then, below that, I wrote, "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature, old things are passed away, and behold ALL things are become new."

Then, I put it back in the mailbox and left the door open so the maillady would pick it up. There is no red flag on the box to raise for returned mail.

Teresa had asked me what I thought was in the envelope and I immediately told her it was a copy of the birth certificate for the dead man. Sure enough that's what it was.

So the judge looks at the persecutor and says, "What's the name on the birth certificate?"

Now friends, I do not use the name I was given at birth. I'm telling you, this is so real to me - even though I used that name for the first 37 years of my life - even today - when I hear that name - it is foreign to me. It's not my name. I believe in this thing called being born again. I believe in this thing called dead in Christ and raised to walk in newness of life - I believe in this thing called literally - a new creation - not just a new creature - but an entirely new creation. Listen, as a man thinketh in his heart, so is he. This is real to me. This is not a game. This is the Gospel applied in my life. To me, this puts me right there with countless others who emulated, copied, models for imitation - many followers of Christ who had left the world and the rudiments thereof - and had become as dead men only to be brought back to life in Christ. This is not a game to me - it is life and death - and I'll never go back to things pertaining to the old man.

To me, if I went back to the things pertaining to the old man, it would be sin, it would be like a dog returning to its vomit. I don't care if any of these men and women in the Lawrence County injustice system understand this or not. I don't care if any of these people laugh, and scoff, and rant and rave and threaten or even kill me - if they believe it's a crime to change your name because you think you are following examples from the Scripture - then so be it.

I have told you this repeatedly. It is impossible - under God's Laws - under man's laws - under the man in the moon's law - for anyone, anywhere - to forge his own name. As ridiculous as this all sounds they have charged me with felony forgery - punishable by up to 7 years in their prison - because my name - Charlie Steward - was written on the bill of sale - for my car.

There is only one man named Charlie Steward involved in this instant. In order for any type of forgery to occur - there must be two Charlie Steward's and one of those Charlie Steward's would have signed his name to something belonging to the other Charlie Steward in an attempt to steal what did not belong to the first Charlie Steward.

My name was on a bill of sale for MY CAR.

The judge told me this past week - "Your name is the name that is on a birth certificate unless you have gone to court and had a judge change your name."

Think about this, please. How many women in America today - or around the entire world for that matter - when they get married - please tell me how many women go to court to change their name? The answer is ZERO. If your name is the name that is on a birth certificate unless you go to court and change it - if that were true - then every single woman in America that has gotten married and has taken her husband's name for herself is a felony forgerer.

When name changes occur, the reality is very few people quote "go to court in America to change their names." The name change occurs via the common law and that is when they announce to the community that their new name is such and such. The proof of this is as simple as what I said - no woman goes to court after she gets married to change her name. And her new name is NOT the name on a U.S. birth certificate.

But that's what this judge said this past week. Interestingly enough, when you read the court decisions regarding name change - the arguments were whether or not a woman could change her name via the common law. It had already been established for hundreds and hundreds - thousands of years - that men had the right to choose their own names. And the modern courts were determining whether or not that right applied to women. Of course they did. That's why today - among married couples - some women choose to keep their maiden names. They don't go to court to declare they are keeping their maiden names - they just never take their husband's name - it's really really simple.

The fact is this - in 1852 - legislatures around the U.S. began adding what is called a "statutory method" of changing names. A man could follow a prescribed process for effecting a name change and it could be declared by a judge. ALL the courts have said, "The statutory process was added in addition to the common law procedure - but

Missouri specifically has never abrogated the common law method. That would be impossible.

So the judge looks at the persecutor and says, "What name is on the document?" I interrupted and said, "I want you to understand that I have never said that I was not named by my parents at birth, by a different name than what I use now." He said, "You mean you were named "Charles L. Johnson" at birth? "

Johnson is not the name - but as I told you before - I'm not going back to anything from the old man - I will not even say the name.

He said, "The name is Charles L. Johnson is on that document?" I said, "No, my name was 'Charles Lee Johnson' when I was born." Charles Lee Johnson is the name on the birth certificate that belongs to my parents - Charles Lee Johnson. At that point, the judge says, "I declare that your name is Charles L. Johnson."

So now, not only is my name not what I thought it was and what my parents, my brother, my children, my grandchildren thought it was - but I now have a name that isn't even on the birth certificate. He decreed that I lost a middle name somehow, too.

I really hope you see the total incompetence going on here. Now, I don't want to speak unkindly about this new judge. But people, come on, he just said, emphatically - with no hesitation whatsoever - that a man's name is the name which is on a birth certificate - then he declared that my name is a name that is not on a birth certificate. This is why I have told people many many times - that I am in an episode of the Twilight Zone here.

I called a good friend of mine and told him what had transpired in the speaking that day - and he had a very interesting take on what I told him. He actually believes that this judge possibly knows what the right thing to do is - but he is going to simply allow another court to overrule him. I don't know if it's a matter of saving face with the local persecutor - or what? I can't imagine any red-blooded man not wanting to be right. Who wants to be wrong? I don't get that. But then again, I don't get the whole thing. Because I am telling you - at least from what I've seen first hand over the last four years - "your quote 'day in court' your 'right to be heard' does not exist in the circuit court.

The judge then looked right straight at me and told me this, "If you think my ruling is incorrect, then you file an appeal in the southern court of appeals in Springfield and file what is called a Writ of Mandamus or Prohibition."

As he was telling me this, I just thought the whole thing - how he overruled my motion without even listening to it - then he just very sternly and very officially said, "I declare today that your name is Charles L. Johnson" I just thought the whole thing was just

obviously weirder than usual. My friend Dave said that that stood out to him as soon as I told him and this judge was making it very clear what his ruling was for the purpose of appeal.

Now friends, here's where I am today. I had begun telling people about 2 years ago - that I suspected that it was impossible to win in this circuit court - pre-trial. It is as clear as can be - the judges and the persecutors are on the same side.

Hey, just this past week, I walked into the room and there was the persecutor and the judge engaged in a private conversation. They were clearly talking about - two more D felony forgery charges that the persecutor was intending to file later that day - and I suspected he was talking about me - though it hasn't happened yet. But he was talking privately with the judge and said, "You know, it's felony forgery when you present something as genuine, and it isn't." And the judge shook his head and said, "I know."

It was obvious as can be what was going on. The persecutor had informed the judge that he was getting ready to file two more D felony forgery charges against someone - and the judge was assuring him that he was correct in doing so.

But one day, I was involved in one of their speakings - and I asked the judge if I could speak with him about something. "Oh no," he said, "I can't possibly have a conversation with you without the prosecutor being here."

I had sent the judge a letter one day, and I received a reply that any out of court correspondence is never allowed to occur unless the prosecutor was present.

Well, I'm telling you I have seen private conversations between the judge and the persecutor so many times I couldn't count them. One time in my own speaking, the persecutor had walked up to the judge and they were having a private conversation. I looked up and caught the eye of the judge and kind of lifted my hands as if I was saying, "Are you having a private conversation with the persecutor, without me being able to hear what you are saying." He interrupted the persecutor, and looked at me and said, "We're not talking about your case."

Well, of course not. That would be impropriety.

The week before I last, I filed a couple more documents in the lower court - the court that is coming against me - and before anyone writes to me to correct me that it isn't the court coming against me - but rather the persecutor - I'm sorry - but that's not the way I see this at all. The judge, the persecutor, the highway patrol, the clerk that was in the office when all this started - the head of the jail - all of them are coming against me in all this - and of course - why not? They all get paid from the same place. But anyway, I

filed a couple documents last week, and I did exactly what I have done with every other document I have filed in the last four years - I put the name of their Defendant - in all capital letters just like they have in their documents - but I added "false name" to the right of that. Then, under that, I put my name, Charlie Steward, and I put "True Name" to the right of that.

If this persecutor was talking about me - as being the one who was adding two more D felony forgeries to - that could be the only possible thing he was doing that for. BEcause when I filed the documents, I put my name, Charlie Steward on the document. And incidentally, their law says that if a defendant alleges that his name is something other than what the state alleges, that name must be entered into the court record and all proceedings are to be had in the name he alleges.

And since they had obtained a quote "certified copy of a birth certificate" I think they think they have really secured something valuable against me - even though as I said before - they had obtained that information two weeks after they put me in jail the first time in Dec of 2015. Again - I could care less if they have a birth certificate. I have never denied that my name was different at birth - than what it is and has been over the past approximately 20 years.

I want you to think about something for a minute. In their system, it seems like all you hear about these days is identity fraud, stolen identities, and people losing thousands of dollars because someone managed to obtain a birth certificate and a social security number belonging to someone else - and then they used those documents to create a stolen identity.

It's just laughable to me that these people were allowed to obtain a quote unquote "birth certificate" that did not belong to them. It's supposedly a matter of public record. They apparently had no trouble whatsoever obtaining the document. That's absurd to me and shows how ridiculous their system of identification truly is.

So, it appears now that there will be no trials before the end of July 2020. This will give me the time to file an appeal - which is exactly what I intend to do. Am I using their courts to try to get justice? I don't see it that way. I see it as part of the fight. I will fight these people until the day I die. I will fight them whenever, wherever and however I see the fight.

If the southern appeals court of missouri doesn't get this right, then I'll go to the next one and the next one. And if none of them get it right, then I still stand. Having done all, stand. I will stand for the Gospel of Jesus Christ no matter what they do to me and I'm not bowing - I'm not compromising - I'm not going to deny my King.

In closing, since I was not allowed my quote unquote "day in court" and was not allowed to say what I came there that day to speak and to be heard, I want to tell you what I came there to say.

This is what I went to the "hearing" which is not a hearing but a speakING to from the judge.

Opening Statement - 11-27-2019

This case is about a universally protected right, commonly known as free-exercise of religion.

The question before this Court is straight forward:

Whether it will allow continued criminal prosecution of me, Charlie Steward, in violation of the Holy Word and Laws of God and your own Free-Exercise Clause of the United States Constitution.

The question is simple and thus, so is the answer: No it should not.

I put my case before this Court simply: I am a follower of Jesus Christ. At age five I was born again; and at age twelve I surrendered my life to the ministry of the Gospel of His Kingdom. I have been studying, preaching and applying the Word of God in my life for over 50 years.

Throughout my life I have studied and worked to find, learn, and perfect the Perfect Will of God for my life. By the years 2000-2001 — after being in Jesus Christ for more than a quarter of a century — I began to reexamine the whole teaching of Jesus Christ, regarding being born again, as John 3 describes it.

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.

[7] Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

After these many years, I discovered, realized, and better understood why so many characters in the Bible changed their names after God had changed their hearts. Particularly during the earthly ministry of Jesus Christ many of His followers changed their names because they understood that in order to be born again, first one had to die to his old self and be raised a new man, as a new creature, a new creation, with a new identity distinct from the world in which they were born.

[3] Know ye not, that so many of us as were 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.

[5] For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection:

[6] Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. (*Romans 6:3–6*).

Because of this, “if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.” (*11 Corinthians 5:17*).

Whether anyone else in the whole world believes that these above-quoted verses apply nowadays or not, I believe them and stake my life and actions on them. Further, by the keeping power of Jesus Christ, I have not wandered from the heading of this course in over 50 years. It matters not to me whether Kelsey Rutledge, Don Trotter, Joseph Wantuck, Matthew Kasper or anyone else in the court system of Lawrence County, Missouri understands and applies these verses as I do. When I gave my life to Jesus Christ, I gave it completely to Him; and I believe the process of being born again — for me — includes in response, changing my name, to indicate my new identity in Jesus Christ, the Messiah of God. In short, I am a new creature, a new creation - and I believe this. I was convicted by the Holy Spirit of God and it was required for me to do so, and this was the *only reason* I changed my name. And for this (?), the Lawrence County judicial system has put my family and me through "hell" for the last four years, not to mention the cost to the County in doing so?

Joseph Wantuck approached me in the foyer before a hearing and told me, "If you'll just get a driver's license in your 'real name,' this will all go away. I told him he was demanding that I deny my faith - and that I will never do. It is sin for me to go back to the things of the old man - "like a dog returning to its vomit."

I changed my name around the years 2000–2001, relying upon common-law standards, as the Bible teaches. Your courts have recognized and applied these standards, as well. In fact, ninety percent or more of name changes in our day follow the procedure that has been in place since the days of Abraham. Bottom line, your law recognizes that each man has God-given jurisdiction to decide by what name he will be called and to what name he will answer, and your state law and myriads of court decisions recognize this most basic human right.

Both the Missouri state police and the Lawrence county prosecutor's office have shown themselves woefully ignorant of law, concerning one's lawful authority to decide what name he will be called by and answer to. If this were not true, they would have never brought this case to court. Oddly, in a day when society says that a man can choose to be called a woman and a woman can choose to be called a man, I am being criminally prosecuted, without probable cause of crime, for choosing the name I will be called and answer to - because I chose to follow examples of other men from the pages of Holy Writ.

Kelsey Rutledge and Don Trotter saw my name, "Charlie Steward," on the bill of sale for a car that I had lawfully purchased — and they then decided that my use of my name that I had chosen to exclusively use for the foregoing almost 20 years constituted "felony forgery." Then they also saw my name, "Charlie Steward," on an odometer statement for my car and decided that constituted "felony forgery." It is an undisputed fact that the car is mine. Where is the supposed "forgery?" Is there another man that has come forward - by the name of Charlie Steward - to say that - me, also named Charlie Steward - forged his name in an attempt to steal his car? No. Absolutely not. There is only one Charlie Steward and he is being charged with felony forgery because HIS name was on the Bill of Sale for his car!

For nearly the last four years I have been showing both Rutledge and Don Trotter, by law and evidence, that each man has the God-given right to choose the name by which he wants to be called and to which he will answer, and that the law in Missouri recognizes this God-given right. It is beyond question that no law requires a person to use a name his parents have given to him — much less a name the government wants him to go by.

However, throughout this prosecution, the prosecution has been treating me like I am property — like a mere dog, who must answer to the name *his* master decides.

In sum, a cursory reading of Kelsey Rutledge's probable-cause statements reveal that this prosecution is an attempt to chill and thwart my understanding of my responsibility as a follower of Jesus Christ, to live in "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep myself unspotted from the world. (See, e.g., *James* 1:27).

This prosecution is not about an injured party; there is none. This prosecution is not about fraud; there is none. However, this prosecution is about disdain for the Word of Jesus Christ and for the personal and lawful testimony of one of His followers. Simply put, it is an attempt to subvert free exercise of lawful religion. In a day where it seems the whole world is rebelling against the God of the Bible, now, even in Lawrence County Missouri - and by prosecutors with degrees in Bible - who should know better - are attempting to further silence a man who seeks only to live according to the Scriptures as he understands them.

Of note, the prosecution is disinterested in what God's Word says, how I understand my duty under it, and my protected responsibilities according to freedom of conscience and of religion.

Nonetheless, I have provided the prosecution with abundant evidence of law from the Word of God, from Missouri court opinions, United States courts' opinions, and other states' courts' decisions, showing that the law controlling the instant case is well-settled in my favor — and has been for a long, long time.

Yet the prosecution persists in pursuing me — not because I am criminally liable — but because the prosecution hates my sincerely held religious beliefs.

Therefore, I move this Court to grant my Motion to Dismiss this prosecution with prejudice.