

Message# 146 - 7-04-2021 - The Faith Once Delivered to the Saints - Eyewitnesses

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Good morning everyone. Thank you for tuning in to the broadcast this morning. If you did not hear the interview with Larry Blanchard on Sam Britton's Off the Cuff Show last weekend - you missed a really good interview. In fact, it was so good, Sam is replaying again on his broadcast this evening at 6:00pmCT on molibertyradio.us The broadcast is also available on his website on the Off the Cuff Archives page. Larry seems to be getting better and says he is very grateful for all the prayers and continued prayers on his behalf. If you haven't heard that interview, you need to listen to that show.

It's now been quite a while since I've heard anything directly from Chris in the Wisconsin jail. He is down to about 6 or 7 weeks left (I think) - provided those miserable people do actually let him go on the appointed date. Who knows? They make up things as they go along. There is no quote "law" with these people - not even their own quote "law." They've been flooding the streets with real quote "criminals" - letting them out of the cages due to the Covid plandemic - yet there he is - still sitting in the jail - a quote - first offender - who actually did not offend at all. He might have hurt someone's feelings - but he did not hurt anyone.

There was an old preacher that I used to be acquainted with. Many times I point to the bad things he stood for - because - he played "church" until the die he died. But as they say, "even a blind squirrel finds a nut sometimes" - but he actually came up with a nugget one time. He stumbled upon the idea that with the state - man's little g quote "governments" - in their eyes - it is far worse to offend the quote "authority" of the state - than it is to offend the "holiness" of the state.

And, you know what? He was absolutely correct on that concept. If you claim to be a citizen of the United States and you believe in the quote "sovereignty of the state" and you believe man has the power to make laws and all that stuff - if you committed a real quote "crime" like murder or rape or theft - you would be treated better - in fact - if you committed a quote "crime" against the IRS - but you still maintained they had authority to exist and create their statues and punish people for violating their statues - you would be treated totally different than someone who might do the same thing - but do their acts in defiance of the quote "authority of the state."

I've seen this for many many years. I've seen the quote "patriots" who challenge the ratification of the 16th amendment - and when they get quote "convicted" I've seen the

quote "government" put them in jail and throw away the key.

As long as someone is a state worshiper - when they "offend" the state's "holiness" - they will be treated far differently than someone who does not appear to be a state worshiper - but rather is someone who is challenging the "authority" of the state. The one who challenges the state's "authority" will be treated much more harshly. I've seen this my entire life.

And so is what is happening to Chris in Wisconsin. They are punishing him - not because he punched a drunkard in self-defense - good grief - Chris was in his own home - got attacked by a drunkard - and defended himself. And he was the one arrested - thrown into their stinking jail - but - after more facts became known - he's not there because of the self-defense issue - he's there because people in that county know his attitude towards their "government" and he's not a participant. So they are getting their pound of flesh - one way or another. That's what's going on.

They may think they are getting a good laugh out of all this - and I know full well they think they have all the right in the world to do what they are doing - but God is watching. And He gets very concerned when His faithful are mistreated. It will be worse for them (the Scriptures say) - than having a millstone hung around their necks and being thrown into the sea.

Continue to pray for Chris. Remember the dental issues he's having. Continue praying for the Ellingson's in Minnesota, for continued healing there after that horrific van crash that he was in.

Pray for Ecclesia. Pray that God will lay such a burning burden on men's hearts that their eyes will be open to see that the answer for our generation - and a foundation that needs to be laid for the next generation - is Ecclesia - and we need to get busy building. We are - and I mean those of us who are starting see the reality of age on the horizon (I mean age as in our own physical ages) - we don't have a lot of time left. Someday soon we will stand before Christ - we will be in the presence of so many others who went on before us - and we'll have to give an answer as to why we didn't even try to build Ecclesia in our generation.

How heartbreaking to know that we have the truth - we know that Ecclesia is the answer - but "Lord, you know we talked about it there at the end. We had some good discussions and even went and looked at a few pieces of land, but we just never really

put walk to the talk.”

This past week I read - or maybe I should say I scanned - I should say - an article that quoting Fauci - and the headline was:

Fauci warns country may be divided into 'two Americas' by Indian 'Delta' variant that continues to spread in undervaccinated areas - while CDC director says those who've had shots are SAFE from mutant strain and don't need to wear masks

The quote was this:

Dr. Anthony Fauci said Tuesday he's "very concerned about" the stark disparity between places with low and high vaccination rates. This unfortunately could lead to there soon being "two Americas" -- one where most people are vaccinated and another where low vaccination rates could lead to case spikes.

"When you have such a low level of vaccination superimposed upon a variant that has a high degree of efficiency of spread, what you are going to see among undervaccinated regions -- be that states, cities or counties -- you're going to see these individual types of blips," he said. "It's almost like it's going to be two Americas." End quote.

Friends, that's what should have been happening long long ago. There is the criminal element in the U.S. that believes in the “rule of law” - meaning the “law of men” and there should have been an America filled with people who claim to be followers of Christ who believe in the “rule of Christ” - period. And there should have been a great divide - not just in this country - but in every country in the world - among every people in this world - there should have been “two Americas.”

But the reality is, most who claim the name of Christ, have just assimilated right into the rest of the culture, doing the same things, living the same way, obeying the same “laws” - and there hasn't been any real difference - other than maybe the way they talk. There might be a handful of words in the vocabulary's that are different - but that's about it.

Now, we've come to a place where an experimental, gene therapy, adulterous, wicked injection might help create some real division. If that's where it comes from, I'll take it. But what I've been trying to tell people now for almost 40 years - is that the quote “line in the sand” has actually been there for way way longer than this fake plandemic - and while some people think they are seeing the line in the sand now - the reality is that the “line in the sand” is at least 234 years behind us. The other “America” left following the Shepherd a long long time ago - and true followers of Christ - and I will guarantee you they have existed - uninterrupted throughout all generations from Christ - there has

been another quote "America" where people - *few of them indeed, I admit that* - but there has been God's people all through the last 234+ years who have seen the two "Americas" and have done all they can do to stay faithful to Christ the King.

We should have been spreading like wild-fire. Our side of quote "America" should have been gaining more and more momentum - but we haven't and friends there is a reason why and it's right in front of our faces.

I have told some people this week - actually since the days after the debate - that I have not been nearly as hard on the "church" and the "churchmen" AND the dedicated "pew fillers" that continue to preach the absolute filth that comes from their mouths.

The number one enemy of the Kingdom of Christ today. The number one enemy of all that's good and holy and righteous before God today. The number one enemy of the Bible, followers of Christ today - IS THE CHURCH. I'm not going to sugar-coat it any longer. I'm not going to beat around the bush and hope people figure out what I'm trying to say - people that quote "*go to church*" are the enemy of Christ. And friends, if that's enough for you to turn this preacher off and never listen again - I'll tell you that I hate to see you go - but I am telling you - more than ever before - the enemy of Christ is church.

The word - and yeah here we go again - should not be in our English Bibles. In the first complete English Bible, the Coverdale Bible. Tyndale started it. But he didn't get the chance to finish it because he was executed by the state at the behest of the church - because he would not translate the word Ecclesia as church. That wasn't the only reason - there were more. The official charge was heresy. But the biggest accusation was that he would not put the word "church" in his Bible translation. Here is a quote that was attributed to him - and again - I have no idea whether this is true or not - it's quoted from a history source - and there's not a single one of us who can prove it one way or another because we are not eyewitnesses - but here's what someone claims he said - and I love it. This statement is in regard to the quote "theology" course taught at Oxford in 1506, this is what Tyndale supposedly said about it:

"They have ordained that no man shall look on the Scripture, until he be noselled in heathen learning eight or nine years and armed with false principles, with which he is clean shut out of the understanding of the Scripture."

Whether that is a true historical statement or not, I cannot say, but I can tell you today as an eyewitness to the continued tradition of the "church" if it wasn't true in 1506 - it's certainly true today.

The "church universities" and "colleges" arm men and women with false principles

which enable them to clean shut out the understanding of the Scripture.

They do not - of course - they cannot - they won't - they won't cut their own heads off - they will not even teach that the word they deceptively, devilishly teach as "church" comes from kurikos or kuriakon and not from ecclesia. This isn't hard. This isn't deep. This doesn't take years and years of Bible study diving into the Greek. It should be kindergarten Christianity. Bible 101. The most basic of the basic.

But today - I'd dare say there's not one in a million church-goers that knows the English word church - does not come from Ecclesia. Not one. That's because the churchmen have clean shut out the understanding of the Scripture.

In the end of the debate, I was so fed up with the garbage that had been spewed from those men - I told them there wasn't a single one of them in that room who could even begin to understand the meanings of Scripture when they hadn't even advanced past the most basic, simple truths of Scripture - that - in the understanding of the Greek word Ecclesia.

Christ did not give the keys to Peter to some church building located on Main Street in downtown Rome. He gave Peter the keys to the Kingdom. Government. Ecclesia. The called out - *called out from what?* - called out from the world - called out from anything and everything that does not bow the knee to King Jesus and confess with the mouth that He - and He alone - is the Only Potentate - the King of kings and Lord of lords and that His Father's Laws, Statutes, Judgements and altogether perfect Will is the only thing that men are to obey in the New Covenant World.

The quote "church" does not, has not, will not bow the knee to King Jesus - because the quote "church" is the religious arm of the state and anytime it hears someone preaching obey King Jesus - the first thing that will come out of their mouths is - "Jesus said, Render unto Caesar. And don't forget, Romans 13 says to obey the government. And I Peter 2 says obey every ordinance that man makes up." Never, never, never, does the church or the churchmen rally people to obey the One and Only True King.

Whenever you see any church man appear to run afoul of the quote "government" you will always - without exception - hear that man give deference to the state - as - "Well, they are God ordained to be there, but sometimes they get out of alignment a little - and well - we need to obey God and continue going to church even if they don't want us to."

This is quote "persecution by design." Whenever something gets attacked - in some cases, most cases - the attack makes it stronger. The quote "church" in the U.S. and apparently in Canada as well, is in reality, the greatest proponent of the state they have.

The “church numbers are dwindling.” They need to get those numbers back up again - like in the church's hey-day back in the 50s and 60s. The “church” is the foundation upon which the state rests. They can't afford to have that foundation crumble beneath them. The perceived “persecution” against the “church” in America and Canada is designed to help them get their numbers back up again.

I don't know if it's working or not. Hopefully it isn't. Hopefully it's too far gone by now. But I will tell you this - if the “church” is not replaced with the truth - which is Ecclesia - you can rest assured that whatever takes its place - will be 7 times worse than the state it was in before.

Let me state - for the record - once again - so that hopefully no one is not clear as to what Charlie is trying to say.

The word from which the word “church” has devilishly found it's way into our lives - that word, the Greek word is Ecclesia. The word “church” actually comes from the Greek kurios or kuriakon.

Ecclesia is the Greek word for government. When Christ told Peter I will build my Ecclesia - He was saying I will build my Government. He was not saying He would build His weekend social organization. Ecclesia is the Government of God on this earth. It is the Only Legitimate Government allowed to exist in the New Covenant World. Men and women, boys and girls, cats and dogs, birds, the plants, the trees, the grass, the air - everything in God's Creation is to come out from the domain of man - a system by which man has decided that **it** has the power or authority to define or redefine good and evil - then by legislation - force men, women, boys and girls - through threats of jail, loss of property, and even violence - force people to obey their definitions of good and evil - people are to come out from those systems and into the Ecclesia - the Government of God - the Kingdom of God - in their own communities - in their own separate America - and live according to the Laws of God clearly shown in the Scriptures.

That's what Ecclesia is - and there's not one single one of us today that is doing that.

There are individuals, even individual families scattered here and there who are trying to live by the Laws of God as individuals and even as individual families - but that is not what Ecclesia is. Ecclesia is a community of believers - and it's not just a single family. It could certainly start that way. Abraham's family is a classic Biblical example.

And out of Abraham's family ultimately came what? A nation.

And that's exactly what we are supposed to have today. That is what Ecclesia is. It is a nation, a community of believers who live in the same approximate area and have

joined themselves together to build the Kingdom of God. These are people who live in the same general area and they all live according to the Laws of God.

They care nothing about the statutes of men.

They live by the Statutes of God. Listen to me now, I'm trying to make this really clear. And don't think I'm not preaching right at myself because I am. I am not in Ecclesia, either. I have my wife, my daughter and her boyfriend - in the same general area. I've been preaching Ecclesia for more than 30 years. My wife and I have sold everything we had two times - thinking we were finally going to be with other believers to build Ecclesia - and we are ready to do it again - but we are not in Ecclesia today. So, I'm not preaching at everyone else - I am included.

Listen now, if there are things in your life that are quote "governed" by the statutes of men - then we are not doing what we are supposed to be doing.

One might argue, "we can never get to that point." Really? I disagree. I disagree wholeheartedly. All we need to do is come together, assemble, escape the nations, and begin to live the way the Scriptures teach us to live. This is not our battle. The way things quote "turn out" is not up to us. He is the One Who said, "I will build my Ecclesia and the gates of hell will not prevail against it." The battle - *if there will even be one* - is the Lord's. He is just looking for people who will obey what He said.

God's people are not live by the statutes of men. They are to live by the Statutes of God and there's only one way to do it - and that is by living in His nation as His people - in called out Christian communities of believers who live in the same general area.

I want to read you something from quote "church theology" and then let's talk about it for a few minutes. This is from a webpage written by one of the men who was at the debate. This is Romans 12 and 13 with his commentary added, quote:

Romans 12-13 {1} I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

{2} And be not conformed to the world of the Scottish Enlightenment: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

{3} For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.

{10} Be kindly affectioned one to the British with brotherly love; in honour

preferring one another;

{11} Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord;

{12} Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer;

{13} Distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitable quartering of troops.

{14} Bless the "Red Coats" which persecute you: bless, and curse not.

{16} Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits.

{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 the British.

{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 an enemy soldier 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.

{13:1} Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are set in place by God.

{2} Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, throwing tea into the harbor, or firing muskets upon them from behind trees, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation.

{3} For archist red coats 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 taxes without representation: for they are God's ministers, attending continually upon this very thing.

{7} Render therefore to all their dues: taxes to whom taxes are due; custom to

whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour.

{8} Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law.

{9} For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

{10} Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

Now listen to I Peter 2:11-14 with his commentary added.

1 Peter 2:11-24 Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul;

{12} Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation.

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

{14} Or unto parliament, 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 cloak of maliciousness, but as the servants of God.

{17} Honour all the British. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king.

One of the things that I find interesting on this man's website is that he claims that most quote "churches" do not like him. But ultimately, though he may say things with a bit of different twist, he's still preaching the exact same things - actually on steroids - the churches teach. Here's a few more bullet points:

1. We are commanded to be subject to whichever government God "ordains."

2. God "ordains" invading governments, and we are commanded to be subject to them. All governments -- even the most lawless and tyrannical -- are "ordained" by God. Rome invaded and conquered Israel a few years before Christ was born.

If the Bible prohibits violence against those who are in authority over you, how can you justify using violence against these very same people when they are in the process of putting themselves in authority over you -- by invading your nation and conquering it? If Christian ethics prohibits you from "standing up for your rights" against "the powers that be" (using violence), why do you think you would be permitted to "stand up for your rights" against "the powers that wanna be?" Against those same powers when they are becoming "the powers that be?"

*Answer: you are not permitted to use violence against invading powers.
God sent the invaders.*

3. God has had much practice in sending evil governments against people who forget Him.

God "Ordains" Evil: A collection of dozens of Biblical references to God sending "the sword" as a judgment against evil nations. This is the Old Testament background of Romans 13.

Governments are evil (sinful; violations of God's Commandments against theft, murder, enslavement, vengeance).

God "ordains" evil, sinful governments, commissioning them to violate His Commandments as a judgment against evil doers, stealing from those evil doers, depriving them of life and liberty, "serving" God as an instrument of God's vengeance.

It's not your business who the "powers" are. God puts them in place, and changes them whenever He wants.

Of course, if "the powers that be" invite your opinion of them ("voting," "referendum," "town hall," etc.) take advantage of the opportunity to speak the truth, and invite them to repent of their confiscation of property, murder, deprivation of liberty, and vengeance.

(And of course, we know that the "redress of grievances" works so well. "Voting" works so well. That's just me adding my thoughts.)

And of course, if "the powers that be" order you to sin against God, "We must obey God rather than man." (Acts 5:29). In other words, it's a sin to disobey a direct command from God, but it's not a sin to be a victim of governments that disobey direct commands

of God (by stealing, murdering, kidnapping, taking vengeance, and everything else the State does routinely). Most Christian teachers fail to make this elementary distinction.

Actually, this is a failed elementary distinction of Romans 13 in that God's Ordained Government ONLY punishes evil and gives praise of good.

Alright. So what does this tell me? It tells me to conclude exactly everything I have concluded and what I've been preaching for many many years. One of the biggest reasons why Christ came - and maybe for the New World - I think I could put up an argument that for the New World - this is the biggest reason why He came. Hang on just a minute. I want you to think about some things.

Were there specific things that Christ did which apply only to the Old Covenant World? Were there specific things that Christ did which apply only to the New Covenant World? Absolutely. Classic example. One of - maybe the most important things He did for the Old Covenant World - was putting an end to the sacrificial system of sacrificing animals. Was that something He did that was exclusively for the Old Covenant World?

Think about it for a minute. But, I have to say yes. That was for the Old Covenant World exclusively. He did not put away the sacrificial system for any of us alive in the year 2021. That system was never part of our lives, at least it certainly should not have been. The sacrifices ended in the first century. That was a purpose that He came - to put an end to an era that did in fact end - in the first century. No subsequent generation since was that purpose fulfilled in. The sacrifices were for the Old Covenant end. And Christ came to put an end to that aspect of the Old Covenant World. You and I have never been a part of that.

In the New Covenant World - in our world - He gave us One - Only One - perfectly flawless Nation, Government, Lawbook. Just one.

The people of the Old Covenant world had demanded - "Give us a king like all the other nations." God told Samuel, "Ok, you tell them this, if you do this, this will be the manner of the king that shall rule over you." And Samuel listed one evil thing after another that was going to happen to those people should they make that choice. But even after they had full disclosure of the negative consequences of their choice - they said, "Nay, but we will have a king like all the other nations."

So that's what they got. And the whole historical, Biblical record was put in place and

the people of Israel - entered the world of nation-states where the rule was by men and men's statutes, men's definitions of right and wrong, good and evil - and they suffered tremendously because of their wrong choice.

And all through that era - there was a Promised King to come - there was a Promised Deliverer, a Saviour, a Messiah, that was going to come someday and redeem them from their sin. Was going to relieve them from the negative consequences of their choice. Redeem them from their sin of what? To redeem them from the sin of the choice they made in I Samuel chapter 8.

It was always, always, always the plan of God for Yahweh to be the Ruler and King of His people Israel. They made the choice to refuse this plan. God allowed them to make that choice. It was allowed to show everyone else - for us in the New Covenant World particularly - it was allowed to show us what would happen if we made the same choice. That's why it was written. That's an example that we are supposed to look at and say - "Let's not make the same choice they did - because the consequences are not great."

Those people made their choice and God said, "I told you what would happen, now here it comes. You are going to be made an example for all time."

But in the first century, God sent His Own Son to save the people from their sin. To save them from the wreck they made. To make all things new again. To create a whole new world because the one they created for themselves was a disaster. And so He sent His Son and He said, "Surely they will reverence my Son. Surely they will accept this Great King, this Great Deliverer, this Great Saviour that I sent them to restore things the way they were supposed to be from the beginning."

So, contrary to the conclusion that the man in the debate has come to - he has not acknowledged the change that was made when Christ the King came.

NO, absolutely NOT. Men are not bound to whatever quote "government" they are born into. They are bound to whatever quote "government" they choose for themselves. They can be bound to men's quote "governments" and live the same miserable life that God said people would live who make that choice - or they can choose King Jesus and His Government.

In the New Covenant World - God does not Ordain EVIL governments to exist. This is a

huge huge difference between the Old World and the New World. If men don't understand this - they can't understand how we are supposed to live in the New World. He doesn't put them in place. He doesn't cause them to invade one country or another. They exist because of men's wrong choices and NO ONE - NO MAN, WOMAN, BOY OR GIRL is obligated to stay subservient to that quote "government." They can choose Christ. They can choose the Ecclesia. They can leave the world's system of nation-states - they can escape the nations - and Assemble themselves in Government under King Jesus. That's a choice available to all people everywhere.

The Government of God, the Ecclesia, the Only God Ordained Government allowed to exist in the New World is not a purely spiritual Kingdom. It is a spiritual Kingdom but it is a spiritual Kingdom that manifests itself in the physical realm. Otherwise, what's the purpose? Who cares if Christ is King - if it's only in the spirit realm and His Kingship doesn't rule over the physical earth. What kind of King is that? What kind of King is One that tells His citizens to obey anyone and everyone but Him? That's no kind of King at all.

That type of King will be allowed by every God forsaken organization on earth. Anyone can say or think anything they want to - well - maybe that's changing too - but definitely your King cannot affect the way you live.

When I was on trial, the judge said to me, "You are talking about things in the spiritual world, and we are talking about things in the physical world." And I told him the things in my spiritual world affect the things in the physical world.

For the follower of Christ, there is no difference between the spiritual and the physical, no difference between the sacred and the secular - everything we do is supposed to be to the glory of God. We don't live this part of our life separate from that one. It's all Christ. It's all His Kingdom, His Government, His Ecclesia.

If you recall, I told you last week the debate audio was on the website. And since then, I've had some really great comments come in. I want to read some of them to you. This one came from the Phillipines from Johannes:

Hello Sir Charlie I guess it is really needed to emphasize the phrase DO NOT BE CONFORMED TO THIS WORLD and it is needed to let them know that Jesus is the Head and not Caesar because He is not of the World but they just let it "pass-by", I mean what an ignorance.

Matthew wrote:

“The whole time I'm listening, I get irritated by the cavalier way they dismiss the notion of the word “church” being false. I'd scream inside to myself “tell them this is NOT a case of semantics!!!” Then finally at the end you let them have it about the inability to get beyond 1st base until the matter of “church” is comprehended.”

And again, absolutely. We are talking about Caesar and obeying Caesar, when Christ put an end to the whole system of caesars and nation-states - man's rule? He came to set up His Ecclesia. And even if people think they understand that - they still conclude that His Ecclesia is all about submitting to men's little g governments?

This is exactly what Jude was talking about when he warned about men creeping in unawares to subvert the faith - the system of belief once delivered to the saints.

I need you to turn to Luke chapter 5 this morning. And I want you to see something - we've looked at this before - but I want to show it to you again. And I want you to know that when I looked at this again - something hit me like a ton of bricks. I had never considered this before and quite frankly - this is one of the most chilling things I've seen in a while. This is when He called Matthew (who at that time was called Levi) to be His disciple. There's so much to see in this chapter, but start with me in verse 26.

[26] And they were all amazed, and they glorified God, and were filled with fear, saying, We have seen strange things to day.

Please let that phrase sink in for a minute. They had seen fishing nets filled like never before. They had seen lepers healed. They had heard a man tell people that He had forgiven their sins. they had seen “strange things that day.” Who were some of these people listening and watching that day. Look at verse 17.

[17] And it came to pass on a certain day, as he was teaching, that there were Pharisees and doctors of the law sitting by, which were come out of every town of Galilee, and Judaea, and Jerusalem: and the power of the Lord was present to heal them.

Preachers and lawyers. I think it's interesting to see it says they were “sitting by.” They might have just been observers. I don't know. It does say the power of the Lord was present to heal them. Verse 27.

[27] And after these things He went forth, and saw a publican, named Levi, sitting at the receipt of custom: and He said unto him, Follow Me.

As I have done before with this passage, I have explained here that Levi was a tax-collector. That's what a publican was. That's the word used in the KJV. In the modern New Living Translation - which I mainly use for comedy purposes - this is how verse 27 is translated - and it's actually accurate:

Later, as Jesus left the town, he saw a tax collector named Levi sitting at his tax collector's booth. "Follow me and be my disciple," Jesus said to him. 28 So Levi got up, left everything, and followed him.

[28] And he left all, rose up, and followed him.

Do you see what He did? Jesus went to the tax collector's office and found Levi (who later renamed himself as Matthew) and He told Levi to get up from the table and follow Him. The lawyers that were there that day witnessing this - there is no doubt some of them understand exactly what Jesus was doing. What does this work of Christ - what does this act by Levi say about the misrepresented Words of Christ - "Render unto Caesar?" If Christ was taking away Caesar's tax collectors - and immediately by the way - there was no 2 week's notice - there was no wait until they get a replacement - it was right now - get up from the table and follow Me. Seems to me like Christ was speaking one thing and doing another - if a man believes what the "church" and the "churchmen" teach about Render unto Caesar.

Christ took one of Caesar's tax collectors away. Went right up to him while he was sitting at the tax collector's office and said, "Come with Me. Leave everything right there and come with me." And he did.

Well, here's the bombshell that hit me. Look at verse 29.

[29] And Levi made him a great feast in his own house: and there was a great company of publicans and of others that sat down with them.

What? Where did the great company of tax collectors come from? Had Christ done the same thing with those others that He did to Levi? Was Levi the only one sitting at the tax collectors booth? Had Christ done the same thing to the great company of tax collectors that He did to Levi? Where did this great company come from? Here's verse

29 from the New Living Translation:

29 Later, Levi held a banquet in his home with Jesus as the guest of honor. Many of Levi's fellow tax collectors and other guests also ate with them. 30 But the Pharisees and their teachers of religious law complained bitterly to Jesus' disciples, "Why do you eat and drink with such scum?[e]"

31 Jesus answered them, "Healthy people don't need a doctor—sick people do. 32 I have come to call not those who think they are righteous, but those who know they are sinners and need to repent."

In the debate, the "churchmen" kept telling us that the only time you quote "disobey caesar if he tells you to sin." Well, what shall we do with this passage of Scripture? Shouldn't we take the teachings of Christ - as in Render unto Caesar - and compare them to what His physical actions were in His life?

Why is this passage not talking about having a banquet with prostitutes, they're known sinners? They are sinners in need of repenting. Why not liars and foul-mouthed people? Why not drunks or people that go to movies or dances? Jesus had gone to the tax collector's office and it may be an isolated case - told Levi to get up - leave his tax collector position and follow Him. Then, a short time later, there is now a whole house full of tax collectors - or maybe they were former tax collectors - or maybe some of them were soon to be former tax collectors. But Christ had gathered them together and said that THESE were ones who needed to repent of their sins.

Friends, it's stories like this one, combined with the CLEAR teaching of Luke 20 - that Christ was forbidding His listeners to pay taxes to Caesar - it's stories like this that caused the prosecutors to charge Christ with forbidding to give tribute to Caesar, saying that He Himself is Christ a King.

Christ told His followers to obey His Father's Laws and enter into His Kingdom. That's what He was doing. And that's what we are supposed to be doing.

His life on this earth - was the life that brought an end to the Old Covenant World where men were allowed to have their own governments. But those days ended. Not in the New Covenant World. By Jesus telling Levi to get up from Caesar's table, He was saying that the days of Caesar were coming to an end. He ended that system for the Old World and brought in a New World where the Only God Ordained Government was His.

I have asked Michael - many times - to preach - vocally. At this time, he's more comfortable writing. And that's fine. I'll not stop asking him to preach - hopefully one day we'll get to hear him preach - but if all we get for the time being is written articles - we'll take that. I want you to hear his comments after listening to the debate. This is what he wrote me this week, quote:

I finished listening to your debate yesterday. Ah, man I wish I was there. And I wish I had more time now to really go over some of the things said, both good and bad. You did very well though and surely spoke better words than I could have. And hearing the passion in your voice (even breaking up a few times!) was excellent. How these guys can say what they're saying almost without emotion just shows me that they either don't really believe what they say, or don't really care about the truth of our Savior and King, and His Kingdom...

I guess the most sickening thing (for me)--and that's probably just my personality--is to hear so-called Christian "pacifists" try and justify themselves. I despise that. Sorry, maybe I shouldn't be so harsh, and I know there's a time to "put up thy sword"... To everything there is a season. A time for peace, and a time for war.

No, Michael, I think the time for holding back harshness is over. The society is which we currently find ourselves in - is due to the constant fighting against the Kingdom of God that these churchmen have been waging for all this time. They are the enemy of Christ. They are the enemy of the Kingdom of God. And it's time we start calling it like it is. So, don't apologize for the harshness. Every single time we see Pharisee in the Bible - and see how harsh Christ was towards them - substitute the "church" because that's exactly what we are up against today. Continuing with Michael.

These days however, I'm just war, war, war. No peace to the wicked. And I've little tolerance for believers (professing believers) who refuse to do battle for our King, either spiritual, personal, or LITERAL. We will only die when our God has determined it, until then we are immortal.

"Resist not evil". Wow. I may need to focus in on that for an upcoming Minute. It was the end of the Old Covenant Age and they were in a period of transition...the saints were being persecuted--to death even--but that had been ordained for them.

Nevertheless, "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: Whom RESIST

stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world." (1 Peter 5)

Right? But they WERE afflicted, just as Christ told them they would be. And yet He also told them He would be with them and never forsake them..."I am with you always, even unto the end of the world".

But the end did come. The new world is our present age. We are no longer the oppressed, but are to be the oppressors--the conquerors--of Evil.

Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine.

Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good.

Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. (Antistenai! I added that, I love that!)

*Beware of dogs, beware of evil workers...
Let him eschew evil, and do good;*

All these things we are commanded to do against evil. Do they all contradict Christ's command that we are to "resist NOT evil"? Of course not--they uphold it. Yet they always go to 1 Peter 2, don't they..

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. (1 Peter 2:14)

Ah, yes. God's people are to "submit themselves" unto the governors so they can be punished as God's little evildoers. Render unto Caesar!

BUT, as we know, Romans 12 and 13 must be taken together as they were written together. Moreover, there's this:

My heart is toward the governors of Israel, that offered themselves willingly among the people. Bless ye the Lord (Judges 5:9)

Are there to be no governors in Israel today? Of course there are...

Know ye not that we shall judge angels? how much more things that pertain to this life? 4 If then ye have judgments of things pertaining to this life, set them to judge who are least esteemed in the Ecclesia.5 I speak to your shame. Is it so, that there is not a wise man among you? no, not one that shall be able to judge between his brethren?

WE should and SHALL be "sent by him for the punishment of evildoers"...

Paul was beseeching us to be "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; And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled.

That is when it is appropriate. That is when the time is right.

Resist not evil? I think we need to better understand the words of Jesus. For HE SAID:

I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars. (Rev 2:2)

I think we need to deem these folks who say we are NOT to resist evil, but to rather ASSIST evil...as "liars". I already can't bear them, so I'm good with that. End of Michael's letter.

If - and I say a HUGE IF - there - when men conclude such woefully wrong things as what I've shared this - IF they are wanting truth - but have just been misled themselves - and they aren't just pure evil - it's because they don't understand the colossal change that took place when Christ came. They don't understand that all of man's quote "governments" were put down in the first century. Revelation 11:15 - either by futurism's destruction of the verse - or simply because they haven't thought it through -

The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and He shall reign for ever and ever.

That means He took them back. The days where God allowed the nations to walk in their own ways - is over. He owns ALL the kingdoms of this world - and friends - to say

that His Kingdom is one that is evil - is to just miss the whole point of Scripture.

The kingdoms of this world - the kingdoms that were allowed to exist in the Old World - YES - those kingdoms were evil. The passage we have read over and over from Matthew 4 - the devil took Him into a high mountain and said, "I will give these kingdoms to you" YES - the devil - whatever or whoever that was - had ownership (whether perceived or real) - but the text says he offered them to Christ. The kingdoms of the world of the Old Covenant World - the ideas of the divine right of kings - the ideas of men making their own definitions of good and evil - setting themselves up kings like all the other nations - those things are the doctrines of devils.

Christ abolished all of that. In conclusion today, and I really wanted to get back to Wesley's Notes on "turn the other cheek" but we'll try again next week, look at Colossians chapter 2. Let's begin in verse 13:

[13] And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses;

[14] Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross;

[15] And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.

[16] Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days:

[17] Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ.

[18] Let no man beguile you of your reward in a voluntary humility and worshipping of angels, intruding into those things which he hath not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind,

[19] And not holding the Head, from which all the body by joints and bands having nourishment ministered, and knit together, increaseth with the increase of God.

I just saw this and I want to mention it quickly. The translators put the word Head with a capital H. This is talking about Christ. This is just like in the old translations when they were talking about Christ as King - they used a capital K.

[20] Wherefore if ye be dead with Christ from the rudiments of the world, why, as though living in the world, are ye subject to ordinances,

[21] (Touch not; taste not; handle not;

[22] Which all are to perish with the using;) after the commandments and doctrines of men?

Oh my goodness. Is the Bible just one contradiction after another? Not a chance. The ordinances of men, the rudiments of men, the doctrines of men - were put away by Christ - why? So that the ordinances of God would stand!

[23] Which things have indeed a shew of wisdom in will worship, and humility, and neglecting of the body; not in any honour to the satisfying of the flesh.

Did you catch verse 14? Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us? And what are those? Verse 22.

The whole system of the commandments of men - that was part of the Old Covenant World that was abolished. Christ abolished it. He put it away. He made an open show of it. He spoiled principalities, He spoiled powers - the Greek word for spoiled is to wholly divest oneself of, to put off, to wholly put off - He did away with them. For us - He put them all away. The ordinances of man are gone.

In their place are the ordinances of God. The Laws, the Statutes, the Judgements, the perfect will for the nation of Israel - the Commonwealth of Israel.