

## **What Can the Righteous Do?**

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Good morning everyone. Kingdom Conference 2020! is about three weeks away. We will be meeting, Lord willing, and I believe He is willing, I hope you believe also, we will be meeting just outside of Springfield Missouri, outside a little town called Everton, Missouri at the Maranatha Bible Camp. This is a really nice facility. I've got photos on the website of the accommodations. There are hotel style rooms available. Now, the number of rooms are decreasing. Signups are certainly not overwhelming us - but they are coming in and are - as of now - down to 9 rooms left. So, please let us know if you want us to reserve a room for you. We are providing the food - and just asking for help paying for it. Ted will be here preaching. I will be preaching. Sam will be here giving his testimony. My son-in-law, Kristopher will have a message prepared. We will have plenty of time for fellowship and for some serious discussion on taking our Christianity - to a level not seen on American soil for a long long time.

Brent Winters will also be here on the 19th for the scheduled trial / debate titled: Is the U.S. Constitution a Christian Document. Brent will be taking on the position that it is and Ted will be taking the position that it is not. This should be a great time of learning. We are looking forward to it and hope you are, too.

Last week, I ran out of time again - before I wanted to let you know of something that I learned the week before concerning the word "crime." I actually thought I would get through my discussion of Grace Community "church" a California corporation - then I was going to let you know what I learned about this word. I didn't finish what I had to say about the California corporation - either. Because what I had to say about the word "crime" wasn't going to take up all that much time - I want to start there first - then we're going to try to conclude our survey of the theology of the state quote "church" - Grace Community "church" - a California corporation.

Several messages ago, I'm not sure how many, but I was reading from the KJV Bible - and as it is so many times - I came across a word that just seemed so odd to me. There's a reason why most of us have not spent much time dealing with that word as it relates to Scripture - but - it's a word that we have used thousands and thousands of times in our lives. But the reality is - as followers of Christ - I believe it is a word that should not be used in our speech - because to do so - lends legitimacy to a system - a way of life - that causes us not to follow the teachings of God, the Laws of God, the Will of God, the teachings of John the Baptist, the teachings of Christ, the teachings of the apostles - all

of which help us to understand what the Law of God is - in the New Covenant World.

Somehow, some way, until we get our people to understand the radical, dramatic, seismic, total and complete change from the Old Covenant World to the New Covenant World - we are not going to see any real movement to the Kingdom of God.

Now, the Scriptures themselves use the most dramatic language, I think, that a man could ever use in trying to describe this change that took place in the first century.

For instance, turn with me to II Peter 3 this morning. And let's try again to see if we will allow the Scriptures to soften our hearts to allow for life changing truth to enter and take control of our thoughts - which will in turn - control the actions in our bodies, in our lives. Unless and until our minds have been changed - our actions will not follow. Unless and until our minds have been changed - we will not be able to effect change - lasting change in our communities. II Peter 3, beginning in verse 1.

[1] This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in both which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance:

This is what I'm trying to do. I'm trying to stir up minds by way of remembrance. Strong's says the word "stir" means to "wake fully", "arouse". Stir up their "pure" minds. Unless we do some study here, we're going to move right over something of great significance. The word "pure" here is 1506 in Strong's and it's the only time the word is used in the last 27 books. It means "judged by sunlight." It means "tested as genuine; pure; sincere."

I am preaching to you because I'm trying to stir up your genuinely sincere minds towards Christ by way of examining - more accurately for our circumstances today - reexamining the Scriptures. I'm telling you friends, if what you believe - your faith - your system of belief - has been shaped or molded - in any way - listen now - in any way - by something such as or similar to Grace Community Corporation - or the board of trustees - or the president or the secretary of a U.S. government created "corporation" - I'm telling you - you better re-examine every single thing you were ever taught by that corporation.

When I left the quote "organized church" toward the end of the 1980s - I had come to the conclusion that every single thing I had ever learned while in that system of belief - was wrong. I concluded - after years of study - years of being devoted the quote "church" - two Bible colleges - three quote "church" ministries - that every single thing

they taught - was wrong. You name it: Bible prophesy - wrong. Israel - wrong. "Church" - wrong. "Government" - wrong. Romans 13 - wrong. I Peter 2 - wrong. Creation - wrong. The Law of God - wrong. The King of God - wrong. "Render unto Caesar?" Of course. Wrong.

Wrong because I say so? No. Wrong because what they teach does not line up with Scripture. It doesn't even line up with the letter of the Scripture. It doesn't even get the letter correct. The Spirit goes without out saying. If they can't get the letter right - they don't have a prayer on the Spirit.

I'm telling you this morning, sincere follower of Christ - for the last several hundred years at least - on the soil in which we live - it has been the quote "church" the government controlled, owned quote "church" that has manipulated itself to the front of civilization and is held out as the voice of God - and nearly the entire world believes it to be so. But this "church" so-called is controlled - foundationally speaking - because it's foundations are not on Christ - but on the state - cannot, is not, will never be, the true voice of God teaching and preaching the life-changing - world changing truths contained in the Gospel of the Kingdom of God. It can't. It's roots are not of God. It is impossible for its fruits to be of God.

And if anything - large or small - seemingly significant or insignificant - if anything we have in our faith - our system of belief is a carry-over from that system - we had better re-examine and make sure that what we believe truly has foundation in Scripture - or else we better send it packing. Verse 2.

[2] That ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord and Saviour:  
[3] Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts,

Once again. II Peter 3 is as clear - it's as clear as anything can possibly be in the Scripture. Peter was writing in the last days to people who were reading in the last days - concerning events that were taking place in the last days. Again - if a man does not understand the phrase "the last days" - he cannot understand Scripture. You can't have it both ways. It's all about perspective. Put yourself in the shoes - hopefully of the one preaching II Peter 2 - when it was being written in the first century - and if you can't do that - then put yourself in the shoes of the ones who received the letter. Not one single Word of the Book was written to you and me - but every single Word was written for us. That makes a huge difference in understanding.

The phrase "the last days" means the last days of the Old Covenant World. Again - why are we down this trail? Recall with me that I was talking about the dramatic language that the Scriptures use in describing the changes that were to take place from the Old Covenant World to the New Covenant World. I'm trying to get us to understand how dramatic of a change this was - so that we will change our minds about some things - which will in turn - help us to change our actions. Verse 4.

[4] And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation.

Listen to what they themselves said. Where is the promise of His coming? What does that mean? It means the promise of the Messiah's coming was going to bring about major change. Verse 5.

[5] For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the Word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water:

[6] Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished:

[7] But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.

[8] But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

This is not used here to tell these sincere saints in Peter's day - that they were not in the last days. This is not double-speak. A double-minded man is unstable in all his ways - and I'll assure you that after the resurrection of Christ - Peter got cured of all his double-mindedness. Peter is just saying to these believers to be patient. Yeah, you better believe those people - daily - wanted to see the fulfillment of the prophecies - they were going through tremendous persecutions in that time - they wanted to see a change. And Peter was just telling them to hang on. Verse 9.

[9] The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

[10] But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

[11] Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness,

[12] Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?

[13] Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

This is the most dramatic language - possibly in all the Scripture - trying to make sincere followers of Christ understand the monumental change there was between the Old Covenant World and the New Covenant World. It's called the "passing of the heavens and the earth" - several other times in Scripture. This is the biggest change ever to occur since Creation.

This language of the "elements burning with a fervent heat" the heavens being dissolved, the heavens being on fire - it's symbolic language. Peter is trying to get them to understand the importance of this change that was imminently going to occur in their generation.

The word "elements" is used four times in the Bible. These two times here in II Peter - and two times in Galatians 4. Turn with me quickly to Galatians chapter 4. I want to show you briefly how Peter is no more talking about the physical heavens and the physical earth here - than he was when talking about the earth in relation to the flood. As I have said before, the Scriptures say that God destroyed the earth with a flood. Yes. The quote "earth" was destroyed - then Noah and his family got out of the ark and once again inhabited the earth. It's language, brethren. It - the earth was destroyed - is what the text says - but it was still there. The language is symbolic.

Just like the word "forever" in the first 39 books of the Bible. When God told the Israelites to keep the feasts "forever" - that was symbolic language meaning until the end of the World - the Old Covenant World. The "forever" of keeping the feasts - which required sacrificing animals - that "forever" ended with the passing of the Old Covenant World. That's why Christ offered Himself as a sacrifice - that ended the sacrifices - and Christ offered Himself - as the Scriptures say - as plain as anything can be stated -

[24] For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us:

[25] Nor yet that he should offer himself often, as the high priest entereth into the holy place every year with blood of others;

[26] For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but

now once in the end of the world - but now once in the end of the world - but now once in the end of the world - hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.

[27] And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:

[28] So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.

There was only one generation of people that could have seen him for a second time - and those people were in the first century - in the end of the Old Covenant World - the last days - the beginning of the New Covenant World. So, again, if a man does not understand that the quote "end of the world" was referring to the end of the Old Covenant World - in which the Messiah came - and offered Himself as the final sacrifice - that man cannot understand the Scriptures.

This is why we have people who call themselves, quote "Christian Israel" and they are claiming to keep Old Covenant feasts - some minus the sacrifices - and some even with sacrifices - committing the most ultimate form of blasphemy I think that can be made - and all the while excusing themselves because they do not understand the Word forever. Forever cannot continue when it referred to a world - that was completely obliterated.

Ha. I almost forgot. I asked you go to Galatians 4. Look at verse 1.

[1] Now I say, That the heir, as long as he is a child, differeth nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all;

[2] But is under tutors and governors until the time appointed of the father.

[3] Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world:

[4] But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,

[5] To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.

[6] And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.

[7] Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

[8] Howbeit then, when ye knew not God, ye did service unto them which by nature are no gods.

[9] But now, after that ye have known God, or rather are known of God, how turn

ye again to the weak and beggarly elements, whereunto ye desire again to be in bondage?

These are the same “elements” that Peter was talking about in II Peter 3. God wasn't ever talking about burning up his physical heavens or his physical earth. Remember, when He created those things - He called them good.

Alright - so I said all that to say this - there was such a monumental change between the Old Covenant World and the establishment of the New Covenant World - until we grasp the importance of that change - we are not going to understand fully our responsibilities in the New Covenant World.

Hence, our usage of words such as “crime.” I said this weeks ago, now that I've seen a few more things in relation to it - I'm more staunch than I was back then. As followers of Christ today - all we have is the ability to be a witness - a light - in a world that is rapidly heading off the cliff to such destruction - it may be the greatest amount of destruction since the New World began. We have witnessed - just in the last several months - nearly the complete shutdown of every corner of the world. We've seen major events happening in Russia. Major events happening in Iran or Iraq. Famines in certain parts of the world. But, to my knowledge, at least in my lifetime - I have never witnessed one event - capture the entire world like this has. I don't think the quote “world wars” occurred on every part of the earth. But they were called “World Wars.”

We have to be a witness to as many people as we come across today of the impending calamity that's coming. We should have been doing this all along. It should never have taken a “plandemic” to rouse us into service. We should have been doing this along. But if something like this had to occur to get us to rally our own troops into battle - then so be it.

This is another reason why I believe we - as followers of Christ - citizens of the Kingdom of God - the commonwealth of Israel - we should be the leaders in standing against these ungodly quote “mask ordinances” and “stay at home” ordinances. Resist evil because of the CONstitution? No way. Resist evil because men do not have the power or authority from God to define or redefine good and evil - then legislate people into compliance of their definitions of good and evil.

On the 18th of this month, Deborah Birx, who is always right there with Faucci and Trump and Pence when trying to perpetuate their plandemic - was interviewed in the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette newspaper. The article isn't that long. Here it is:

The title is:

***Birx notes harm of virus fatigue; nerves fraying, she says in Little Rock***

*Americans are weary of covid-19 and reluctant to commit to a long-term battle against the pandemic, the White House's coronavirus response director, Dr. Deborah Birx, said Monday in Little Rock.*

*Covid-19 fatigue could undermine efforts to limit the spread of the virus, she told state leaders during a meeting at the Governor's Mansion.*

*"We just have to give people a timeline that's manageable," she said.*

*Birx made her comments shortly before the state released its daily covid-19 data. Arkansas recorded 412 new cases of the coronavirus on Monday and four more deaths, lifting the number of fatalities to 603.*

*After five months of restrictions, nerves are fraying, Birx suggested.*

*When Americans are told, "We could be living with this virus for years," their response is often, "I can't live like this for years.' And they're willing to give up," Birx said.*

*Even those most at risk because of health issues are struggling, she said.*

*"I talked to a nursing home resident yesterday in Oklahoma, and she was like: 'We can't keep this up. If you give us a timeline, we may be able to hold on another two or three months. We might be able to hold on till the holidays. But you can't tell us that this is going to go on like this into 2021,'" Birx said.*

*That sentiment is shared by others, Birx said.*

*"I've been so struck by the number of Americans across the country that have just had it," she said.*

*"Mortality decreases" have also complicated matters, she said.*

*"When people start to realize that 99% of us are going to be fine, it becomes more and more difficult" to get people to comply, she said.*



*U.S. covid-19 cases peaked and began falling in April, only to begin rising again around Memorial Day. End quote.*

Now hang on a minute here. Did you catch that?

*"Mortality decreases" have also complicated matters, she said.*

Holy cow. "Mortality decreases" have complicated matters. What "matters?" How have "mortality decreases" complicated things for these people? Oh, I see. Because people are not actually seeing the mass graves that were predicted - the mass hysteria - the overrun hospitals - the temporary tents to house the thousands of people who were going to be sick - because some of the people are starting to question the whole narrative....last night, a clip on the news caught my attention. It was a high school football game between the area school where we used to live - and the area school that is closer to us now. They showed a closeup of the people in the stands. They were absolutely NOT quote "social distancing" they were not wearing masks - I think I may have seen 1 mask in that clip - and this newsstory was supposedly about a stupid high school football game. And the sportscaster - after he told the score of the game - just added - "Of course, the people in the stands were all exercising social distancing and masking." Liar. No they weren't. That was a bald-faced lie. The media is part of the agenda - and they are bound and determined to keep the truth from quote "complicating matters."

Then Deborah Birx said,

*"When people start to realize that 99% of us are going to be fine, it becomes more and more difficult" to get people to comply, she said.*

*To get people to comply.*

This whole thing is a planned event. It is as Mike Pompeo said -- an exercise.

Who talks like that? This is an exercise. I'll tell you who talks like that. It's false government types. They are in place to try to move people away from the Kingdom of God and into their systems of belief - their systems of control of the people. This whole plandemic is a quote "catalyzing event" - and where have we heard that?

The quote "Republicans" had something called the PNAC - the Project for the New American Century. It was started by people like George Bush, Donald Rumsfeld, Dick

Cheney and other high-ranking, powerful quote Republicans.

*PNAC's stated goal was "to promote American global leadership." The organization stated that "American leadership is good both for America and for the world," and sought to build support for "a Reaganite policy of military strength and moral clarity."*

*One of the PNAC's most influential publications was a 90-page report titled *Rebuilding America's Defenses: Strategies, Forces, and Resources For a New Century*. Citing the PNAC's 1997 Statement of Principles, *Rebuilding America's Defenses* asserted that the United States should "seek to preserve and extend its position of global leadership" by "maintaining the preeminence of U.S. military forces."*

Listen to this:

*In January 1999, the PNAC circulated a memo that criticized the December 1998 bombing of Iraq in *Operation Desert Fox* as ineffective. The memo questioned the viability of Iraqi democratic opposition, which the U.S. was supporting through the Iraq Liberation Act, and referred to any "containment" policy as an illusion.*

Oh. So they admit to policies that are actually "illusions."

In order to get the American people to accept their stated plans, they said something like this would be needed - quote:

*"Further, the process of transformation, even if it brings revolutionary change, is likely to be a long one, absent some catastrophic and catalyzing event – like a new Pearl Harbor." Journalist John Pilger pointed to this passage when he argued that the Bush administration had used the events of September 11 as an opportunity to capitalize on long-desired plans.*

*Some critics went further, asserting that *Rebuilding America's Defenses* should be viewed as a program for global American hegemony. Writing in *Der Spiegel* in 2003, Jochen Bölsche claimed that *Rebuilding America's Defenses* "had been developed by PNAC for Rumsfeld, Cheney, Wolfowitz and Libby," and was "devoted to matters of 'maintaining US pre-eminence, thwarting rival powers and shaping the global security system according to US interests.'" British MP Michael Meacher made similar allegations in 2003, stating that the document was "a blueprint for the creation of a global Pax Americana," which had been "drawn up for" key members of the Bush administration. Academic Peter Dale Scott subsequently wrote*

*"[PNAC's] ideology was summarized in a major position paper, Rebuilding America's Defenses, in 2000. This document advocated a global Pax Americana unrestrained by international law ..." End quote.*

Pax Americana means the Empire of America.

And of course, if you are older than 40 - you probably know that the PNAC was created just prior to the bombing of the Twin Towers in New York city - that being the impetus for the Iraqi wars - and more sinister possibly - that USA Patriot Act.

The old saying that those who do not learn from history are doomed to repeat it is most true. While those of us who knew about PNAC and that infamous statement about a catalyzing event taking place - we also knew about Pearl Harbor. But I wonder how many of us - even those of us over 50 - know that Pearl Harbor was a planned event - in order for the U.S. to be drawn into World War II. That whole thing was allowed to happen at the very worst - and caused to happen quite possibly - so that public opinion would be the force behind the U.S. government entering that war.

So, our young people - many of them too young to even know about Sept 11, 2001 - let alone know about Pearl Harbor.

So, even in our group - we have young people that did not - do not - did not immediately identify this pandemic of the corona-virus for the staged event that it is - in order to bring about quote "long desired plans."

The little g governments of the world - every single one of them - are in place to keep people from finding and entering the Kingdom of God.

In the New Covenant World - there is no government allowed to be in existence other than the Kingdom of God - the commonwealth of Israel. Men are not allowed to define or redefine good and evil. That's what little g governments do. They define or redefine good and evil - then they legislate punishment for failure to comply to their definitions of good and evil. We as followers of Christ - if we do not stand against this - who will?

The CONstitutionalists? How sad that some of the quote "patriots" the CONstitutionalist are the ones leading somewhat of a resistance - and the sad part about it is - they are fighting in the flesh. We, the ones who are fighting with the Spirit, are properly equipped for the battle - but are we engaging the enemies of Christ?

Some of the CONstitutionalists have resorted to taking up arms against their perceived enemies. I don't want to do this. I don't want to take up physical weapons against things that can be fought against on a Spiritual level. Stand against their definitions of good and evil by not participating. Standing against their quote "ordinances" is standing FOR the Kingdom of God. Witnessing for the Kingdom of God by refusing to acknowledge them - neither give place to the devil is what the Scriptures say.

Their definitions of good and evil - breaking their definitions of evil is called quote "crime." I have said that for us to use the word "crime" is to lend a sense of legitimacy to what they do. Problem is, the word "crime" IS in our English Bibles.

In the KJV, it's found 4 times. Job 31, Ezekiel 7 and two times in Acts 25. Now, I did some research on this - look - I'm not saying it is a sin against God for us to use the word "crime." All I'm trying to say is that if we refer to what God has define as evil - using the Word most used in Scripture - which is sin - that gives us another peaceful - non-violent way to witness for the Kingdom of God.

As followers of Christ - we should be concerned only with sin - which is defined as the transgression of the Law - God's Law.

In the KJV, Job 31:9-11 says this:

[9] If mine heart have been deceived by a woman, or if I have laid wait at my neighbour's door;

[10] Then let my wife grind unto another, and let others bow down upon her.

[11] For this is an heinous crime; yea, it is an iniquity to be punished by the judges.

Before we go further, this is the wife who has committed adultery.

Now, let me read this to you from Wycliffe's version - 200 years BEFORE the KJV.

9 And if mine heart was deceived on a woman, and if I have set ambush at the door of my friend; (And if my heart hath been deceived by a woman, or if I have set ambush at the door of my friend;)

10 my wife be then the whore of another man, and other men be bowed down upon her. (then let my wife be the whore of another man, and let other men be bowed down upon her.)

**11** For this is unleaveful, and the most wickedness. (For this is unlawful, and the greatest of wickedness.)

Notice the obviousness that the word “crime” is not used. Here is the same text from the Coverdale Bible - which was about 70 years before the KJV. Coverdale picked up where Tyndale left off. Tyndale was not able to complete the entire Bible before the state executed him.

Yf my hert hath lusted after my neighbours wife, or yf I haue layed wayte at his dore: O then let my wife be another mans harlot, and let other lye with her. For this is a wickednesse and synne, that is worthy to be punyshed,

Notice again, wickedness and sin - not crime.

Here is the 1599 Geneva Bible.

If mine heart hath bene deceiued by a woman, or if I haue layde wayte at the doore of my neighbour, Let my wife grinde vnto another man, and let other men bow downe vpon her: For this is a wickednes, and iniquitie to bee condemned:

So the word “crime” did not enter into our English Bibles until the KJV of 1611.

Until that time, the words used in Job were unleaveful, wickedness, and sin.

Now let's look at Ezekiel chapter 7 verses 22 and 23. From the KJV, the text says:

**[22]** My face will I turn also from them, and they shall pollute my secret place: for the robbers shall enter into it, and defile it.

**[23]** Make a chain: for the land is full of bloody crimes, and the city is full of violence.

Now from Wycliffe, 200 years prior:

22 And I shall turn away my face from them, and they shall defoul my private (place); and knaves shall enter into it, and shall defoul it. 23 Make thou a closing together; for the land is full of doom of bloods (for the land is full of the judgement of bloodshed), and the city is full of wickedness.

From the Coverdale, about 70 years before the KJV:

My face wil I turne from the, my Treasury shall be defyled: for the theues shall go into it, and suspende it.

7:23 I wil make clene ryddaunse, for the londe is whole defyled with vnrightuous iudgment of innocent bloude, & the cite is full off abhominacions.

From the 1599 Geneva:

My face will I turne also from them, and they shall pollute my secret place: for the destroyers shall enter into it, and defile it.

7:23 Make a chaine: for the lande is full of the iudgement of blood, and the citie is full of crueltie.

I want you to listen to Webster's 1828 definition for sin:

*1. The voluntary departure of a moral agent from a known rule of rectitude or duty, prescribed by God; any voluntary transgression of the divine law, or violation of a divine command; a wicked act; iniquity. sin is either a positive act in which a known divine law is violated, or it is the voluntary neglect to obey a positive divine command, or a rule of duty clearly implied in such command. sin comprehends not action only, but neglect of known duty, all evil thoughts purposes, words and desires, whatever is contrary to God's commands or law. [1 John 3:4](#). [Matthew 12:31](#). [James 4:17](#). Sinner neither enjoy the pleasures of nor the peace of piety.*

*Among divines, sin is original or actual. Actual sin above defined, is the act of a moral agent in violating a known rule of duty. Original sin as generally understood, is native depravity of heart to the divine will, that corruption of nature of deterioration of the moral character of man, which is supposed to be the effect of Adam's apostasy; and which manifests itself in moral agents by positive act of disobedience to the divine will, or by the voluntary neglect to comply with the express commands of God, which require that we should love God with all the heart and soul and strength and mind, and our neighbor as ourselves. This native depravity or alienation of affections from God and his law, is supposed to be what the apostle calls the carnal mind or mindedness, which is enmity against God, and is therefore denominated sin or sinfulness.*

*Unpardonable sin or blasphemy against the Holy Spirit, is supposed to be a malicious and obstinate rejection of Christ and the gospel plan of salvation, or a contemptuous resistance made to the influences and convictions of the Holy Spirit. [Matthew 12:31](#).*

*2. A sin-offering; an offering made to atone for sin He hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin [2 Corinthians 5:21](#).*

**3.** *A man enormously wicked. [Not in use.]*

Now, when you get to Webster's 4th definition for the word sin, he says something very interesting. And I kind of smiled when I saw it because I wonder if there have been some people out there who thought I was just nit-picking about this word. I don't think so. Listen to Webster's 4th definition for the word sin.

**4.** *sin differs from crime, not in nature, but in application. That which is a crime against society, is sin against God.*

Alright. Now of course. I like what he says here in the first part. But would certainly like to have a discussion with him concerning his second part. At least from our perspective today - quote "crimes" against society are in many cases absolutely NOT sins against God. I'll give Webster the benefit of the doubt here - because even though his generation had failed miserably in establishing the Kingdom of God - they hadn't gotten nearly as far away as our generation has. His generation certainly paved the way for ours - but his generation was closer than we are.

I'm going to leave the rest of his definitions in the transcript of the message, but I won't read it here for sake of time. Suffice it to say, though, that with the exception of his minor statement in definition 4 - Webster makes it clear that sin is the transgression or omission of the Laws of God.

**SIN**, verb intransitive

**1.** *To depart voluntarily from the path of duty prescribed by God to man; to violate the divine law in any particular, by actual transgression or by the neglect or non-observance of its injunctions; to violate any known rule of duty.*

*All have sinned and come short of the glory of God. [Romans 3:9](#). Against thee, thee only, have I sinned. [Psalms 51:2](#).*

**2.** *To offend against right, against men or society; to trespass.*

*I am a man more sinned against than sinning. And who but wishes to invert the laws of order, sins against the' eternal cause. (Shakespeare)*

*And who but wishes to invert the laws of order, sins against th' eternal cause. (Alexander Pope)*

**SIN**, for since, obsolete or vulgar. End of Webster's.

Now, before we go on to the 2 instances of the word crime in the books of Acts according to the KJV - let's read Webster's definition of the word "crime." You will see a major contrast to his definition of "sin" - even though he tries to comingle the two - which I believe is a huge mistake. Quote - and by the way - except for the fact that the online version omits several paragraphs related to the origins of the word - the definition in the online version matches the printed dictionary - quote:

*1. An act which violates a law, divine or human; an act which violates a rule of moral duty; an offense against the laws of right, prescribed by God or man, or against any rule of duty plainly implied in those laws. A crime may consist in omission or neglect, as well as in commission, or positive transgression. The commander of a fortress who suffers the enemy to take possession by neglect, is as really criminal, as one who voluntarily opens the gates without resistance.*

*But in a more common and restricted sense, a crime denotes an offense, or violation of public law, of a deeper and more atrocious nature;*

Alright. Here's the problem. And this is why I believe this is so important. This has to do with what I call the "evolution of religion." If you recall, I have stated many times in the past that what is being passed off today as the quote "gospel" resembles nothing from what it meant to the first century saints that it was first given to. What we have today is an evolutionized, modernized, transformed version of the gospel that doesn't match the Scripture.

This example of crime versus sin is a perfect example. In the Bible the only thing that concerns God is sin. The transgression of His Law. Man does not have the Authority or the Power from God - to define sin - to define good and evil. God has kept that Power and Authority to Himself because man's finite being and mind is incapable of knowing all the different ramifications and results from making his own definitions.

This is why there are millions and millions of quote "laws" on man's books. This is why one day it was perfectly fine to use gold and silver. Then, another day, a new quote "president" comes along and makes it a quote "crime" to even possess gold and silver. Then, another one comes along and undoes what the previous one did. They make a quote "law" then went it comes into effect, the next ones come along and undo what the others did and it's an endless stupid circle - like I said last week - the cat or dog chasing it's own stupid tail.

Man does not possess the ability to define or redefine what God has said is good and evil. And when man takes on that power - it destroys anything and everything that gets



in his path.

Crime is man's definitions of good and evil, right and wrong. And man is in violation of the Will of God for His Creation when man does this.

Sin - the transgression of God's Law - found in a book that is typically only about 2 inches thick - but when properly understood - properly taught from the perspective of the present day reality of the King and His Kingdom - right now - every single action of men - whether they be in the sinful realm - as in murder, theft, etc., or in the quote civil realm - as in disputes over say, for instance, a property line - or inheritance - every single issue can be rightly judged according to the perfect Laws of God. This isn't hard. It's only hard when men fail to see that the Old Covenant World has ended - where men were given limited powers - and the New Covenant World where God took it all back and only allows His Son as King - and His Laws as the Authority for right and wrong, good and evil.

When we use the word "crime" - we are legitimizing the concept that man has the power or authority to define good and evil. The word for doing wrong - is sin - and that only applies to doing what the Bible defines as wrong. Until we understand this - we will not gain ground for turning our generation to the Kingdom of God.

We should be concerned only with sin - not crime. Most of which fills the quote "lawbooks" of men - is not sin. Crime - in many if not most - instances is not sin.

Listen to me. I am not lawless. Christians are not lawless. But those of you out there who think that supporting your local cop is something you need to stand on the street corner and scream - you better think twice. The quote "cop" is there - first and foremost - to enforce the definitions of men concerning good and evil. Those definitions - MORE TIMES THAN NOT - are not God's definitions. MORE TIMES THAN NOT - those definitions REDEFINE what God has said is sin - and man has transformed that into things that they say are not sin.

Isaiah 5:20 says

Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!

You better be careful. Personally, I think it better to be silent - than to say things that are opposing the Scriptures.

Yeah, we see the rioting in the streets, the looting, the pillaging - I get all that. None of it is good. But none of it is good on either side of the issue. When you see a fight going on and the fight is between two sides that are evil - choosing one of those sides is still siding with evil. Choosing the quote "lessor of two evils, is still a choice for evil."

We don't and should not have a dog in that fight. Our fight is for the Kingdom of God and His King. We have to be on His side at all times and not waiver from that position.

Quickly now turn to Acts chapter 25. I will be showing how the word crime as correctly found in the Scriptures - refers to man's quote "laws." Acts 25, verses 8 through 27; speaking of Paul:

[8] While he answered for himself, Neither against the law of the Jews, neither against the temple, nor yet against Caesar, have I offended any thing at all.

[9] But Festus, willing to do the Jews a pleasure, answered Paul, and said, Wilt thou go up to Jerusalem, and there be judged of these things before me?

[10] Then said Paul, I stand at Caesar's judgment seat, where I ought to be judged: to the Jews have I done no wrong, as thou very well knowest.

Very clearly, now, we see, Paul is standing in the court of Caesar. He's not in Jerusalem among the Judahites, even, he's before Caesar.

[11] For if I be an offender, or have committed any thing worthy of death, I refuse not to die: but if there be none of these things whereof these accuse me, no man may deliver me unto them. I appeal unto Caesar.

[12] Then Festus, when he had conferred with the council, answered, Hast thou appealed unto Caesar? unto Caesar shalt thou go.

[13] And after certain days king Agrippa and Bernice came unto Caesarea to salute Festus.

[14] And when they had been there many days, Festus declared Paul's cause unto the king, saying, There is a certain man left in bonds by Felix:

[15] About whom, when I was at Jerusalem, the chief priests and the elders of the Jews informed me, desiring to have judgment against him.

[16] To whom I answered, It is not the manner of the Romans to deliver any man to die, before that he which is accused have the accusers face to face, and have licence to answer for himself concerning the crime laid against him.

[17] Therefore, when they were come hither, without any delay on the morrow I sat on the judgment seat, and commanded the man to be brought forth.

[18] Against whom when the accusers stood up, they brought none accusation of

such things as I supposed:

[19] But had certain questions against him of their own superstition, and of one Jesus, which was dead, whom Paul affirmed to be alive.

[20] And because I doubted of such manner of questions, I asked him whether he would go to Jerusalem, and there be judged of these matters.

[21] But when Paul had appealed to be reserved unto the hearing of Augustus, I commanded him to be kept till I might send him to Caesar.

[22] Then Agrippa said unto Festus, I would also hear the man myself. To morrow, said he, thou shalt hear him.

[23] And on the morrow, when Agrippa was come, and Bernice, with great pomp, and was entered into the place of hearing, with the chief captains, and principal men of the city, at Festus' commandment Paul was brought forth.

[24] And Festus said, King Agrippa, and all men which are here present with us, ye see this man, about whom all the multitude of the Jews have dealt with me, both at Jerusalem, and also here, crying that he ought not to live any longer.

[25] But when I found that he had committed nothing worthy of death, and that he himself hath appealed to Augustus, I have determined to send him.

[26] Of whom I have no certain thing to write unto my lord. Wherefore I have brought him forth before you, and specially before thee, O king Agrippa, that, after examination had, I might have somewhat to write.

[27] For it seemeth to me unreasonable to send a prisoner, and not withal to signify the crimes laid against him.

With the exception of the Coverdale Bible, which uses the words accusations and charges, all the other pre-KJV Bibles use the word crime - either in verse 16 and 27 or in one or the other. I believe there is a difference between crime and sin - and crime refers to man's illegitimate "laws" and sin refers to the Only Laws we should be concerned with and those are the God-ordained, established Laws of God.

Clearly in Acts 25, the Romans are talking about violations of their quote "laws." They keep trying to send Paul back to Jerusalem to be dealt with concerning the quote "Jews' laws." They couldn't find Paul guilty of any of their manmade quote "laws." They think Paul was being charged with - with not things found in the quote "statute/statue" books of the Romans. I believe God inspired these things to be written the way they were to show us - in our generation - there is a difference between "crime" and "sin."

We are now right smack in a generation that refuses to accept the Laws of God. In this generation, people are only concerned with "crime." Crime is what they have defined as evil. And, in the corporate, state "church" - the government controlled preachers

perpetuate this lie. The quote “churches” are filled with quote “preachers” who preach God said “Obey the laws of the land.” God never said such a thing. Christ taught that “Rendering unto Caesar” was sin. The churchmen preach the exact opposite. And if you don't render unto Caesar, then you are committing crime. And they replace the Laws of God with the commands of men. It's no different today than it was back then.

Except for the fact that Caesar was allowed to exist - and God Himself even put Caesar in his place at that time - and it still wasn't right to “Render unto Caesar.” But in the Old Covenant World, God physically reached down and put Caesar in his place.

In the New Covenant World, God physically put One in His place and that was His Son. He brought Caesar down. He brought earthly kings down and placed every single one of them under His feet. Every single man or woman that ever thought they had the power to define good and evil - God has brought them down and placed them under His feet.

In the New Covenant World - there is One King. One Lawgiver. One Who has the Power to define good and evil. And He is the One to Whom all Creation is to submit.

Last week and the week before, I examined the theology of the California corporation named Grace Community “church.” I told you to go to their website and read their open letter from the president of the corporation - I mean the pastor - and the board of trustees - I mean the board of elders. And wouldn't you know it - they took it down.

I did, however, find another website that had copied John MacArthur's letter and I was able get a copy of it and put it on my website that it couldn't be taken down again.

In his letter MacArthur makes a lot of really good points. Points and Scriptures that I also use in teaching what I teach. But here is the major, fundamental difference - foundational - if you will - And again, “If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?”

When I was a very young preacher boy, fresh out of quote Bible college. I had left Bible college, and interestingly enough, most youngsters like myself - typically start out in their first quote “ministry” in a smaller type corporation - then they work themselves up. In other words, most college graduates don't typically get their first job as a vice-president of IBM. It usually doesn't work that way - unless your Dad owns IBM. Same in the incorporated church world. If your Dad was Jerry Falwell, well, yeah, when your kid graduates from college, he might have a powerful job in that church corporation - sure - that happens.

But for the majority, it's usually you graduate from quote "Bible college" then you usually start in a very small church corporation - you might even be working a job in another corporation during the week - then working your second job with the church corporation on the weekends. Then, after a while, if you prove yourself good enough in the small church corporation, you might quote "get the call" to move on to a bigger, more established church corporation and you might even be paid "staff." Now, you've hit the big time - or at least the bigger time.

Well, I guess you might say I was in the right place at the right time, and my first job in the church corporation - besides quote "jobs" I had while in the college church corporation - was in one of the largest Baptist churches in the whole state. The pastor was a real big-wig in the church society. The quote "church" was large, lots and lots of people, plenty of money, buildings, land, very big.

We were in a staff meeting one day and the pastor, as he like do so often - asked each of us in the meeting a question. His question that day was a simple one. "Is the church the people or the buildings?"

When he came to me, I answered "the people." And I believe just about everyone else would answer the same way. But, when it was his turn to tell us the correct answer - he said the answer was BOTH. The quote "church" was the people AND the buildings.

Well, I never accepted it that day - and I don't accept it this day. Of course, it goes without saying that even using the word "church" in that discussion was not accurate. I did not know that, at that time. I was still playing "church" at that time - albeit as sincerely as I think the game could have been played.

When I arrived at that quote "church" to take my position there on the staff, I was drawn there because the pastor himself was a bit of a rebel. He was engaged in the beginnings of a dispute with the state and as you know - even way back then - that was right up my alley. So, this preacher, while I thought the battle was for the people - he was subtly preparing us - that the battle would ultimately be for the preservation of the buildings. That's why he was teaching us that the quote "church" is the people and the buildings.

One day, he said to me, privately, in regards to his thoughts concerning a coming cashless society - and he was right all the way back then - his concerns were not how would followers of Christ be able to exist if they were forced into the world's banking

system - but he looked at me and said, "How will we take an offering?" Wow. That was a shocker to me. How will we take an offering to pay our quote "salaries" and pay for our "buildings." How will the corporation continue?

Last week, I touched on the false conceptual teaching from corporate church that God has ordained three branches of jurisdiction - the family, the state and the quote "church." This is the theology of not just MacArthur's church corporation - this is the theology of every single quote "church" corporation in existence today. It has to be. They have to have this mythical entity called the state - because their corporate papers are registered with the state - they receive their powers to act as a corporation from the state. Therefore, the state has to be part of their theology. But again, as that word "state" was not our original English Bibles, either, that whole concept is another part of evolutionized religion that does not resemble the true faith and Gospel given to the saints in the first century.

MacArthur said, quote:

*When any one of the three institutions exceeds the bounds of its jurisdiction it is the duty of the other institutions to curtail that overreach. Therefore, when any government official issues orders regulating worship (such as bans on singing, caps on attendance, or prohibitions against gatherings and services), he steps outside the legitimate bounds of his God-ordained authority as a civic official and arrogates to himself authority that God expressly grants only to the Lord Jesus Christ as sovereign over His Kingdom, which is the church. His rule is mediated to local churches through those pastors and elders who teach His Word ([Matthew 16:18–19](#); [2 Timothy 3:16–4:2](#)).*

Do you see this? He just said - loud and clear - for all who have ears to hear and eyes to see - Jesus Christ is the Lord and Sovereign over singing, number of people who can enter the building, and prohibitions against gatherings and services. That's what he said Jesus is Lord and sovereign over. Friends, that should send chills up and down the spines of everyone who read this statement. Listen again, please:

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Friends, this is not the Kingdom of Christ - in any shape or form. This theology does not resemble anything from the testimony of followers of Christ in the first century. Where has this come from? It's an evolutionized, convoluted system of theology that has evolved over hundreds of years of compromise and it does not find its roots in Christ.

The ekklesia of God is not the buildings. It is not singing. It is not quote "going to church" - the ekklesia of God are people that make up an entirely separate nation from the world. They have an entirely separate King from the world. They don't have presidents and congresses and representatives. They don't have corporations. They are a nation of people that are called out from the world and the world's corporations and are supposed to be living their lives under the true Kingship and Lordship of Christ through His nation - the commonwealth of Israel - demonstrating to the world by their steadfast and unwavering testimony that Christ is the ONLY Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords and that there is only ONE Lawgiver and that is the God of the Bible.

That's what Ekklesia is supposed to be. It's people living under the Laws of God, the Kingship of Christ. It's not a place to go to sing songs, take up offerings, build buildings and put Christian sounding names on them - then leave those buildings and go right back under the lordship of wanna-be caesars.

Until we realize that Christ is King, the Only King, His Father's Laws are all we are to submit to and then evangelize our world with this Gospel - nothing will change in our generation. Take every opportunity you can to teach, to preach, to live the Kingdom of God right now - in a generation whose theology amounts to quote "singing and entering buildings." Not wearing a mask right now - can say a thousand words for the Kingdom of Christ. If someone asks you why you aren't wearing a mask - respond by saying, "It's a sin against God" and see what kind of reaction you get!