



TIMELESS TEACHING
for
TURBULENT TIMES

Message Notes for October 25, 2020

What challenges you/excites you about the upcoming election?

Matthew 22:15 Then the Pharisees went out and laid plans to trap him in his words. 16 They sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians. "Teacher," they said, "we know that you are a man of integrity and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren't swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are. 17 Tell us then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay the imperial tax w to Caesar or not?"

18 But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said, "You hypocrites, why are you trying to trap me? 19 Show me the coin used for paying the tax." They brought him a denarius, 20 and he asked them, "Whose image is this? And whose inscription?"

21 "Caesar's," they replied.

Then he said to them, "So give back to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's."

22 When they heard this, they were amazed. So they left him and went away.

What is Jesus' point in his response to the question?

Seven distinctions of the two kingdoms:

- 1. We become a citizen of God's Kingdom by _____ in Jesus.**
We become a citizen of America by _____ or _____ process.

 - Ephesians 1:13 And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit,*
- 2. Our primary citizenship is in _____.**
Our secondary citizenship is on _____.

 - Ephesians 2:19 Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household,*
- 3. The leader of God's kingdom is _____.**
The leader of America is our _____.

 - Ephesians 2:20 built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. 21 In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. 22 And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.*
- 4. The guide for the Christian is the _____.**
The guide for the government is the _____.

 - Psalms 119:105 Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.*
- 5. The primary role of God's kingdom is the _____ of souls.**
The primary role of government is the _____ of people.

 - 1 Peter 1:8-9 Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.*

- *Romans 13:3 For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and you will be commended. 4 For the one in authority is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for rulers do not bear the sword for no reason. They are God's servants, agents of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer.*

6. My purpose as a Christian in America is to make _____.
My purpose as a Christian in America is not to make a _____.

- *Matthew 28:19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.*
- *John 18:36 Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place."*

7. Life in God's Kingdom is motivated by _____.
Life in America is motivated by the _____.

- *1 John 4:19 We love because he first loved us.*
- *Romans 13:4 They are God's servants, agents of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer.*





SIMILARITIES

1. Christ is the _____ of both.

- *Romans 13:1 Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God.*

2. I give _____ and _____ to both.

- *Romans 13:7 Give to everyone what you owe them: ... if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor.*

3. I desire to _____ both.

- *Jeremiah 29:7 But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.*