

Christ Or Caesar?

Luke 20:19-26

I. Discussing Politics Is Controversial (19-22)

- A. What Is More Controversial Than Religion And Politics Is Religion In Politics (19-22; Mk 12:13)
- B. Our Heavenly Citizenship Is A Greater Priority Than Our Political Party
 - We Are Eternal Citizens Of Heaven (Phil 3:20)
 - We Are Temporary Residents On Earth (1 Pet 2:11)
 - We Are Waiting To Go To Our Eternal Home God Made For Us (Heb 11:10)
 - We Are Heaven's Ambassadors Seeking To Reconcile The World To Christ (2 Cor 5:20)

II. Differentiating The Secular And The Spiritual Kingdoms Is Essential (23-26)

- A. Jesus Affirms The Separation Of Church & State
- B. Jesus And Paul Call Believers To Submit To The Government (Rom 13:1-2; 1 Pet 2:13)
- C. Peter Demonstrated The Exception Of Civil Disobedience (Acts 5:27-32)
 - Civil Disobedience: When Man's Law Conflicts With God's Law, We Are To Obey God

3 Views:

- Anarchism: Civil Disobedience Is Always Right
- Radical Patriotism: Civil Disobedience Is Never Right
- Biblical Submissionism: Disobedience To Government Is Sometimes Right
- **Biblical Incidences Of Civil Disobedience**
 1. Hebrew midwives refused to kill innocent babies (Ex 1-2)
 2. Rahab hid spies from Jericho's authorities (Josh 2)
 3. Obadiah hid prophets from the murderous Jezebel (1 Kings 18)
 4. Esther broke the king's decree to save her people (Esth 4)
 5. Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego refused to worship the golden image (Dan 3)
 6. Daniel refused to pray to King Darius (Dan 6)
 7. Peter & John resisted the government's order to stop preaching the Gospel (Acts 4:19-20; 5:29)
 8. Tribulation saints will stand against the Beast (Revelation 13)

Conclusion:

1. Unify With The Church As A Citizen Of Heaven (Phil 3:20)
2. Submit To The Government In Faithfulness To God (Rom 13:1-8; 1 Pet 2:13)
3. Stand Up For God's Truth And The Gospel When The Government Is Wrong (Acts 5:29)
4. Pray For Your Leaders (1 Tim 2:1-2)