

INTRODUCTION

- A. **BODY POLITIC** (Gen.4:17; 11:4f; Mt.5:14,35; see 1Cor.12:12f;25,26; Mt.20:28; 22:37f; Phil.2:3f/21)
- B. **OVERWHELMING ANXIETY** (2Tm.3:1ff; see Ps.2:1-3)
- C. **UNCHANGING TRUTH** (Ps.2:4f,12b; see Acts 2:33; Eph.1:18f; Col.1:15f; Ps.93:1; 96:10; 99:1)
- D. **MEANS OF PEACE** (Phil.4:6,7; 1Pt.5:7; 1Tm.2:1f; see Psalms)
- E. **MEANS OF HOPE** (1Cor.6:9-11; see Acts1:8; Mt.28:18f; 2Pt.2:15; 3:1; e.g., the Great Awakenings)

I. DUTIES OF HEAVENLY CITIZENSHIP

- A. **CONFESSION OF TRUTH** (Phil.3:20,17f; see Col.3:1f/2:20; Eph.2:19; Heb.12:22f; see Psalms)
- B. **LAW ABIDING** (Jms.2:8,12; see Mt.22:37f; Rom.13:8f; 1Jn.4:20; see Ex.20:1f; Mt.5:19f)
- C. **SUPREME AUTHORITY** (Mt.28:18f; Acts 2:33; 5:29; Dan. 7:13f (Mt.24:30; 26:64); see 2:44f; 3:15f,28f; 4:26f,32; 5:21f; 6:5f,23;; see Heb.11:23(Ex.1:16f))

II. DUTIES OF EARTHLY CITIZENSHIP

A. COMMANDING WORDS

1. Caesar/God (Mt.22:21=Mk.12:17=Lk.20:25; see Ex.20:2f,3,12; Is.42:8; 48:11)
2. conscientious subjection (Rom.13:1f,5; 1Pt.2:13f,17; see 2:13-3:12)
3. prayer (1Tm.2:1f; see Ps.72:1f; Dan.4:19; 1Sam.10:24)

B. COMMENDING WORKS

1. Jesus (1Pt.2:13f w/21f; see Lk.23:1f&7f; see Lk.13:32,31f(Neh.6:9f) w/Mt.2:8f)
2. John the Baptist (Mk.6:17-20)
3. Paul (2Cor.11:23-28(Acts); see Acts 9:15f; 25:11,22f; 26:1,32; see Acts 16:37f; 21:39; 22:25f; see Acts 23:1f // Mt.26:67; Jn.19:3; see Phil.4:22)

III. LESSONS FOR FAITH & LIFE

- A. **BE GOOD CITIZENS OF HEAVEN SO THAT YOU WILL BE GOOD CITIZENS OF EARTH** (1Pt.2:15,13f,21f; see Mt.22:37f; Rom.13:8f; 1Jn.4:20)
- B. **PRAY FOR YOUR CIVIL RULERS** (1Tm.2:1f; see Ps.72:1f; Dan.4:19; 1Sam.10:24)
- C. **SUBMIT TO YOUR CIVIL RULERS** (1Pt.2:13-17,18f,21f,3:1f,8f; see Rom.13:1f)
- D. **DO GOOD WELL IN THE CITY** (Tt.3:1f,8f,14; 1Pt.3:11; 2:13f; see Gal.6:9f; 1Tm.6:18)
- E. **USE YOUR CITIZENSHIP TO DO GOOD WELL** (Acts 16:37f; 22:25f; 25:11 (c.22-28); see 9:15; 21:39f; 22:25f,30ff; 24:10f; 25:6f; 26:1f; see Lk.6:9,27f; Gal.6:9,10; see Dt.1:13; Acts 6:3)
- F. **BE DILIGENT TO CARE FOR YOUR FELLOW-CITIZENS** (Eph.2:19 w/4:16; Gal.6:9,10)
- G. **HAVE MERCY ON THE STRANGER & SOJOURNER** (Lev.19:34(18) /Ex.12:45f; Dt.5:14; Mt.25:35f)

Small Group Fellowship Discussion: Brethren, what shall we DO? (see Acts 2:37) including if/how vote