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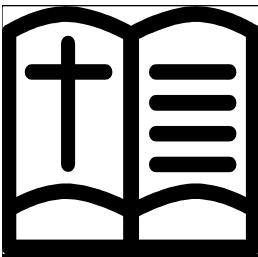
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I. WHEN AUTHORITIES MAKE DECISIONS THAT COUNTER GOD’S AUTHORITY

- A. *God uses even the bad decisions of governments for good: His kingdom rules over all!*
- B. *Paul’s arrest and Paul’s counsel Rom 13:1-7*
- C. *Governmental decisions do not stop our need to become the disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ*
 - 1. *We are slaves to Christ to keep and do His commandments; this mission is our first priority, our first citizenship Ph 1:27*
 - 2. *Being a disciple is a command of Christ, not an option*
 - 3. *Discipleship to Christ will counter the culture and meet resistance; we are at war Jn 15:15*
 - 4. *We are to live by faith, not from fear 2 Tim 1:6-7*
 - 5. *Discipleship is not a class lecture*
 - a. *But a small group personal interaction*
 - b. *It is why we assemble together*
 - c. *Rethinking and redesigning our meetings*
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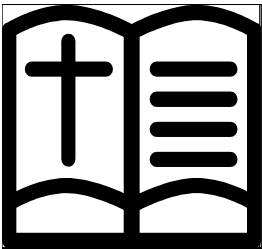
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- B. *Worthy of the gospel of the Messiah Phi 1:27*
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3. *God is about to judge the world for its wicked insubordination to Him*
4. *God has sent the Messiah to save us from His judgment*
5. *God is creating a new people in the image of His Son for the new world coming; we are them!*
6. *He has fully equipped us for the commission He has given us to carry out*
7. *He has commissioned us to set the captives free from the tyranny that has led them into rebellious activities against God*
8. *He has made us a kingdom of priests, warriors, and prophets to meet the challenge of the rebellion against Him*
9. *Suffering is a part of our whole calling*
10. *We are to walk by faith, not by sight, not by fear; we are not to fear what the opposition is doing Phi 1:28 By the Holy Spirit*

C. Putting off and putting on

1. *This covid experience has broken our routines; put on discipline; flex*
2. *This covid experience has given us a false fear; Put on faith*
3. *This has given us good excuses to put off growth; put on Christ Jesus and get back to mission*
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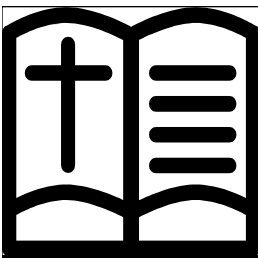
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