

LIFE-LINES- NEW LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH
THE BOOK OF ACTS #23
WHAT THE EARLY CHURCH BELIEVED AND PREACHED

WHEN LOYALTIES ARE CONFLICTING

What does the Bible teach about Civil Disobedience?

SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 4:13- 21

The Reasons for the Opposition-

1. The _____ is an _____
to _____
2. Humans are _____ by the _____ of _____
(2 Corinthians 4:4; Ephesians 2:1-2; 4:17-20)
3. Because _____ are _____ with _____
(John 15:18-25)
4. The _____ (Acts 5:3)

How are we to respond to opposition?

1. A _____ response (Acts 4:1-3)
2. A _____-_____ response (Acts 4:8)
3. A _____ response (Acts 4:8-10)
4. A _____ response (Acts 4:11)

5. A _____ response (*Acts 4:8, 12*)

Where did their _____ come from?

A. From the _____ (*Acts 1:8*)

B. From the _____ of _____ (*v. 10*)

C. From the _____ man (*v.10, 13*)

D. From _____ Scripture (*v.11*)

E. The _____ nature of _____ (*v.12*)

REVISIT: 1. A _____ response (*Acts 4:1-3*)

We are _____ citizens of _____

(*John 18:36; Philippians 3:20-21; Ephesians 2:19; 1 Peter 2:11*)

Our Relationship to _____

(*Romans 13:1-7; Acts 23:1-3; 1 Timothy 2:1-5; 1 Peter 2:13-18; Daniel 4:32*)

What about times when human authorities require you to disobey the law of God?

(*Acts 4:19-20*)

To what extent should believers be involved in politics?

1. _____ Approach
2. _____ Approach
3. _____ Approach
4. _____ Approach

How are we to respond to opposition? Three views:

1. Radical _____ - Civil Disobedience- _____

2. Biblical _____ - Civil Disobedience- _____

View #1- When it _____ evil

View #2- When it _____ evil

3. Ultimate _____ - Civil Disobedience is _____

(Rebuttal: Matthew 26:51-52)

SUMMARY- HOW ARE WE TO RESPOND TO OPPOSITION WHEN LOYALTIES ARE CONFLICTING?

1. This is _____ (Acts 4:20; 1 Corinthians 9:16; Daniel 1:8; 3:18; Joshua 24:15)

2. Here are our _____ - You be _____ (Acts 4:19)

3. In some cases, _____ an _____ (Daniel 1:8)

4. Be willing to _____ the _____

5. _____ that the _____ will be _____ (Acts 4:21)