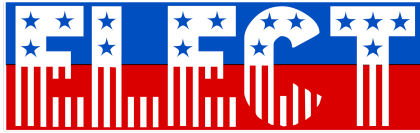


LIVING WITH THE



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Sermon Outline Notes

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 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. Matthew 22:15-22

Living with the Elect MEANS IDENTIFYING WHAT IS GOD'S AND WHAT IS GOVERNMENT'S AND HONORING EACH ACCORDINGLY

¹⁰ ...Rebekah's children were conceived at the same time by our father Isaac. ¹¹ Yet, before the twins were born or had done anything good or bad—in order that God's purpose in election might stand: ¹² not by works but by him who calls—she was told, "The older will serve the younger." Romans 9:10-12

I. Romans 13:1-7 - Leaders

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 Consequently, whoever rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. 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. ⁵ Therefore, it is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also as a matter of conscience. ⁶ This is also why you pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, who give their full time to governing. ⁷ Give to everyone what you owe them: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor.

We Honor God by PRAYING FOR THOSE IN AUTHORITY OVER US

We honor the Elected by SHOWING RESPECT TO ELECTED OFFICIALS AND BEING A GOOD CITIZEN

But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body. Philippians 3:20-21

II. Philippians 2:1-8 - Believers

Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, ² then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. ³ Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, ⁴ not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. ⁵ In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: ⁶ Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; ⁷ rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!

We Honor God by IMITATING JESUS AND LIVING IN UNITY

We Honor the Elect by LOVING UNSELFISHLY AND RELATING WITH HUMILITY

“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” John 13:34-35