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Introduction

Christian Freedom! is all about showing the misconceptions of the perception of God in our daily life so you can live free of man's Government and the bondage of Law and Sin. If you are in bondage, how can you be free? Jesus didn't come to put you back under the bondage of sin, the chains of the law, but to free you to be righteous before God. So why would you serve a new master, or false god, called government.

I don't care whose government it is, it is all an enslavement racket to place you under the thumb of a new master. Even under the law of the Old Testament, which could not be upheld by man due to his weakness, in which Jesus Christ called out the laws of the Old Testament to the crowds again and again, which he would challenge them with idea such as: The one of you who as not sinned, throw the first stone; and Shall we do evil on the sabbath day? Though I am paraphrasing, the message is clear, the law was a teacher, to point out sin, and only the perfectly sinless of us could pass judgment. Well that is none of us by the flesh. I will cover more on this in Chapter 4: The Prophecy of the Law, and how it was fulfilled.

In here I will reintroduce you to God, reveal the purpose of the laws, expose the path to righteousness, and finally show that your dependence on government is idolatry, lastly I will expose the heart of God when it comes to revealing what people consider evil acts of God, by giving you a glimpse of his point of view. Every support for government that we have ever been exposed to in the scriptures have been a lie, a mistranslation, or ignoring that man had failed to understand that they can just come to God at any time.

God is not a man that he should think as a man, nor is he consulting with us for our plans, but he is eternal that we may live freely as we are provided freely. This world is a part of what was provided freely.

Please note that I separate the distinction between the terms God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This isn't to make any denominational distinction, but because there are sections of the scriptures that make that distinction clearly. So it is a safe assumption that we are to do so to correctly understand the scriptures. Also note that the word trinity does not exist in the scriptures, as it is a modern word to try to describe the nature and relationship of these spiritual aspects. As I am a Minister of Christ, and preach Christ Crucified, I won't be discussing or attempting to describe any aspect of the trinity. It is simple enough to state that the divinity nature of the whole Christ was defined and declared before the foundation of the world, but was made known through the results of actions of the Lamb of God, and His prophets. I fear that any more discussion of this from me would tread on accidental idolatry, and must be avoided by me for this book. My exception is the covering of the materials in Chapter 7 section: Even the Christ Child, Jesus.

Lastly, I will be using both King James Version (KJV) and New American Standard Bible ^{NASB} translations. NASB is used in many research documents, which is also why I use it here. However, you can assume that I also use the *Strong's* and *Young's* Concordances, and the *Stephen's Textus Receptus* (1550) among other books, to try to make sure my work is both complete and reliable. However, I expect that if you

are going to take time to read this that you will also take time to check my accuracy. Questions and feedback are highly welcomed.

Chapter 1 – The Philosophy (Expanded for Christians)

The following can be found in the publication *Freedom!* by Adam Kokesh (thefreedomline.com)

Freedom is what you have when no one is forcing their will on you. Everyone inherently recognizes this as a good thing because we all value our power to make decisions. We all value making decisions without being threatened. Unfortunately, most of us have not taken the time to consider the precise nature of freedom and its foundation in universal undeniable principles. Applying those principles to big issues may be complicated, but the concept of freedom is not. When applied consistently, it shows the way to a more harmonious society.

If somebody is forcing their will on us, clearly, we are not free. So perhaps it is helpful to think of freedom not as a substance, but as an ideal state of social harmony in which no one is forcing their will on anyone else. A violation of freedom is an attack on a particular victim whose will is being forcibly hindered by taking their life, stealing their property, or threatening them with assault. Freedom is not just an ideal state of society, but a moral code for respecting the rights of others.

Self-ownership is an integral part of being human. You own yourself. You own your body. You own your labor. For anyone to assert otherwise is to attempt to restrict your freedom or make you a slave.

Because you own yourself, it is wrong for someone to initiate force against you or your property. Acceptance of this simple fact is the foundation of a free and peaceful society. This universal non-aggression principle applies to everyone, and it is therefore wrong to kill, injure, assault, steal from, or threaten another person. Anyone who directly violates others, supports the violation of others, or violates others on behalf of someone else is holding us back from achieving our potential through the harmonious and mutually beneficial transactions that take place in freedom.

However, I also want you to be free from the constraint of time and death on top of other enslavements such as government, and self-enslavement. For an eternity, man does not have the power to make themselves into eternal Gods. We even know that the universe will come to an end, what happens to you then? Even if you can make yourself timeless, or ageless, can you make yourself so mighty that you can survive and thrive past the end of everything? By definition that is not going to happen. Even if you escape the tyranny of Government and other men, even if you don't have a guilty conscience because you are perfectly good at all times, you are still under the tyranny of time.

Christian freedom isn't about becoming a slave of God, or a servant of God, it is about learning to be a child of God, who learns to live with his father, as a little child lives with their loving parent.

So much of the scriptures have been centered on servant, bond servant, and constrained to, or managed by, but who are those verses talking to? There is a Greek word called Oikonomia which is used only a few times in the whole scriptures, but through this we learn the critical understanding who did the hard work, that we get to revel in it.

Luke 16

1 Now He was also saying to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a **manager (oikonomos)**, and this **manager (houtos)** was reported to him as squandering his possessions. 2 And he called him and said to him, ‘What is this I hear about you? Give an accounting of your **management (oikonomia)**, for you can no longer be **manager (oikonomeō)**.’ 3 The manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do, since my master is taking the **management (oikonomos)** away from me? I am not strong enough to dig; I am ashamed to beg. 4 I know what I shall do, so that when I am removed from the **management (oikonomia)** people will welcome me into their homes.’ 5 And he summoned each one of his master’s debtors, and he began saying to the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ 6 And he said, ‘A hundred measures of oil.’ And he said to him, ‘Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.’ 7 Then he said to another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ And he said, ‘A hundred measures of wheat.’ He *said to him, ‘Take your bill, and write eighty.’ 8 And his master praised the unrighteous **manager (oikonomia)** because he had acted shrewdly; for the sons of this age are more shrewd in relation to their own kind than the sons of light. 9 And I say to you, make friends for yourselves by means of the wealth of unrighteousness, so that when it fails, they will receive you into the eternal dwellings.

There are 4 forms of management, but 3 instances of these words are oikonomia, so what we are talking about here is the position of manager. A person who carries the weight of managing what he has been put in charge of.

- 1Co 9:17 For if I do this voluntarily, I have a reward; but if against my will (*by assignment*), I have a **stewardship** entrusted to me.
- Eph 1:10 with a view to an **administration** suitable to the fullness of the times, that is, the summing up of all things in Christ, things in the heavens and things on the earth. In Him
- Eph 3:2 if indeed you have heard of the **stewardship** of God’s grace which was given to me for you;
- Eph 3:8-9 To me, the very least of all saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unfathomable riches of Christ, and to bring to light what is the **administration** of the mystery which for ages has been hidden in God who created all things;
- Col 1:25 Of this church I was made a minister according to the **stewardship** from God bestowed on me for your benefit, so that I might fully carry out the preaching of the word of God,
- 1Ti 1:4 nor to pay attention to myths and endless genealogies, which give rise to mere speculation rather than furthering the **administration** of God which is by faith.

When you read these verses in context, you see that Paul was trusted to be the manager of the grace message, we walk in the fruit of proper management under Paul. This isn’t something we have to manage. It isn’t our labor to work in. It isn’t our bond servant position; it was Paul’s and the other Apostles. We are the results of that good management. We have the pleasure and privilege to share in that grace message, and share it with others. However we are not the managers of it; for all apostles have been directly appointed by Christ Jesus, not even by prayer and lots as the other apostles tried to appoint the replacement for Judas (Acts 1:26). As I keep saying, we get all the benefits, but none of the labor, and all we have to do is to believe and accept. A lord who does not violate Non-aggression Principle (NAP) is a lord worth following. Jesus is that Lord.

Chapter 2 – Why we are having these challenges today

1 Samuel 8 King James Version (KJV)

1. And it came to pass, when Samuel was old, that he made his sons judges over Israel.
2. Now the name of his firstborn was Joel; and the name of his second, Abiah: they were judges in Beersheba.
3. And his sons walked not in his ways, but turned aside after lucre, and took bribes, and perverted judgment.
4. Then all the elders of Israel gathered themselves together, and came to Samuel unto Ramah,
5. And said unto him, Behold, thou art old, and thy sons walk not in thy ways: now make us a king to judge us like all the nations.
6. But the thing displeased Samuel, when they said, Give us a king to judge us. And Samuel prayed unto the Lord.
7. **And the Lord said unto Samuel, Hearken unto the voice of the people in all that they say unto thee: for they have not rejected thee, but they have rejected me, that I should not reign over them.**
8. **According to all the works which they have done since the day that I brought them up out of Egypt even unto this day, wherewith they have forsaken me, and served other gods, so do they also unto thee.**
9. **Now therefore hearken unto their voice: howbeit yet protest solemnly unto them, and shew them the manner of the king that shall reign over them.**

And God tried to warn the people. I keep hearing, “Why didn’t God say something?” I say “Why are you not listening?”

10. And Samuel told all the words of the Lord unto the people that asked of him a king.
11. And he said, This will be the manner of the king that shall reign over you: He will take your sons, and appoint them for himself, for his chariots, and to be his horsemen; and some shall run before his chariots.
12. And he will appoint him captains over thousands, and captains over fifties; and will set them to ear his ground, and to reap his harvest, and to make his instruments of war, and instruments of his chariots.
13. And he will take your daughters to be confectionaries, and to be cooks, and to be bakers.
14. And he will take your fields, and your vineyards, and your olive yards, even the best of them, and give them to his servants.
15. And he will take the tenth of your seed, and of your vineyards, and give to his officers, and to his servants.
16. And he will take your menservants, and your maidservants, and your goodliest young men, and your asses, and put them to his work.

17. He will take the tenth of your sheep: and ye shall be his servants.
18. And ye shall cry out in that day because of your king which ye shall have chosen you; and the Lord will not hear you in that day.

Every time I hear that God's judgment is not just or loving I keep thinking back to how many times He has warned His people, even today, and they still decide to walk off the cliff, and then blame God. Just so you know, that is what the term rile again God, and gnashing of teeth are all about. The people are complaining that God isn't their servant, and that they decided to not listen to God, so they complain and gnash teeth against God.

And look what the people did after the warning.

19. Nevertheless the people refused to obey the voice of Samuel; and they said, Nay; but we will have a king over us;
20. That we also may be like all the nations; and that our king may judge us, and go out before us, and fight our battles.
21. And Samuel heard all the words of the people, and he rehearsed them in the ears of the Lord.
22. And the Lord said to Samuel, Hearken unto their voice, and make them a king. And Samuel said unto the men of Israel, Go ye every man unto his city.

You see the problem here is that we have chosen men over God I and even when it came to the men of God we chose Sadducees and Pharisees over learning about God Himself.

2 Timothy 2:15 King James Version (KJV)

15. Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

So if we are to study why are we delegating our eternity to a few, who like the Judges of 1st Samuel who were taking bribes to change the ruling of God?

Let's look at modern government, it is in perpetual war, perpetually taking the fruits of our labor I entity or young men into their wary. We have fulfilled the warning of God thousands of years ago today.

But it isn't just government, how many organized churches condemn people by their church laws that they disobey? When you read the book of Ecclesiastes you realize that all your diligence and labor under the law is all vanity, everything is a wisp.

Ecclesiastes 1 King James Version (KJV)

1. The words of the Preacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem.
2. Vanity of vanities, saith the Preacher, vanity of vanities; all is vanity.
3. What profit hath a man of all his labour which he taketh under the sun?

4. One generation passeth away, and another generation cometh: but the earth abideth forever.
5. The sun also ariseth, and the sun goeth down, and hasteth to his place where he arose.
6. The wind goeth toward the south, and turneth about unto the north; it whirleth about continually, and the wind returneth again according to his circuits.
7. All the rivers run into the sea; yet the sea is not full; unto the place from whence the rivers come, thither they return again.
8. All things are full of labour; man cannot utter it: the eye is not satisfied with seeing, nor the ear filled with hearing.
9. The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun.
10. Is there anything whereof it may be said, See, this is new? It hath been already of old time, which was before us.
11. There is no remembrance of former things; neither shall there be any remembrance of things that are to come with those that shall come after.

Notice 11, there is no remembrance of former things, even when someone has some glorious idea, but it fails. The problem was that it may have been idealistic, or bold, but it wasn't right.

Here lies a truism, no good ideas need to be enforced by violence. All laws of men are laws of violence. That is if you do not obey, you will be held in contempt, you will be fined, and if you still refuse, you will be tossed into a cage, or killed.

12. I the Preacher was king over Israel in Jerusalem.
13. And I gave my heart to seek and search out by wisdom concerning all things that are done under heaven: this sore travail hath God given to the sons of man to be exercised therewith.
14. I have seen all the works that are done under the sun; and, behold, all is vanity and vexation of spirit.
15. That which is crooked cannot be made straight: and that which is wanting cannot be numbered.
16. I communed with mine own heart, saying, Lo, I am come to great estate, and have gotten more wisdom than all they that have been before me in Jerusalem: yea, my heart had great experience of wisdom and knowledge.
17. And I gave my heart to know wisdom, and to know madness and folly: I perceived that this also is vexation of spirit.
18. For in much wisdom is much grief: and he that increaseth knowledge increaseth sorrow.

See that. The king of Jerusalem sought out great wisdom and works, and in the end, it is all a wisp, vanity, nothing. That is the laws of men. They act as though they are a great wisdom, and it is for nothing.

So what of the Mosaic Law? Why did God give us the Law? Is it any different than the laws of men?

The law was to expose and fully make known sin, to show the coming Christ, to educate us as our school master until the new master comes. The law was the prophecy of the coming Christ. I will cover more of this in the Chapter 4: The Prophecy of the Law, and how it was fulfilled.

Chapter 3: The Yahweh Names, and why this matters

If you are ever to understand what it means to be Christian, that is if you claim to be Christian, then you must know more about who you call God and Father. A righteous man must never claim to be a child of an evil man, if he wants to work within his righteousness. But a man who wants to understand the righteousness of his father must come to know that righteousness.

Please note that the Hebrew here is from the Masoretic Text.

ELOHIYM: "God", a reference to God's power and might.

- Gen 1:1 NASB In the beginning **God** created the heavens and the earth.
- Psalm 19:1 NASB For the choir director. A Psalm of David. The heavens are telling of the **glory of God**; And their expanse is declaring the work of His hands.

Note that neither of those verse have any reference to man's labor, nor any of that work is for God's benefit, it was for us.

ADONAI: "Lord", a reference to the Lordship of God, used to ridicule His followers.

- Malachi 1:6 NASB 'A son honors his father, and a servant his master. Then if I am a father, where is My honor? And if I am a master, where is My respect?' says the **LORD** of hosts to you, O priests who despise My name. But you say, 'How have we despised Your name?'
- Malachi 1:8 NASB But when you present the blind for sacrifice, is it not evil? And when you present the lame and sick, is it not evil? Why not offer it to your governor? Would he be pleased with you? Or would he receive you kindly?" says the **LORD** of hosts.

Notice that LORD here both are referring to men not giving unto God what is his. That is, he uses his own laws to ridicule the hearts of men. My paraphrase would be "You think me a fool? You provide to me the lesser, and keep for yourself the greater, knowing that I expect you to love me with all your heart, and your neighbor the same. How can I trust you to treat one another with loving compassion if you cannot even share it with me the one who gave you everything?" Of course my paraphrase takes in the wholeness of the bible for reference. I'll discuss more of this in the next chapter Chapter 4: The Prophecy of the Law, and how it was fulfilled.

JEHOVAH-ELOHIYM: Lord of Creation

- Genesis 2:4 NASB 4 This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the **LORD God** made earth and heaven. 5 Now no shrub of the field was yet in the earth, and no plant of the field had yet sprouted, for the **LORD God** had not sent rain upon the earth, and there was no man to cultivate the ground.

An artist can create art for his own sake, in which his glory is only in his own eyes as he peers into a mirror of his own work. Or that same artist can create art for the sake of sharing with others, in which his work becomes the representation of who he is. Jehovah-Elohiym is that creator, or builder, building to share with others. He takes the credit, because it was He who created it.

JEHOVAH-QADASH (Jahova-Maccaddeshem): The Lord thy sanctifier

- Exodus 31:13 NASB: 12 The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 13 “But as for you, speak to the sons of Israel, saying, ‘You shall surely observe My sabbaths; for this is a sign between Me and you throughout your generations, that you may know that I am **the LORD who sanctifies you**. 14 Therefore you are to observe the sabbath, for it is holy to you. Everyone who profanes it shall surely be put to death; for whoever does any work on it, that person shall be cut off from among his people

Why did God say “You shall surely observe My Sabbaths;”? It was because it was a sign, a reminder that it was God who set them apart from the other people. It was God who saved them. It was God who labored. But like all things according to men, we have failed this too. Don’t worry though, the law wasn’t there to make your righteous, I’ll cover this later in Chapter 4: The Prophecy of the Law, and how it was fulfilled.

Another key thing to note, is that the people who don’t respect the Sabbath shall “surely be put to death”, but then it also says “that person shall be cut off from among his people”. Wait, are they to die or to be cut off. Well we have the answer here:

15 For six days work may be done, but on the seventh day there is a sabbath of complete rest, holy to the LORD; whoever does any work on the sabbath day shall surely be put to death. 16 So the sons of Israel shall observe the sabbath, to celebrate the sabbath throughout their generations as a perpetual covenant.’ 17 It is a sign between Me and the sons of Israel forever; for in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, but on the seventh day He ceased from labor, and was refreshed.”

Verse 17, God and the sons of Israel, this was a covenant for the Israelites. Leave the family, leave the house, and leave the promise. You are out. You are as among the dead. Stay in the household and don’t repent, then you will be punished by death. Follow the rules or leave. Simple as that. That is why the sacrifices prior to Christ Jesus were that of a lamb being slaughtered by a priest or released into the wilds and killed by the wolves. Rather than the person being killed themselves, you would provide a sacrifice for you. Even Jesus Christ said that *all sin is worthy of death*, but yet not all sin was worthy of an execution according to the law. To understand this covenant, see what Jesus said regarding laboring on the Sabbath day.

JEHOVAH-RA’AH (Jehovah-Rohi): The Lord my shepherd

- Psalm 23:1 NASB A Psalm of David.
1 The **LORD is my shepherd**,
I shall not want.
2 He makes me lie down in green pastures;
He leads me beside quiet waters.
3 He restores my soul;
He guides me in the paths of righteousness
For His name’s sake.

4 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I fear no evil, for You are with me;
Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.
5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
You have anointed my head with oil;
My cup overflows.
6 Surely goodness and loving-kindness will follow me all the days of my life,
And I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

This poem is the definition of Jehova-Ra'ah. Not that the Rod and Staff are not for punishment, but a protection from evil, a comfort to the person. The preparation of table is the feeding of the flock.

Some things to note: Sheep don't drink from rapid moving water, so the quiet waters would be the reference to the shepherd pulling water from the river to water the sheep. The sheep did nothing. The table is reference to the shepherd feeding the sheep, again the sheep did nothing.

"Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death," notice it isn't "as I am lead", "as I am guided" or "as I am forced". This is when I mess up and head into the valley of the shadow of death, he is with me, to take care of me.

JEHOVAH-SHAM (Jahovah-Shammah): "The Lord who is present"

- Ezekiel 48:35 NASB "The city shall be 18,000 cubits round about; and the name of the city from that day shall be, 'The LORD is there.'"

Like much of the scriptures, God has created ways for people to remember that God is with them always. Moses was warned that he couldn't see the face of God, so God showed him His back side, which was a metaphor for the evidence of God. This too is a symbol of the evidence of God. Note that I said that this is a symbol of that evidence, not the evidence itself. Are there those that God leads through dangerous places? Yes, but he always provides when he does. If he didn't provide, then obviously you were following your own will and not God's.

JEHOVAH-RAPHA: The Lord our healer

- Exodus 15:26 NASB 22 Then Moses led Israel from the Red Sea, and they went out into the wilderness of Shur; and they went three days in the wilderness and found no water. 23 When they came to Marah, they could not drink the waters of Marah, for they were bitter; therefore it was named Marah. 24 So the people grumbled at Moses, saying, "What shall we drink?" 25 Then he cried out to the LORD, and the LORD showed him a tree; and he threw it into the waters, and the waters became sweet.
There He made for them a statute and regulation, and there He tested them. 26 And He said, "If you will give earnest heed to the voice of the LORD your God, and do what is right in His sight, and give ear to His commandments, and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you which I have put on the Egyptians; for I, **the LORD, am your healer.**"

This verse confuses many people, does God plague people or heal them. Well, let's look at the section that is confusing. "I will put none of the diseases on which I have put on the Egyptians" comes to

“shamar kol choq suwm kol lo’machaleh’asher suwm” Masoretic Text. This also translates to “Guard, and have charge of the whole doctrine, to establish no sickness which was set on the Egyptians”. There is no “I” in there. Men have done a great disservice to their translation by pushing the evil God image of the plaque spreader.

God is not the spreader of plagues, but when someone walks outside of the boundaries that He established, then they are subjected to the punishment that is due their sin. The Egyptians walked and ran well outside of those bounds, and they received the punishment for their transgressions. It is the same as if it was raining and I was holding an umbrella, as long as you walk with me, you are dry, otherwise you get soaked. Sin is none other than that you walked out of the bounds that God had established. However, just as you walked out of those bounds, you can walk back in.

If you are still confused, then take a look at this [article](#)¹, it compares Job to David.

JHOVAH-TSEDEQ (Jehovah-Tsidkenu): "The Lord our righteousness"

- Jeremiah 23:6 NASB 5 “Behold, *the* days are coming,” declares the LORD, “When I will raise up for David a righteous Branch; And He will reign as king and act wisely And do justice and righteousness in the land. 6 “In His days Judah will be saved, And Israel will dwell securely; And this is His name by which He will be called, ‘**The LORD our righteousness.**’

Note that this is Jehovah, OUR righteousness. Since man is an unreliable beast that seems to be hell-bent on sinning, God had to provide another way. That other way is His righteousness that He gave to us to become our righteousness.

JHOVAH-RA’AH (Jehovah-Jireh): "The Lord will provide"

- Genesis 22:13-14 NASB 13 Then Abraham raised his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him a ram caught in the thicket by his horns; and Abraham went and took the ram and offered him up for a burnt offering in the place of his son. 14 Abraham called the name of that place **The LORD Will Provide**, as it is said to this day, “**In the mount of the LORD it will be provided.**”

Part of the first presentation of Ra’ah was as a shepherd, now we see Him as the direct provider, still using Ra’ah.

JHOVAH-NEC (Jahovah-Nissi): "The Lord our banner"

- Exodus 17:15 NASB 14 Then the LORD said to Moses, “Write this in a book as a memorial and recite it to Joshua, that I will utterly blot out the memory of Amalek from under heaven.” 15 Moses built an altar and named it **The LORD is My Banner**; 16 and he said, “The LORD has sworn; the LORD will have war against Amalek from generation to generation.”

Amalek had been at war with God’s people, God decided that He was going to be at war with Amalek. If God’s people stayed under God’s umbrella, then they wouldn’t need to take up the sword against

¹ <http://escapetoreality.org/2010/08/02/does-god-give-and-take-away/>

Amalek's people, but when we stop, we take up the habitually sword. However, even when we walk in the valley of the shadow of death, He is still with us.

Some people say that the Arabian people are from Amalek's bloodline, which is why they claim we are still at war with them. I don't find this fully credible, in that over thousands of years the intermingling with other cultures over Europe, Asia-minor, and Africa, these people could be your very neighbor, and look just like you, and you wouldn't know it. So it is better to assume that they are gone, then to assume that a war blood tribe like that is still around. Or if you do assume that they are here, just look at the government officials, and the police state of your country, and you will see the modern Amalekites.

Our solution is to preach liberty, and as a Christian, liberty in Christ. The time for war has past, the time for peace is here.

Jehovah-SHALOWM (Jehovah-Shalom): "The Lord is peace"

- Judges 6:24 ^{NASB} 23 The LORD said to him, "Peace to you, do not fear; you shall not die." 24 Then Gideon built an altar there to the LORD and named it **The LORD is Peace**. To this day it is still in Ophrah of the Abiezrites.

Jehovah-SABBAOTH: "The Lord of Hosts"

- Isaiah 6:1-3 ^{NASB} 1 In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, lofty and exalted, with the train of His robe filling the temple. 2 Seraphim stood above Him, each having six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. 3 And one called out to another and said, "Holy, Holy, Holy, is **the LORD of hosts**, The whole earth is full of His glory."

The symbolism here is incredible, there are 6 seraphim, with 6 wings. Six is used as the number of man throughout the bible. The number 2 is used to mean established, so that there were two flying seraphim, two used to cover his face, and two used to cover his feet. This was an established image of the coming Christ that had been promised since the first covenant.

SHALAM-GEMUWL (Jehovah-Gmolah): "The God of Recompense"

- Jeremiah 51:6 ^{NASB} 5 For neither Israel nor Judah has been forsaken By his God, the LORD of hosts, Although their land is full of guilt Before the Holy One of Israel. 6 Flee from the midst of Babylon, And each of you save his life! Do not be destroyed in her punishment, For this is the **LORD'S time of vengeance; He is going to render recompense to her**. 7 Babylon has been a golden cup in the hand of the LORD, Intoxicating all the earth. The nations have drunk of her wine; Therefore the nations are going mad. 8 Suddenly Babylon has fallen and been broken; Wail over her! Bring balm for her pain; Perhaps she may be healed. 9 We applied healing to Babylon, but she was not healed; Forsake her and let us each go to his own country, For her judgment has reached to heaven And towers up to the very skies. 10 The LORD has brought about our vindication; Come and let us recount in Zion The work of the LORD our God!

Babylon started as a crossroads, a trade center as it were. It grew under the protection of the Lord, but as all things that leave the protection of the Lord, it and the people within walked outside of the

protection of God. So he withdrew his protection. The people tried to restore Babylon again and again, but it was still poisoned by those thoughts and actions that kept it outside of God's protection.

Just like the nations of today, we can try to save them, or we can forsake them, and let them die as bad fruit, not worthy of the harvest. People are worth saving, nations are already abominations against God as we have seen earlier, so why save a nation?

'ELYOWN- 'ELYOWN (El-Elyon): "The most high God"

- Genesis 14:17-20 NASB 17 Then after his return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him, the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley). 18 And Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine; now he was a priest of **God Most High**. 19 He blessed him and said, "Blessed be Abram of **God Most High**, Possessor of heaven and earth; 20 And blessed be **God Most High**, Who has delivered your enemies into your hand."
- Isaiah 14:13-14 NASB 13 "But you said in your heart, 'I will ascend to heaven; I will raise my throne above the stars of God, And I will sit on the mount of assembly In the recesses of the north. 14 'I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the **Most High**.'

Chapter 14 is the revelation of the thoughts of Lucifer, as he is discovered to plot and act against God. Make no mistake, Lucifer was an angel of God, meaning that he was created by God to serve man. Once he betrayed God, he is no-longer Lucifer, but the Devil, the Serpent, the enemy. All those who welcome in this enemy are by definition enemies of God. He holds many names, including the prince of the powers of the air (meaning the prince of lies. A lie is just hot air spoken from a liar.). Remember Ephesians 6:12 NASB, *For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.* These rulers are the liars, the powers are the lies, the world of darkness are the thoughts that are against the knowledge of God, the spiritual forces are the forces of the fallen Lucifer.

'EL-RO'YI-RA'AH (EL-ROI): "The strong one who sees"

- Genesis 16:13 NASB 13 Then she called the name of the LORD who spoke to her, "You are a **God who sees**"; for she said, "Have I even remained alive here after seeing Him?" 14 Therefore the well was called Beer-lahai-roi; behold, it is between Kadesh and Bered.

The Strong One Who Sees could easily be called, *The Strong One Who Sees All*. Had Hagar not returned to Sarai, she probably would have been lost in the wild. However, she didn't just return, but returned with a blessing that her descendants would be massive.

'EL-SHADDAY (El-Shaddai): "God Almighty"

- Genesis 17:1 NASB Now when Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, "**I am God Almighty**; Walk before Me, and be blameless.

Abraham stood before God blameless. That word blameless is interesting in that it represents being whole, healthy, sound, and innocent. In the New Testament, we would call this righteous.

- Psalm 91:1 ^{NASB} 1 He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High Will abide in the shadow of the **Almighty**. 2 I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress, My God, in whom I trust!" 3 For it is He who delivers you from the snare of the trapper and from the deadly pestilence. 4 He will cover you with His pinions, and under His wings you may seek refuge; His faithfulness is a shield and bulwark.

Almighty here is 'elyown 'elyown Shadday meaning *The Almighty Most High*.

'OWLAM-'ELOHIYM (El-Olam): "The everlasting God"

- Isaiah 40:28-31 ^{NASB} 28 Do you not know? Have you not heard? **The Everlasting God**, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth does not become weary or tired. His understanding is inscrutable. 29 He gives strength to the weary, And to him who lacks might He increases power. 30 Though youths grow weary and tired, And vigorous young men stumble badly, 31 Yet those - who wait for the LORD Will gain new strength; They will mount up with wings like eagles, They will run and not get tired, They will walk and not become weary.

This is the definition of what everlasting God means. God does not become weary, or tired. He understands all. He provides strength to all. Men who rely on their own strength will fall weak, but men who rely on God's strength can run miles.

This is a reliance on drive and motivation. Sometimes you just have to have a motivation well beyond what is in between your own two ears. Do not be afraid to ask God for the inspiration to keep going.

What I didn't cover, and why

All names in the New Testament, and a bunch of terms that people try to shy from. Vengeance, Justice, Righteousness, One whose thoughts are above ours, forgiving God, and others. Why? I could fill a book of 300+ pages with them, and still find more.

The point of this is that to know God is to either experience God's works, or if you are not ready to step out on that limb, at least if you are going to claim God to be yours, know who he is, and what he claims, so that you can learn to walk by his standard.

Chapter 4: The Prophecy of the Law, and how it was fulfilled

Romans

Chapter 2: ¹ Therefore you have no excuse, everyone of you who passes judgment, for in that which you judge another, you condemn yourself; for you who judge practice the same things. ² And we know that the judgment of God rightly falls upon those who practice such things. ³ But do you suppose this, O man, when you pass judgment on those who practice such things and do the same yourself, that you will escape the judgment of God? ⁴ Or do you think lightly of the riches of His kindness and tolerance and patience, not knowing that the kindness of God leads you to repentance? ⁵ But because of your stubbornness and unrepentant heart you are storing up wrath for yourself in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God, ⁶ who WILL RENDER TO EACH PERSON ACCORDING TO HIS DEEDS: ⁷ to those who by perseverance in doing good seek for glory and honor and immortality, eternal life; ⁸ but to those who are selfishly ambitious and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, wrath and indignation. ⁹ There will be tribulation and distress for every soul of man who does evil, of the Jew first and also of the Greek, ¹⁰ but glory and honor and peace to everyone who does good, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. ¹¹ For there is no partiality with God.

Why are we not to judge one another? Because we are all guilty. God's judgment covers all of us. So, if you judge another guilty, and you do the same, you do not escape the judgment of God. However, His patience is in that He gives us tolerance to lead us to repentance. However, because of our stubbornness, we save up His wrath, meaning we don't walk, but sprint outside of His protection. God has not partial judgment, it is all or nothing.

¹² For all who have sinned without the Law will also perish without the Law, and all who have sinned under the Law will be judged by the Law; ¹³ for it is not the hearers of the Law who are just before God, but the doers of the Law will be justified. ¹⁴ For when Gentiles who do not have the Law do instinctively the things of the Law, these, not having the Law, are a law to themselves, ¹⁵ in that they show the work of the Law written in their hearts, their conscience bearing witness and their thoughts alternately accusing or else defending them, ¹⁶ on the day when, according to my gospel, God will judge the secrets of men through Christ Jesus.

Note that without the law or with the law you will perish by the law, not because of hearing it, but by doing it. However, the law is not written on paper, but in the hearts of men who will listen. Gentiles, who knew not the written law, still obeyed the law, because of their obedience to their conscience. However, the judgment is through Christ Jesus. I want you to remember this because Jesus said that he did not come to remove one bit of the law. So if the law is to be judged through him, then we should understand what that means.

¹⁷ But if you bear the name "Jew" and rely upon the Law and boast in God, ¹⁸ and know His will and approve the things that are essential, being instructed out of the Law, ¹⁹ and are confident that you yourself are a guide to the blind, a light to those who are in darkness, ²⁰ a corrector of the foolish, a teacher of the immature, having in the Law the embodiment of knowledge and of the truth, ²¹ you, therefore, who teach another, do you not teach yourself? You who preach that one shall not steal, do you steal? ²² You who say that one should not commit adultery, do you

commit adultery? You who abhor idols, do you rob temples? ²³ You who boast in the Law, through your breaking the Law, do you dishonor God? ²⁴ For “THE NAME OF GOD IS BLASPHEMED AMONG THE GENTILES BECAUSE OF YOU,” just as it is written.

Are you seeing a pattern here? People basically suck. Let me be a lot clearer, the nature of man, back in Romans 1 talks about how sinful and horrible that the nature of man is. The law cannot seem to be follow able, but we will see more of this as we go along.

²⁵ For indeed circumcision is of value if you practice the Law; but if you are a transgressor of the Law, your circumcision has become uncircumcision. ²⁶ So if the uncircumcised man keeps the requirements of the Law, will not his uncircumcision be regarded as circumcision? ²⁷ And he who is physically uncircumcised, if he keeps the Law, will he not judge you who though having the letter of the Law and circumcision are a transgressor of the Law? ²⁸ For he is not a Jew who is one outwardly, nor is circumcision that which is outward in the flesh. ²⁹ But he is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is that which is of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the letter; and his praise is not from men, but from God.

This is key. If you are circumcised, and don't follow the law, then you have just had the equivalent of cosmetic surgery, but if you do follow the law, but are not circumcised, then your actions show that the circumcision is in your heart and not in your flesh. I want you to remember this, because in just a little bit more, you are going to see a revelation that is going to shake your world.

Chapter 3: ¹ Then what advantage has the Jew? Or what is the benefit of circumcision? ² Great in every respect. First of all, that they were entrusted with the oracles of God. ³ What then? **If some did not believe, their unbelief will not nullify the faithfulness of God, will it? ⁴ May it never be!** Rather, let God be found true, though every man be found a liar, as it is written,

“THAT YOU MAY BE JUSTIFIED IN YOUR WORDS,
AND PREVAIL WHEN YOU ARE JUDGED.”

So men failed the law, they failed to adhere to God, but God has not given up on men, or pulled his promises.

⁵ But if our unrighteousness demonstrates the righteousness of God, what shall we say? The God who inflicts wrath is not unrighteous, is He? (I am speaking in human terms.) ⁶ May it never be! For otherwise, how will God judge the world? ⁷ But if through my lie the truth of God abounded to His glory, why am I also still being judged as a sinner? ⁸ And why not say (as we are slanderously reported and as some claim that we say), “Let us do evil that good may come”? Their condemnation is just.

To declare those things of God's are not so is just an open door to just condemnation. But don't stop here, this is getting TO the worst of things, it will get better. The mind blowing revelation is coming.

The purposes of the Law

⁹ What then? Are we better than they? Not at all; for we have already charged that both Jews and Greeks are all under sin; ¹⁰ as it is written,

“THERE IS NONE RIGHTEOUS, NOT EVEN ONE;
¹¹ THERE IS NONE WHO UNDERSTANDS,
THERE IS NONE WHO SEEKS FOR GOD;
¹² ALL HAVE TURNED ASIDE, TOGETHER THEY HAVE BECOME USELESS;
THERE IS NONE WHO DOES GOOD,
THERE IS NOT EVEN ONE.”
¹³ “THEIR THROAT IS AN OPEN GRAVE,
WITH THEIR TONGUES THEY KEEP DECEIVING,”
“THE POISON OF ASPS IS UNDER THEIR LIPS”;
¹⁴ “WHOSE MOUTH IS FULL OF CURSING AND BITTERNESS”;
¹⁵ “THEIR FEET ARE SWIFT TO SHED BLOOD,
¹⁶ DESTRUCTION AND MISERY ARE IN THEIR PATHS,
¹⁷ AND THE PATH OF PEACE THEY HAVE NOT KNOWN.”
¹⁸ “THERE IS NO FEAR OF GOD BEFORE THEIR EYES.”

¹⁹ Now we know that whatever the Law says, it speaks to those who are under the Law, so that every mouth may be closed and all the world may become accountable to God; ²⁰ **because by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified in His sight; for through the Law comes the knowledge of sin.**

There it is, did you see it? No flesh will be justified in His sight. **Through the law comes the knowledge of sin.** That is one of the purposes of the law.

²¹ But now apart from the Law the righteousness of God has been manifested, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, ²² even the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all those who believe; for there is no distinction; ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus; ²⁵ whom God displayed publicly as a propitiation in His blood through faith. This was to demonstrate His righteousness, because in the forbearance of God He passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶ for the demonstration, I say, of His righteousness at the present time, so that He would be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

And here is the core of the mind change for you. The Law of righteousness of God has been manifested, being witnessed by the Law and the prophets (the Mosaic Law). How can something be manifested and be witnessed? There are two laws here. The existing law, the Mosaic Law of the Old Testament, and the new law, the Law of righteousness. Righteousness is the resolution of justification (judgment). With that in mind, and that no flesh can be justified, then what is this new law? The old law was about the flesh, so what is this now law about?

This new law is the justification by God as a gift by His grace. Christ Jesus is called the Lamb of God because he is the propitiation of blood for our sin.

²⁷ Where then is boasting? It is excluded. **By what kind of law? Of works? No, but by a law of faith.** ²⁸ For we maintain that a man is justified by faith apart from works of the Law. ²⁹ Or is God the God of Jews only? Is He not the God of Gentiles also? Yes, of Gentiles also, ³⁰ since indeed God who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through faith is one.

³¹ Do we then nullify the Law through faith? May it never be! On the contrary, we establish the Law.

Again, did you see that? Where the old law was by works, the new law is of faith. We are not justified by the works of the old law, but by faith of the new law of righteousness. We are justified by faith. This isn't a nullification of the law, but an establishment of it. Do you remember what the purpose of the law is?

Chapter 4: ¹ What then shall we say that Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh, has found? ² For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³ For what does the Scripture say? "ABRAHAM BELIEVED GOD, AND IT WAS CREDITED TO HIM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS." ⁴ Now to the one who works, his wage is not credited as a favor, but as what is due. ⁵ But to the one who does not work, but believes in Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is credited as righteousness, ⁶ just as David also speaks of the blessing on the man to whom God credits righteousness apart from works:

⁷ "BLESSED ARE THOSE WHOSE LAWLESS DEEDS HAVE BEEN FORGIVEN,
AND WHOSE SINS HAVE BEEN COVERED.

⁸ "BLESSED IS THE MAN WHOSE SIN THE LORD WILL NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT."

Here it is again, the law does not justify you. The Mosaic Law does not provide righteousness. It was as simple as believe God.

⁹ Is this blessing then on the circumcised, or on the uncircumcised also? For we say, "FAITH WAS CREDITED TO ABRAHAM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS." ¹⁰ How then was it credited? While he was circumcised, or uncircumcised? Not while circumcised, but while uncircumcised; ¹¹ and he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had while uncircumcised, so that he might be the father of all who believe without being circumcised, that righteousness might be credited to them, ¹² and the father of circumcision to those who not only are of the circumcision, but who also follow in the steps of the faith of our father Abraham which he had while uncircumcised.

As we see below, even one of the oldest laws of the Mosaic Laws didn't exist until AFTER Abraham was made righteous.

¹³ For the promise to Abraham or to his descendants that he would be heir of the world was not through the Law, but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴ For if those who are of the Law are heirs, faith is made void and the promise is nullified; ¹⁵ for the Law brings about wrath, but where there is no law, there also is no violation.

So if law could make one righteous, then there would be no need for faith.

¹⁶ For this reason it is by faith, in order that it may be in accordance with grace, so that the promise will be guaranteed to all the descendants, not only to those who are of the Law, but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, ¹⁷ (as it is written, “A FATHER OF MANY NATIONS HAVE I MADE YOU”) in the presence of Him whom he believed, even God, who gives life to the dead and calls into being that which does not exist. ¹⁸ In hope against hope he believed, so that he might become a father of many nations according to that which had been spoken, “SO SHALL YOUR DESCENDANTS BE.” ¹⁹ **Without becoming weak in faith he contemplated his own body, now as good as dead since he was about a hundred years old, and the deadness of Sarah’s womb;** ²⁰ **yet, with respect to the promise of God, he did not waver in unbelief but grew strong in faith, giving glory to God,** ²¹ **and being fully assured that what God had promised, He was able also to perform.** ²² **Therefore IT WAS ALSO CREDITED TO HIM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS.** ²³ Now not for his sake only was it written that it was credited to him, ²⁴ but for our sake also, to whom it will be credited, as those who believe in Him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵ He who was delivered over because of our transgressions, and was raised because of our justification.

So the work is done, what is next. Why are we getting this?

Chapter 5: ¹ **Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,** ² through whom also we have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace in which we stand; and we exult in hope of the glory of God. ³ And not only this, but we also exult in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance; ⁴ and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope; ⁵ and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

What is this hope? Well if the flesh cannot become righteous, then don’t look as the hope as something after the flesh.

⁶ For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ For one will hardly die for a righteous man; though perhaps for the good man someone would dare even to die. ⁸ **But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.** ⁹ Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him. ¹⁰ **For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.** ¹¹ And not only this, but we also exult in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.

So the real God of love, demonstrating that he does love us, that while we were dead in sin, judged to be deserving death, he provided the blood of Christ Jesus to save us from that judgment, for our justification. Key thing to remember here, we were his enemies, we were in acquaintances and agreement with the devil, and God still chose to save us.

¹² Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned— ¹³ for until the Law sin was in the world, but sin is

not imputed when there is no law. ¹⁴ Nevertheless death reigned from Adam until Moses, even over those who had not sinned in the likeness of the offense of Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come.

God promised Adam and Eve that if they disobeyed Him, they would surely die. This death wasn't physical, though it later did have a physical manifestation, but they lost a direct connection to God. Go back to Genesis and look at God before and after the first sin. Did you see it? Before the sin, Adam and Eve talked directly with God, but after, they had to talk to a manifestation of God, an icon of sorts representing Him. So with that in mind, look at the following.

¹⁵ But the free gift is not like the transgression. For if by the transgression of the one the many died, much more did the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abound to the many. ¹⁶ The gift is not like that which came through the one who sinned; for on the one hand the judgment arose from one transgression resulting in condemnation, but on the other hand the free gift arose from many transgressions resulting in justification. ¹⁷ For if by the transgression of the one, death reigned through the one, much more those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.

One transgression resulted in the deaths of the many, but the one gift, righteousness came as a gift freely for the many.

¹⁸ So then as through one transgression there resulted condemnation to all men, even so through one act of righteousness there resulted justification of life to all men. ¹⁹ For as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, even so through the obedience of the One the many will be made righteous. ²⁰ The Law came in so that the transgression would increase; but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, ²¹ so that, as sin reigned in death, even so grace would reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

This is why there was the Mosaic Law, this is why there was a sacrifice, and this is why we don't worry about the judgment of the law any more: grace would reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The law isn't gone, it is established, and we are sealed in the better thing. Jesus took us in so that something that we could not find righteousness in could be used to show us the one who could, the Lamb of God who saved us from our sins. We are righteous by his actions, now accounted as ours. Sin has no teeth for us who are in Christ.

Chapter 5: Truth of Romans 13, and why it has nothing to do with Government

Let every person be subject to the governing authorities

Before going into this, please remember that chapter and verse breaks were not in the original word, since the original documents were hand written letters. These breaks were added by men to help break down the document into researchable and consumable sections. However, people make mistakes. So if you look at 13, it starts a bit weird, in that the opening statement is a command, but we just saw that the law cannot make flesh righteous, so why is there a command? Let's look back to chapter 11 and 12, you see that the top verses in 12 seem to fit and summarize 11, so too do the next verses open and begin 12:

Chapter 12: 3 – 21 NASB For through the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think; but to think so as to have sound judgment, as God has allotted to each a measure of faith. For just as we have many members in one body and all the members do not have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, each of us is to exercise them accordingly: if prophecy, according to the proportion of his faith; if service, in his serving; or he who teaches, in his teaching; or he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor; not lagging behind in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope, persevering in tribulation, devoted to prayer, contributing to the needs of the saints, practicing hospitality.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep. Be of the same mind toward one another; do not be haughty in mind, but associate with the lowly. Do not be wise in your own estimation. Never pay back evil for evil to anyone. Respect what is right in the sight of all men. If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men. Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY," says the Lord. "BUT IF YOUR ENEMY IS HUNGRY, FEED HIM, AND IF HE IS THIRSTY, GIVE HIM A DRINK; FOR IN SO DOING YOU WILL HEAP **BURNING COALS ON HIS HEAD.**" Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Heap burning coals is not an expression of destroying a person, but wrapping the hot stones from a fire into a turban, or towel, and placing it on the head of a traveler who is going into, or coming in from a cold night. If you warm his head, he feels warmer all over. With this in mind, read the next chapter and the first seven verses.

Ch 13:1-7 ESV – Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. For

rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer. Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience.

If there is no authority but from God, that means all other authorities must not be from God. What man has the power of God? What man can create life from dust? What man can provide eternal righteousness? None, excluding Christ Jesus. This authority is not real authority, it is man, and why not be answerable to your grace, liberty and Freedom in Christ before them, they may decide to join you.

The word authority here does not mean political people, or government, but when you see it in context of the prior chapter, and in the later chapter, this is God's authority, it is His people, as they represent Him. So if a man is not walking according to God's standard, and works against God's people, then they are working against God. If they are walking according to God's standard, then they are receiving his approval. This simple verse when pulled out of context has done so much in promoting statism, and blind government obedience that it is a blatant attack against God's wisdom. But do you expect better from this world?

Did the Apostle Paul obey government, or God? Did Jesus Christ obey government of God? I see a trend here. Why else would Paul and Jesus have been in such hot water with government as documented in the book of Acts.

Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution

1 Peter 2:13-17 ^{ESV} – Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor.

"Be subject for", based on the examples given, I have to assume that this is really "be subject for judgment for", this could also be referring to "be answerable for". Again, the apostles obeyed God, and were held accountable for their actions. The last two sentences here "Fear God" and "Honor the emperor" are very decisive.

The scriptures are clear as to our living status even, "Live as people who are free...". We are not to live as slaves, but as free. How can you live free if you are living as a slave? Trust me, the scriptures cover that too. The scriptures do cover that a slave should serve his master **as unto the lord, so that it may be well with him**. I have to admit, this still troubles me today, but I will also note that the reference to serve an employer as one would the lord, or one another as one would to the lord, are also prevalent. So this cannot be live in opposition to the knowledge of God, blindly following every evil deed and order, otherwise God would be telling us to live good except when told to live evil.

Give Caesar what is Caesar's, because we don't need it

Romans 13:7 ^{ESV} – Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.

Not unlike our predecessors we do not have an emperor or a king, but we do have an authority that by declaration of men claims greater authority over all men. They are claiming the authority of God for themselves. As such, they assume that the wages you earn are theirs for taxes owed and rightfully claimed by them as the government. As you look at chapter 1, you see that we shouldn't even care. If God is our sufficiency, then we don't need their filthy lucre, we don't need to exchange their money for services. We can work as a body of Christ, building and helping one another as we see fit as individuals, working in this community we call the Body of Christ. This is just another aspect of that body, which is just another benefit of being the body of Christ.

However, if you must have a currency to exchange, don't use the monies of a false god. Look at alternatives like Gold, Silver, and Bitcoin.

Chapter 6: Can I come unto God?

God can talk only to those who are like Him, righteous. For only a righteous man has ears to listen to him. This is why in the Old Testament God had to provide a manifestation to talk to those who are not righteous. That is God “walked” in the Garden of Eden after Adam and Eve sinned, they gave up their ability to talk and know Him directly. How did they lose their righteousness? In Romans, Paul points out that Moses became righteous by believing God, not by the law, since the law didn’t exist. How did Moses know God to even believe him? This is why Moses needed the burning bush on his first encounter.

Because of Man’s weakness, this is why a tabernacle was created. This is why Jesus had to come. If man, after his fall from grace in the Garden could be righteous by his own hands, we would have never needed a man, who was without sin, to be the perfect sacrifice of God for man.

Romans 4:1-16 ¹ What shall we say then that Abraham our father, as pertaining to the flesh, hath found? ² For if Abraham were justified by works, he hath whereof to glory; but not before God. ³ For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness. ⁴ Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt. ⁵ But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness. ⁶ Even as David also describeth the blessedness of the man, unto whom God imputeth righteousness without works, ⁷ Saying, Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered. ⁸ Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin. ⁹ Cometh this blessedness then upon the circumcision only, or upon the uncircumcision also? For we say that faith was reckoned to Abraham for righteousness. ¹⁰ How was it then reckoned? When he was in circumcision, or in uncircumcision? Not in circumcision, but in uncircumcision. [...] ¹⁵ Because the law worketh wrath: for where no law is, there is no transgression. ¹⁶ Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham; who is the father of us all,

Verse 3 tells us that Abraham believed God, and God counted that to his righteousness. His labor wasn’t towards his righteousness, but towards his debt called sin. So God had to decry Abraham’s righteousness. He couldn’t do it himself.

Verse 7 claims the Blessed are those whose iniquities (sin) are not held against them. ⁸, blessed are those who God won’t count their sin. Even in ¹⁰, circumcision isn’t needed for righteousness, it was believing God. Summarizing this, no flesh can provide righteousness. It is from believing God.

So we can jump to ¹⁵ where the law was to set the line, but not to righteousness, but to try to protect the faith of the promise of God. There was only one man who could fulfill the law perfectly, the rest of us would fail.

Romans 5:1-2 ¹ Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: ² By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

Romans 5:10 For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.

Since we are not justified by the law, we don't need the law for our righteousness, but we have peace with God. Peace in this form is in opposition to war. Meaning we are no longer his enemy.

Romans 6:20-23 ²⁰ For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness. ²¹ What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. ²² But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Here you go, **Free from God = Free from eternal life. Free from Sin = bound to God + Eternal life.** In this book I won't be breaking down that term servant, because it isn't slave, it is one who joyously serves. You can expect that to be broken down in other publications.

Finally:

Romans 8:1-11 ¹ There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. ² For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. ³ For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: ⁴ That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. ⁵ For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. ⁶ For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. ⁷ Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. ⁸ So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. ⁹ But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. ¹⁰ And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹ But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

Did you see that? Verse 2. There are two laws. The Mosaic Law, and the grace law.

Let's go one step further: **For if thou shalt confess with thine mouth the Lord Jesus, and believe in thine heart that God raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with thine heart thou believest unto righteousness, and with thine mouth confession is made unto salvation.** ^{Romans 10: 9-10} Done deal. The work is done, the salvation is done, your flesh cannot make you righteous, all there is, is to believe.

Now I am righteous, what's next?

Romans 15: ¹³ Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you will abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

¹⁴ And concerning you, my brethren, I myself also am convinced that you yourselves are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge and able also to admonish one another. ¹⁵ But I have written very boldly to you on some points so as to remind you again, because of the grace that was given me from God, ¹⁶ to be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles, ministering as a priest the gospel of God, so that my offering of the Gentiles may become acceptable, sanctified by the Holy Spirit. ¹⁷ Therefore in Christ Jesus I have found reason for boasting in things pertaining to God. ¹⁸ For I will not presume to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me, resulting in the obedience of the Gentiles by word and deed, ¹⁹ in the power of signs and wonders, in the power of the Spirit; so that from Jerusalem and round about as far as Illyricum I have fully preached the gospel of Christ. ²⁰ And thus I aspired to preach the gospel, not where Christ was already named, so that I would not build on another man's foundation; ²¹ but as it is written,

“THEY WHO HAD NO NEWS OF HIM SHALL SEE,
AND THEY WHO HAVE NOT HEARD SHALL UNDERSTAND.”

Actually, I generally tell people to read Romans 3 times in a row. The first time you are going to have lots of questions. The second time you are going to understand the core patterns, the third time it should start to come together. The thing to remember the most, Chapters, Chapter and Section titles, Verses, and punctuation is a modern construct. So if you remember that, then you can see some of the mistakes of translation start to dissolve.

Chapter 7: More on the religion that we call Government

Let's remember chapter 2, 1st Samuel 8, short version: Don't create a king.

If that isn't enough, let's look at modern leaders, as found in Wikipedia².

Imperial Cults

Egyptian pharaohs: 3050 – 30 BC

Egyptian pharaohs were kings of Ancient Egypt, and were considered gods by their culture. Their titles equated them with aspects of the likes of the hawk god Horus, the vulture goddess Nekhbet, and the cobra-goddess Wadjet. The Egyptians believed that when their Pharaoh died, he would continue to lead them in the next life, which is why his burial was grand and completed to perfection—to please him in the next life and ensure his immortality to protect his people. See List of pharaohs.

Naram-Sin: 2255 – 2119 BC

The first Mesopotamian king to claim divinity.

Chinese Emperors: 221 BC – AD 1911

Deified as "Sons of Heaven" since the Qin Dynasty under Qin Shi Huang.

² http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_people_who_have_been_considered_deities

Roman Emperors: 42 BC – AD 363

Following Julius Caesar who in 42 BC was formally deified as "the Divine Julius", and Caesar Augustus henceforth became Divi filius ("Son of the Divine One"), some (not all) Roman Emperors of the 1st to 4th centuries claimed divinity, including Tiberius 14–37, Caligula 37–41, Claudius 41–54, Hadrian 117–138, Commodus 161–192, Constantine I 306–312, Julian the Apostate 361–363

Japanese Emperors: 660 BC –

Claimed, at least by some Shintoists, including government officials, to be divine descendants of the goddess Amaterasu. Hirohito, the Showa emperor, repudiated the "false conception" of his divinity in the Humanity Declaration in 1945.

Natchez rulers: 700

The Natchez were a theocracy ruled by "The Great Sun." This ruler has sometimes been deemed a God-king.

The Sailendras: 700

The Sailendra dynasty of Java were active promoters of Mahayana Buddhism and covered the plains of Central Java with Buddhist monuments, including the world famous Borobudur.

Dalai Lamas: 1391 –

Considered re-incarnations of Avalokiteśvara in Tibetan Buddhism. Panchen Lamas are incarnations of Amitābha.

Inca Emperors: 1438

The Inca Emperors had a status very similar to that of the Pharaohs of Egypt.

Nepalese monarchs: 1768–2008

In Nepal, the kings of the Shah dynasty were considered incarnations of Vishnu.

Deified by their followers

Imhotep: 2600 BC

Ancient Egyptian architect and physician, who two thousand years after his death, was raised to that of a god, becoming the god of medicine and healing.

Queen Dido of Carthage: 814 BC

Founder and first queen of Carthage, after her death, she was deified by her people with the name of Tanit and assimilated to the Great Goddess Astarte (Roman Juno). The cult of Tanit survived Carthage's destruction by the Romans; it was introduced to Rome itself by Emperor Septimius Severus, himself born in North Africa. It was extinguished completely with the Theodosian decrees of the late 4th century.

Romulus and Remus (hero cult): 771–717

BC Founders of Rome, sons of Mars, Romulus served as first king. After his death, Romulus was defined as the god, Quirinus, the divine persona of the Roman people. He is now regarded as a

mythological figure, and his name a back-formation from the name Rome, which may ultimately derive from a word for "river". Some scholars, notably Andrea Carandini believe in the historicity of Romulus, in part because of the 1988 discovery of the Murus Romuli on the north slope of the Palatine Hill in Rome.

Siddhārtha Gautama Buddha: 563 BC(?)

Believed a god by some Mahayana sects, and worshipped as an avatar of Vishnu by some Vaishnavas.

Hephaestion: 356–324 BC

Deified by Alexander the Great

Alexander III of Macedon the Great (hero cult) : 356–323 BC

Some believe he implied he was a demigod by actively using the title "Son of Ammon–Zeus". The title was bestowed upon him by Egyptian priests of the god Ammon at the Oracle of the god at the Siwah oasis in the Libyan Desert.

Antinous: 111 AD–130 AD

Deified by Hadrian. He is the last non-Imperial human formally deified in Western Civilization.

Mary (mother of Jesus) : 300 CE In 300 AD

She was worshipped as a Mother Goddess in the Christian sect Collyridianism, which was found throughout the Arabian Peninsula. Collyridianism was made up mostly of women followers and female priests. Followers of Collyridianism were known to make bread and wheat offerings to the Virgin Mary, along with other sacrificial practices. The cult was heavily condemned as heretical and schismatic by other Christians and was preached against by Epiphanius of Salamis, who discussed the group in his recollective writings titled Panarion.

Guan Yu: 581 AD–618 AD

Guan Yu has been deified as early as the Sui Dynasty and is still popularly worshipped today among the Chinese people variedly as an indigenous Chinese deity, a bodhisattva in Buddhism and a guardian deity in Taoism. He is also held in high esteem in Confucianism. In Hong Kong both police and gangsters consider him a divine object of reverence. In certain schools of Taoism and Chinese Buddhism he has been deemed divine or semi-divine status. The reverence for him may date back to the Sui dynasty.

Alī ibn Abī Ṭālib: 599 AD–661 AD

According to the Alawite faith, Ali ibn Abi Talib is one member of a trinity (Ali-Muhammad-Salman the Persian) corresponding roughly to the Christian Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. He is considered to be the second emanation of God by Yarsan and the supreme deity in Ali-Illahism.

Sugawara no Michizane: 845 AD–903 AD

Japanese Imperial courtier banished from the capital and deified upon his death to appease his angry spirit. Worshipped as Tenjin, kami of scholarship.

El-Hakem b'Amr Allah: 985 AD–1021 AD

Sixth Fatimid Caliph in Egypt, ruling from 996 to 1021. The members of the Druze faith believe that the Fatimid Caliph Al-Hakim bi-Amr Allah is God incarnate and that he will come back as the Mahdi.

Majapahit Kings: 1293–1597

Javanese rulers of South East Asia's largest ever kingdom, in Indonesia. After death, they were depicted as Hindu gods (see for instance Raden Wijaya).

Tokugawa Ieyasu: 1543–1616

Deified posthumously with the name Tōshō Daigongen by his successors.

L. L. Zamenhof: 1859–1917

Considered a god by members of the Oomoto religion.

José Rizal: 1861–1896

Deified by some people in the Philippines due to his contributions to the Philippine Revolution.

Wallace Fard Muhammad: ~1877 – ~1934

Posthumously deified by Elijah Muhammad. He is also given other titles by the Nation of Islam.

Kanichi Otsuka: 1891

Shinreikyo states of its founder "God became one with a human body, appeared among humanity, and founded Shinreikyo."

George Washington 1732–1799

Worshiped as a kami in Hawaiian Shinto shrines. In the United States Capitol dome, he is also depicted ascending into Heaven and becoming a god, in the famous painting called The Apotheosis of Washington.

Yes, even a painting, and our country's hero worship is a form of Deification. But why stop there: Sports Heros, Military Heros, Actors, Politicians, and all of the other public figures. YOU, yes, YOU the reader, if you recognize them for more than just being human, YOU are practicing idolatry. You are deifying people, people who are no better by the flesh than you or another other person around you. This is the root of the reason people search out to have a ruler, a king, a slave master.

Involuntary Deification

Antiochus II Theos: 286–246 BC

Seleucid ruler. The younger son of Antiochus I and Stratonice, succeeded his father in 261. He liberated Ephesus, Ionia, Cilicia and Pamphylia from Egyptian domination, and in return for their autonomy the cities of Asia Minor gave him the title Theos ("God").

Zheng He: 1371–1433

Worshiped by some Chinese and South East Asians.

General John Nicholson: 1822–1857

Inspired the cult of Nikal Seyn.

Jiddu Krishnamurti: 1895–1986

Renounced the status of messiah and Maitreya incarnation given him by the Theosophical Society.

Haile Selassie I of Ethiopia: 1892–1975

Among most followers of the Rastafari movement, Haile Selassie is seen as the second coming of Jesus Christ, God incarnate, the Black Messiah and "Earth's Rightful Ruler" who will also lead African peoples to freedom. Rastas say that his royal titles (i.e. King of Kings, Conquering Lion of the Tribe of Judah, and Root of David) were prophesied as belonging to the returned Messiah in Revelation 5:5. Their faith in his divinity first appeared in Jamaica, soon after his 1930 coronation in Addis Ababa. Before his coronation he was called Ras (meaning Prince) Tafari.

Prince Philip of Greece and Denmark, Duke of Edinburgh: 1921–

Considered a god in the village of Yaohnanen, a cargo cult in Vanuatu. See Prince Philip Movement.

Kumari: -?

These are little girls who are worshipped by both Hindus and Buddhists as the incarnation of the Hindu Goddess Durga (Nepali Taleju) in Nepal. They are picked when they are prepubescent and are worshipped until they reach puberty. Their cult is in South Asian countries, especially in Nepal.

George W Bush: 2000 –

For a president that had controversy surrounding him at every turn, and now gets his face plastered regularly with "Miss Me Yet?" At this point it doesn't matter if he is guilty or innocent of treason, it is worst the people that still reminisce about him being president, and Clinton before him.

Barry Hussain Obama: 2008 – 2016 (Limiting this entry to his presidency)

Where do we start this? The media assigned title of "The messiah"; "You didn't build that"; 54 states; and any hundreds of gaffs, including the enslavement act called Obamacare.

See? This deification isn't limited to the dead, but to the living. Again think about who you are worshipping, and didn't realize it. What are you watching that is more important than God and your liberty? What is more important than taking care of those things that you are given to steward? How long do you need to Hero worship before you realize that this is idolatry?

Self Deification

Antiochus IV Epiphanes: 215–164 BC

Seleucid ruler (reigned 175-164); the only Seleucid king to claim divine honors, calling himself Theos Epiphanes "God Manifest" and Nikephoros "Bringer of Victory." Nearly conquered Ptolemaic Egypt, the primary rival of the Seleucids among the Diadochi states. Famously

attempted to impose ancient Greek religion on the Jews by persecution, leading to the Maccabean Revolt; remembered as a major persecutor in Jewish tradition.

Simon Magus: 1st century

Considered a god in Simonianism. According to Irenaeus, he "was glorified by many as if he were a god; and he taught that it was himself who appeared among the Jews as the Son, but descended in Samaria as the Father while he came to other nations in the character of the Holy Spirit. He represented himself, in a word, as being the loftiest of all powers, that is, the Being who is the Father over all, and he allowed himself to be called by whatsoever title men were pleased to address him."

Veleda: 1st century

Germanic prophetess considered a deity during her lifetime.

Ismail I: 1502–1524

Self-claimed to be an emanation of God and was considered such by the Kızılbaş-Safaviya order, Qizilbash-Turkman subjects and Alevis.

Danila Filippovich: 1700

He believed that he was God and started the Khlysts. (There are various transliterations of his name including Danila Filipov, Danila Filipich, and Daniil Filippovich.)

Kondratii Selivanov: 1780s

Kondraty Selivanov proclaimed himself both as the late Peter III of Russia and Christ himself, and started the Skoptsy.

Hong Xiuquan: 1814–1864

Chinese man who claimed he was the younger brother of Jesus, and thus a son of God. Led the Taiping Rebellion, conquering a large part of China before defeat and suicide.

Father Divine: ~1880–1965

His followers considered him God in the flesh.

Taher Saifuddin: 1888–1965

Claimed to be Elahul Ard (God on Earth) in Bombay High Court

Francisco Macías Nguema: 1924–1979

In 1978, he changed the motto of Equatorial Guinea to "There is no other God than Macias Nguema."

Juanita Peraza (Mita) : 1897–1970

According to the Mita faith, Mita (Peraza) was the incarnation of the Holy Ghost on earth.

Lou de Palingboer: 1898–1968

A divorced Dutchman named Louwrens Voorthuijzen who proclaimed himself "Lou the Eel Vendor", this being the translation of his proclaimed name "Lou de Palingboer". He was a figure

who mixed marketing European eels with proselytism. His followers also considered him a living God on a mission against evil.

Jim Jones: 1931–1978

Founder of Peoples Temple, which started off as a part of a mainstream Protestant denomination before becoming a personality cult as time went on. One of Jones's devotees claimed that Jones said "If you see me as your savior, I'll be your savior. If you see me as your God, I'll be your God"; however Jones also described himself as atheist.

Yahweh ben Yahweh: 1935–2007

He was born as Hulon Mitchell, Jr. and his self-proclaimed name means "God, Son of God." He could have only been deeming himself son of God, not God, but many of his followers clearly consider him God Incarnate.

Nirmala Srivastava: 1923–2011

Guru and goddess of Sahaja Yoga, has proclaimed herself the incarnation of the Holy Ghost (Adi Shakti), claimed that all other incarnations (e.g., Krishna, Christ, etc.) were aspects of her.

Jehovah Wanyonyi: 1924–

"I am the one who created Adam and Eve. I made their bodies and their blood", [...] "I still use human beings by speaking through them, like I spoke through Jesus Christ until he went to Heaven." There are between 120 and a 1000 followers who consider him God.

Sathya Sai Baba: 1926–2011

Hindu guru that followers believed was a reincarnation of an avatar of Dattatreya. He alleged that he had the ability to heal, raise the dead, appear in more than one location at the same time, materialize objects, such as jewellery, etc.

Mitsuo Matayoshi: 1944–

In 1997 he established the World Economic Community Party (世界経済共同体党) based on his conviction that he is the God and Christ.

Claude Vorilhon: 1946–

Claims to be Maitreya, messenger of the "Elohim."

Vissarion: 1961–

Claims to be Jesus Christ returned, which makes him not "God" but the "word of God".

It isn't limited to government, but also church. Did you see those people? Every man who claims a title that isn't written is setting himself up for worship.

Even the Christ Child, Jesus

Jesus: ~4 BC – ~33 AD

(Included due to Wikipedia, and I added some notes. Don't get frustrated until you read to the bottom of the notes. I'll try to make myself clear as I go.)

In Romans 1 Paul the Apostle described Jesus as being the Son of God and the Lord. Bishop Athanasius of Alexandria wrote in defense of the divinity of the Holy Spirit. Orthodox Christianity adopted his teachings at the First Council of Nicaea in a Synod assembly of bishops in 325 AD called by the Roman emperor Constantine the Great.

Over time, with the composition and establishment of the Nicene and Athanasian creeds, Jesus was declared God Incarnate. He is now considered to be divine in most Christian views of Jesus; God the Son in Trinitarian Christianity.

Further information: History of early Christianity, Pauline Christianity, Constantine the Great and Christianity and Christology.

I have a personal problem with this declaration. God of the old and New Testament always says I am God, or I am your God, but Jesus said "When you see me, you see my Father". Also God said that we cannot see Him face to face, but men saw Jesus face to face. Lastly John 1:1 was a very romantic way of saying that God knew what was going to be in His law and what His son was going to be like before the foundation of the world, because he set them according to His own heart.

John 1:1-5 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
² The same was in the beginning with God. ³ All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made. ⁴ In him was life; and the life was the light of men. ⁵ And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

Keep note of this, we will look at verse 5 again in a moment.

Am I denying the Deification of Christ, or that God set the Lord Jesus as the Head of the body of Christ, or that the nature of the creation of Christ Jesus wasn't divine? **No.** I am saying that in the scriptures, there is no word trinity, and the older translations of God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost are not written the way they are in modern form starting with the lack of punctuation, chapters, and verses. I am saying that this shouldn't be handled in this book, but I wanted you to have enough information to be enticed into doing your own study into the scriptures yourself, and not just take another person's word for it. Study to show yourself approved, a workman, rightly dividing the word of truth ^{2 Timothy 2:15}. Since we know that the scriptures are filled with metaphors, how much of this is metaphor and how much is literal? How much is an orientalism (a statement of speech, "This ring is as big as a house", vs literal)? This is why I refer you to 2nd Timothy. If you don't read it yourself, then how do you know what is written? How do you know that you are being told the truth?

I will say I won't call Christ Jesus anything other than what is written, for the same reason I don't call our current president Messiah or King, except in ridicule, and I won't ridicule the first of many, the head of the body of Christ, the Lamb of God, the Christ Jesus.

Now let's look at verse 5, the darkness doesn't comprehend that light. This is why we are even talking about this. When you walk by the government you are walking by the darkness of this world. If you are walking by the light of other's teaching, then you are walking also in their shadows of their mistakes. But if you come to God directly, then you allow Him to provide your light. I can only show you what is reflected from me. You now have the knowledge to come to him directly, and learn from both what he

has written, and what he reveals to you directly. Just remember to test all new knowledge, all new wisdom, against the knowledge of Christ in the scriptures. This is how you know that the wisdom and knowledge is from God.

Why review this

Government is the epitome of an evil false religion with an evil god. It is idolatry.

- Government collects tithes, but by force.
- Government has its high priests, the modern Pharisees and Sadducees called Judges and Legislators.
- Government has its modern prophets called Corporate Media.
- Finally government has its own high of high priests, in the USA that is the President.
- The Government has its own enforcement agency called police and military.
- They strike down their pagans and heretics by calling them terrorists and criminals.
- Anyone who tries to keep what they earned, and labored for, get raided because they failed to pay their compulsory tithes, which by mangling the language they call voluntary.
- We have multiple temples, and obligatory worship service. These include government offices, unpaid mandatory jury service, and draft.
- But let's not forget some people volunteer to serve this evil church via:
 - Paid Police Service, that we are being forced to pay so that they can enforce laws that infringe on our natural rights.
 - Paid Inspectors, Labor Managers, Permitting Services, and other government employees, all of which are designed to tell us what we cannot do with our money and property.
 - Military, which is now nothing more than a means to generate money to the military industrial sector. Perfectly healthy, both physically and mentally, people coming back home with missing body parts and damaged perceptions of reality.
 - Not all are coming home in pieces, if they were, we would have not new volunteers. No, the idea is to keep the numbers down as far as possible, so that recruitment is high enough to make sure that the government can strip these perfectly healthy people of their human nature, which is needed for war, then return them to the public when done. All damage included.
 - If you really want to see peace in any region that is in an escalating conflict, look at who is funding the effort, and where the money is going. In the end, you will discover that whenever you have a large standing military, you will always find a reason to use it.

But the government isn't always wrong, or always seeking war, is it?

Let's look at Pearl Harbor

Book: Day of Deceit: The Truth About FDR and Pearl Harbor by Robert Stinnett

- http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Day_of_Deceit

This book proposes that FDR knew about the planned attack and even had warning, but chose to do nothing, so that he could use the attack as a means to bring the US into a Euro-Asia war. However, there are strong arguments from historian Donald Steury that claim that the book is complete fiction. My position on this, the core of the story smells too much like other events like the Alamo, The twin Towers, and other "Government Failures".

Something to note: This topic is big enough in Wikipedia that it took two entries to cover everything.

- http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pearl_Harbor_advance-knowledge_conspiracy_theory

Here are some other supporting links:

- <http://www.independent.org/newsroom/article.asp?id=1930>
- http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/McCollum_memo
- http://www.rationalrevolution.net/war/fdr_provoked_the_japanese_attack.htm

I will not cover the 911 theories and conspiracies here, they are a side track to the message.

Let's go back about two thousand years.

There was this man called Jesus, before he was even born the king of the time, Herod, decided that he didn't want to lose his throne to this child, and decided to have all first born males killed.

Try again a few years later, the same child is now a man, and preaching not punishment under the law, but forgiveness, and condemns the men who would judge him by their own laws.

Now going for strike three, they pay off one of Jesus' own men, to turn him in, so that they may "discuss with him", but rather take him to be punished. That same man, who did no evil, who only preached love, peace, and compassion from God, was put to death by ballot, the people chose the free the murderer rather than the savior. He we beaten for crimes that he did not commit. He was tortured for the appeasement of the crowd. Finally, with the blessings of the mob, crucified. And we have this level of corruption now.

NOTE: If you are a government employee, you will most likely be unsettled by these next several paragraphs of this chapter. Just remember your actions reveal your nature, not your title. So if you have a Godly nature, then you have nothing to worry about.

How many innocent people have their lives ruined because of government agencies like *Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Alcohol and Tobacco, Internal Revenue Service, Environmental Protection Agency*. Let's not forget the police shooting database:

- <http://regressing.deadspin.com/deadspin-police-shooting-database-update-were-still-go-1627414202>

I am not saying that all police shootings are amoral, but because of public and free media, they are definitely becoming more to light. The thin blue line in some counties and cities look more like outlines of the dead bodies that the police are leaving behind. I fortunately live in a city where this is incredibly

minimal. Heck, I even have a couple of local police officers that I call friends. Does that mean I condone local police? I condone it a lot more than federal police.

Let's go back to where we left off two thousand years ago. So the local government of the Jews decided that they had enough of the Jesus character, now that he had been dead for a while, and started killing his new and old followers. Then one of these killers of the followers sees the light, both figuratively and literally. He learns of his mistakes, then becomes one of the greatest of the leaders of this Love, Peace, and liberty from the punishment of the Mosaic Law; we know him as Saul, also as Paul. So what happens to him when he returns to his starting point? They try to kill him again, and again and again. Each time he fought one government with the other. He was a Roman by birth, so no official could kill him except if found guilty in court. And he had demanded his right to be tried by Caesar, the highest of the rules of man.

So was government the solution, or the problem here? Government is such a fickle deity that it is both an enemy and a tool. When fighting a hydra, pit each head against the other, and you only have to fight the remaining head. Also note that one of these governments wasn't the Roman government, but the ruling Hierarchy of the Jewish people. The man appointed king of the Jews, who by all rights, had no authority to carry out an execution. If you go so far as check the history of this, you will also see that there is a lot of in-playing of marriages and bloodlines from the first Herod to the last. Sounds like today's Oligarchy doesn't it?

Even now, we have this level of in-playing. More than one generation of politician from a single family. Expanding to reflect dynasties. Corporate executives serving as government officials, just so that they can return to new corporate positions, or become lobbyists. What sickens me even more, are these false prophets that tout God on the podium, just so that they can do the exact opposite of what is in the word of God, and get praised by the blinded followers waiving their ballots and dollar bills heralding in their great new savior. BLAPHEMY! You hypocrites that turn and run from God to worship and see this new god, who isn't a god, but is a poison of an asp. And you drink it willingly, saying, "It makes my pain go away, and I don't have to think." You who would vote to have freedom stolen from others to feed your stomach are no better than the rats that eat from your plates. You are the problem, not just the politicians, not just the people who they hire, but you too.

Summary to take from this:

- If your country is so shady, and filled with secrets that you see conspiracies in the actions of daily men, doing daily deeds, then you are already a slave to fear.
- If your work is to protect the people but all you see are criminals, then you are already a slave to fear and hate.
- If your idea of protecting people is to remove the liberties of others, then you are part of the problem.
- If you believe that because of a magical piece of paper, called a ballot, a law, a constitution, or a dollar bill, grants you the moral right to infringe on the rights of others, then you are the problem.

As a God fearing Christian, what will you do to end your participation in being part of the problem?

Chapter 8: What is the burning lake? Why would you bother fearing it?

Why bring this up? If I cannot free you from the fear of sin, and give you a tool to remove the fear of punishment from people, then I am remiss on promoting freedom.

Let's look at the words that get translated to hell

	Usage	Occurrence
Hebrew		
Kěluwhay	I don't know why this word show up as Hell, but it does. The word is a person's name. I would say that is a sucky name, but I suspect that the Hebrew scholars out there would have more useful information.	1
shě'owl	A hole in the ground, for the dead. There is a useful note though, Deuteronomy 32:22, Burn into the pit. If you read this in full context, this isn't hell in the fabled way, but the absolute destruction of the area. I would try to visually equate it to Mt St Hellen or a Meteor Impact. If hell is a pit for the dead, then the lowest hell in this would be the deepest burial pit. The destruction would be so intense that even the long dead would be consumed.	65
Greek		
hadēs	Grave, for death. Remember sheowl is well known to these people, and it was common to enclose the burial area with a fence and gate. Thrown down to hell is tossed into the hole as if you were dead. Also you could consider it, to be discarded as if you were nothing but a dead body. Rev 20:13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell (grave pits) delivered up the dead which were in them. People got up from the dead so they could be judged. Simple.	11
geenna	A fire that is large enough to look like a lake of flame	12
tartaroō	A dark holding cell, a place to hold people for judgment. AKA Tartarus. Note that this place was for Angels that sinned. Tartarus is not a human destination.	1

Did you see that? There is no literal hell that is called an eternal hell, a torturous hell, a flaming pit of hell. In fact, the flame, when it comes to a punishment, or an eternity is the lake of fire. That is all mythology taught by people trying to scare you into obedience, rather than teaching you the love of God so that you are willing to share that love out of compassion. Fear is bondage. Stop fearing punishment, and start learning the love of God.

Let's look at the burning lake Gehenna aka Gehinnom³

This is where a temple that was sacrificing children was burned down; a place where an invading army was burned away; and (questionably⁴) a place where trash was heaped up continually and burned as a continual lake of fire.

So what is lesson to take from this? Who are the armies that attacked God's people? Who are the priest who were burning the children as sacrifices? As for the garbage dump, whether that is real or whole cloth, we do know that scripturally, the geography was considered diametrically opposed to life. It is where you would equate the end of life to. Meaning the army was defeated, then burned. The temple was burned to the ground. It is where you use fire to burn away those things that are counter to the purpose of God.

Now, is the lake an eternal torture? I will say that it is an eternal result. The gnashing of teeth and the outer darkness are the thing happening now. How do we know this? Ask someone who fears the lake to the point where they denounce God. They have wandered away from the Light, God, and into the outer darkness. The gnashing of teeth is their spite that they spit out at God for making His plan known, but not consulting them. They claim that they would rather party in hell, than to rejoice in heaven. I tell you now, this is a poisonous misunderstanding of the scriptures. You who spit bile against the God who you worship are now standing in the outer darkness, gnashing your teeth against God. You who go to a church, fearing the lake of fire, but don't accept Christ Jesus as Lord, are gnashing your teeth against God while standing in line to jump in the lake of fire. Don't you see it? You are the reason that you are in line for punishment. You are the reason that you are in the outer darkness. It is you. You took the words of dogma over the grace message, and you carry the fruit of it.

If you are a Christian, Paul has already said that you are no longer an enemy of God. You are at peace with God. Peace here is the opposite of war. Even Romans 10:9 – 10 state that you have been saved. Saved from what? If it isn't the punishment of the judgment of God, then what is it then? If you are justified, then you are righteous. If you are righteous, then you are right before God. How can you be punished for being right?

⁹ For if thou shalt confess the Lord Jesus, and believe in your heart, that God raised him from the dead, then thou shalt be saved. ¹⁰ for with thine heart thou believe unto righteousness, and with thine mouth confession is made unto salvation. Romans 10: 9 - 10

Why did God destroy so many people either by His hands or by the hands of His people?

²⁵ "When you become the father of children and children's children and have remained long in the land, and act corruptly, and make an idol in the form of anything, and do that which is evil in the sight of the LORD your God *so as to provoke Him to anger*, ²⁶ I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that you will surely perish quickly from the land where you are going over the Jordan to possess it. You shall not live long on it, but will be utterly destroyed. ²⁷ The LORD will scatter you among the peoples, and you will be left few in number among the nations

³ http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gehenna#The_concept_of_Gehinnom

⁴ <https://bbhchurchconnection.wordpress.com/2011/04/06/was-gehenna-a-smoldering-garbage-dump/>

where the LORD drives you. ²⁸ There you will serve gods, the work of man's hands, wood and stone, which neither see nor hear nor eat nor smell. ²⁹ But from there you will seek the LORD your God, and you will find *Him* if you search for Him with all your heart and all your soul. ³⁰ When you are in distress and all these things have come upon you, in the latter days you will return to the LORD your God and listen to His voice. ³¹ For the LORD your God is a compassionate God; He will not fail you nor destroy you nor forget the covenant with your fathers which He swore to them. Deuteronomy 4: 25- 31 NASB

Let's break this understanding down. 25 – 28 man will turn from God first. Meaning, first they didn't believe Him, and chose their own god. The witness of Heaven and Earth is a claim that as immutable as the heaven and earth is, these things will just happen. But when we get to 29 through 31, all a person has to do, is to earnestly return to God.

If you have been following the pattern here, and you believe in the wisdom of God, you will see that he is expecting people to walk in His wisdom, and he will protect them. This isn't man's wisdom, and expect God to protect him.

With this added bit of wisdom, let's remember back to Romans, the law could never make you righteous. So what is God's wisdom? Abraham had it before there was the law. Moses had it before there was the law. Jesus worked within the law without condemning a single man to death under the law. So it isn't the law. It is simply, believe God. He says something, believe him. Jesus even proved that the law's punishment wasn't for those who walk by sin, but as evidence of his coming, it was The Prophecy of him. Under the law, all sin could be forgiven by the sacrifice of a lamb without blemish, Jesus was that perfect Lamb of God.

¹⁰ Then the sons of Israel cried out to the LORD, saying, "We have sinned against You, for indeed, we have forsaken our God and served the Baals⁵." ¹¹ The LORD said to the sons of Israel, "Did I not deliver you from the Egyptians, the Amorites, the sons of Ammon, and the Philistines? ¹² Also when the Sidonians, the Amalekites and the Maonites oppressed you, you cried out to Me, and I delivered you from their hands. ¹³ Yet you have forsaken Me and served other gods; therefore I will no longer deliver you. ¹⁴ Go and cry out to the gods which you have chosen; let them deliver you in the time of your distress." ¹⁵ The sons of Israel said to the LORD, "We have sinned, do to us whatever seems good to You; only please deliver us this day." ¹⁶ So they put away the foreign gods from among them and served the LORD; and He could bear the misery of Israel no longer. Judges 10: 10-16 NASB

This is an example of people turning back to God, after confessing their idolatry. What is this confession? It is being honest before God. That is the root of all confessions. It isn't before men, it is before God. It is called repentance.

⁵ "Lord", used in reference to either a deified man or idol.

Chapter 9: A closing note to Christians, Other Theists, Atheist and Agnostics.

If there is no god, then everything is permissible. NAP (Non-Aggression Principle) is a fantastic philosophy, but how many people violate it regularly in their daily life? How many even realize that they just violated it? How many actively go out of their way to not violate NAP, but still do? How many violate it purposely, and lead others to violate it. I'm telling you now, that this is all just vanity. You do what is in your heart. You speak what is in your heart. If you speak words that will never last beyond this world, then you are just speaking into vanity for vanity sake. Should we be rude then, and disregard NAP? No, we should learn it, and see how it directly applies to our life in Christ Jesus.

So why are we preaching freedom and liberty? Sometimes the wind of doctrine of this world is so blustering, that you cannot hear even your own thoughts. I'm not here to provide you with those thoughts, but to help you to think, to understand what it is that you are seeing, so that you can manage your own thoughts, to be as His, by renewing your mind to His standard.

But this isn't the only reason, it is also because if you are distracted by false gods of government and sin laden teachings, then you will never have the opportunity to know God, our sufficiency, our savior, and our father. So am moved to introduce you to God.

So why am I addressing more than just my fellow Christians here?

Did you ever wonder why Christians are so diverse more so than many other beliefs? I don't mean in attitude and disposition only, but in the knowledge of the laws, the freedoms, the stance in Christ, our position in the presence of God, the belief in the scriptures themselves. Here is the secret. "The thief comes not but to steal kill and destroy" [John 10:10](#). Who is this thief? He is the opposite of our lord, Jesus who said:

⁷ So Jesus said to them again, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. ⁸ All who came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them. ⁹ I am the door; if anyone enters through Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

¹¹ "I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep. ¹² He who is a hired hand, and not a shepherd, who is not the owner of the sheep, sees the wolf coming, and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³ He flees because he is a hired hand and is not concerned about the sheep. ¹⁴ I am the good shepherd, and I know My own and My own know Me, ¹⁵ even as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. ¹⁶ I have other sheep, which are not of this fold; I must bring them also, and they will hear My voice; and they will become one flock with one shepherd. ¹⁷ For this reason the Father loves Me, because I lay down My life so that I may take it again. ¹⁸ No one has taken it away from Me, but I lay it down on My own initiative. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This commandment I received from My Father." [John 10:7-](#)

¹⁸ NASB

This is what God's people have forgotten. To come unto God, they must come through Jesus. But there were false prophets that came before Christ Jesus. They taught not the coming of Christ, but tried to teach the salvation through the law. But even Paul, a most educated Pharisee figured out, we cannot be made righteous through the law. Even the sheep not of this fold (this fold being the Jews, and the sheep who are not of this fold being the gentiles) are to hear the voice of Christ Jesus. There is only one shepherd, so the following and praying to false idols, calling them holy, or sanctified, means that you are not coming through the one shepherd. Jesus chose his path by his own initiative. His obedience to God our Father was voluntary. This is the core of what was forgotten.

God's people have forgotten who God is. They have forgotten His mercy, His grace, His love, His compassion, His promise, His power, His richness of His grace. They have fully forgotten Him, and just watch His shadow in amazement, not realizing that there is a real God, a real Father. The shadow isn't really His, but the thief who casts that shadow, to confound God's people, so that they are lost to darkness on the face of this world, when all they have to do, is to look up and step out from that cloud of darkness to walk in the light.

Now that you understand that many, if not most Christians are lost, and don't even know it, would you be angry or pitiful? Would you attack a lost child, or try to help them find their way home. I'm telling you now, it is a credit to you, if you pass them this message, that they may learn what they have either never known, or have forgotten.

But do I expect you, who are not Christian to minister Christ to those who claim him? Why not? How many of these lost souls do you know that are a thorn in your life? How many do you see who are bound in chains of oppression, and rather than seeking their liberty, their freedom, they have chosen to share their oppression? Well share this, so that they can come unto their freedom! Maybe they will drop their chains that they try to hold against you too.

I am told that Christianity is another chain, another bondage. However the Mosaic Law was A Prophecy to prove that we cannot be the savior, nor perfect by the flesh. Now all transgressions of the law were worthy of death, with this in mind, the core of the law was revealed when the people challenged Jesus when they wanted to stone the prostitute Mary. And Jesus replied, "The one of you with no sin, throw the first stone". But let's go further, Jesus is called the Lamb of God, the sacrifice for all of our sins. Even further, the lambs of old were the imperfect sacrifices for the sins of their time. All of this was a fore shadowing of the things to come. Calvary was what came. The perfect lamb became the perfect sacrifice. The reward, liberty from sin. Liberty from the eternal punishment from death. The Freedom from condemnation and with it the Freedom to come onto God. How gracious that we just sinned, but God saw so much in our future with Him, that He gave us everything just so that we can live in it.

I hope that you now see why I wrote this chapter to include non-Christians. I cannot claim that everyone who reads this is going to become a Christian, but I can claim that my heart is to make sure that if you read this, you will understand my heart and the heart of my God, so that when you are challenged by hard hearted Christians, you may give them the labors of my love in Christ Jesus. Let the love of God warm their hearts over, that they also may come to know Him. Let God's words be your staff, not the philosophy of those who they may not recognize. If they still turn from God, then they are judged according to His standard. That will be enough.

A Non-Apology

If you found this to be an evangelical book that is going to happen every time I speak Christ, but the goal of this was still to just liberate you, the faithful in Christ from the government, and all organizations who would violate NAP, including churches who don't preach the grace message.

If you found this book insightful and useful, please share freely. Freely I have been given the word of God, freely I give it all who would seek it.

Chapter 10: Why?

I mean the big picture of why? I mean bigger than that why? What is the meaning of all of this? What is the meaning of life the universe and everything?

If God can create everything, and has foreknowledge of everything, and is timeless as well as omnipotent, why not just create the final product and be done?

Well, the answer is not 42. If you are still reading, then that bit of literary history is great for a humorous read. However it isn't correct by any means.

But is everything has been created for the purpose of Christ, then doesn't that mean that the very aspects of life are the metaphors of why God didn't jump to the end of the book and "Poof!" we are there. Is the meat of the book, the last page, or everything leading up to it? Is the potter satisfied by going to store to buy a vase, or would he rather make his own, with His hands, and fire it himself? Is the painter satisfied with going online to download a picture and print it out, or would he rather paint his version? Is God those people, no. We are. We are the potter who molds his life with that clay. We are the reader, writing our life. We are the painter painting our life.

However, as we mold the pot, write the book, paint the picture, we can listen to our teacher, and make a glorious work of art, or we can work according to our own standards that in the end going into the last incinerator as vanity.

We may glory in our work which is fleeting, but if we focus on what was done for us, we get to glory in what is done for us. So if that story is based on the works of the flesh, when the flesh is gone, the story has no meaning, and is disposed. If the vase is for holding the things of this world, and the world goes away, then the vase has no purpose and is disposed. If the painting is for the purpose of illustrating the life of this world and the world is removed, then the painting has no relation to what is next, it is indistinguishable from the dust of this world, and disposed. The person who lives for this life, when it ends, and the next comes, the labors and riches of this world will have no relationship to that which is to come, and is made useless.

So decide, do you live for that which is temporary, or that which is eternal?

Will you, who chose to live by the chains of this world, decide to be left behind when you can see the return? Those of you who hold the grace message and cherish it, because the God would like to give the message to all people, so all can come to know Him. Be living examples of God's loving grace and forgiveness, which people can, and will want to come to know him. This isn't a law, or rule, but an expectation of "*And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect*"

Romans 12:2 NASB. That being transformed is that you will be more like him that you are renewing your mind to.