

I. Jesus was asked a question about paying taxes

*Picture of Roman coin

II. Jesus responded with teaching about our obligations to government

A. We are to recognize that government is ordained by God

“Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God.” (Romans 13:1)

B. We are to recognize our responsibilities to the state

1. We are to pay our taxes

“This is why you pay taxes, for the authorities are God’s servants, who give their full time to governing. Give what you owe him; if you owe taxes, pay taxes.” (Romans 13:6)

2. We are to pray for our leaders

“I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone – for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.” (I Peter 2:13)

3. We are to obey the laws

“Remind the people to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready to do whatever is good.” (Titus 3:1)

C. We are to keep our allegiance to God primary

“Peter and the other apostles replied: We must obey God rather than men!” (Acts 5:29)

III. Jesus responded with teaching about our obligations to God

A. We are created in God’s image

“So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him.” (Genesis 1:27)

B. We are called to give ourselves to God

“Therefore, I urge you brothers, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God, which is your spiritual act of worship.” (Romans 12:1)

IV. Jesus was asked a question about the nature of resurrection life

V. Jesus responded with teaching about the resurrection life

A. There is life after death

B. We are worthy of this life through faith in Jesus

C. This resurrected life will be much different than life on earth

1. There will be no more marriage

2. There will be no more death

“He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.” (Revelation 21:4)

3. We will be like the angels

4. We will live as God’s children

5. We will share in the eternal life of Jesus

“I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.” (John 11:25)