

Is It A Church? Is It A Cult? Is It Important?

PLAY THE GAME OF CHURCH

GIVE ME YOUR TIME, YOUR MONEY, AND YOUR MIND FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE.

START
BY CONFESSING
FAITH IN THE
CHURCH
SYSTEM

WASTE TIME
in countless church
activities. No
time for family.

SPEAK IN TONGUES
NO ONE UNDERSTANDS.
IMPRESS GOD AND
OTHERS.
(win 5 Halos)

DONATE Seed money
MAKE GOD
REPAY YOU
DOUBLE!
For
unquestioning
loyalty you
are appoint-
ed to church
board.
WIN 5 STARS
FOR YOUR CROWN

JOIN A PRAYER CHAIN
FEEL HOLY WHILE
SPREADING GOSSIP!
(TAKE ONE EXTRA TURN)

Merry Christmas
WASTE \$2,000 BUYING GIFTS
AND PARTY SUPPLIES.
SUPPORT THE MERCHANTS.

FOLLOW CHURCH Tradition.
Promote oppression
by supporting
CENTRAL Government
(win 30 Halos)

STUDY BIBLE FOR YOURSELF
DISCOVER TRUTH
LOSE FAVOR WITH PREACHER

"HERETIC"
LISTEN TO A
"HERETIC"
AND QUESTION
YOUR PREACHER
LOSE 50 HALOS

GET CAMP FEVER
Blow family savings
driving across country
for your annual "Six-
Way To Avoid
Demons!"
(WIN 50 HALOS)

DEMONS!
YOU ARE POSSESSED
BY DEMONS.
LOSE YOUR TURN
UNTIL YOU REGAIN FAVOR

The Game of CHURCH

GRAVE-YARD OF THE MIND

MY CHURCH HAS ALL THE ANSWERS

EXCOMMUNICATION!
LOSE FAVOR WITH PREACHER
GO TO OUTER DARKNESS
THE FOOT OF DISBELIEF IS ->

HAPPY DOM!
you WIN!

HELP PAY OFF BANK DEBT ON CHURCH BUILDING
Receive 50 Halos

THE PREACHER

YES!

BUNCH 91

"...the house (i.e. domain) of God, which is the *ECCLESIA* of the Living God, the pillar and ground of the truth."

I Timothy 3:15

Churches are proving grounds for religious tricksters, con artists and politicians. Churches thrive on greed and superstition. They prey upon the gullible. **CHURCH IS THE GREAT AMERICAN IDOL, AND CHURCHGOERS ARE IDOLATERS.**

Some of us have suspected for a long time that something was terribly wrong with the church system. Now I understand why I felt uneasy about it.

The answer has to do with the word "church" itself. "Church" is the English word used (by the churches) to replace the Greek word "**ECCLESIA**," in the Bible. But, "ecclesia" means something altogether different than "church." Somewhere, somehow, the wrong word was inserted and the right word was discarded – hid and ignored.

Why was this done? How long has this error been with us? The answer is a study in logic and history.

THE PERVERSION BECAME THE NORM

The error has been with us long enough to spawn an entire culture. Modern Churchdom (not Christendom) is the product of this perversion.

Churches are natural outgrowths of a perverted society. They answer the needs of perverted people. On one hand, they facilitate superstitious, childish people... and on the other hand, they facilitate con men who want to exploit the market.

The typical preacher is nothing more than a salesman taking advantage of weak-minded people. Preachers are usually motivated by their own self-centered greed. Churches serve the preachers by providing a forum for their childish ambitions. I've personally been associated with many preachers. I understand them better than most. With few exceptions, they are religious con men, working angles to gain recognition and money.

THE DOG AND PONY SHOW

Preachers are actors. The Charismatic Movement has helped to produce a flood of them. Churchgoers have come to expect nothing more than emotion and stage performance from churches. They are satisfied by entertainment, excitement, or scandal. They do NOT expect to be taught! They only want to sit and observe.

Churches have produced nothing practical. Churchgoers expect nothing practical from churches. Indeed, churches have achieved their goal — to neutralize Christians!

CHURCHES SUBTERFUGE

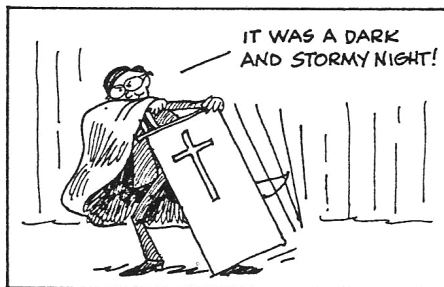
A "church" is NOT an "ecclesia" — as the English versions of the Bible attempt to say. The churches won't ad-



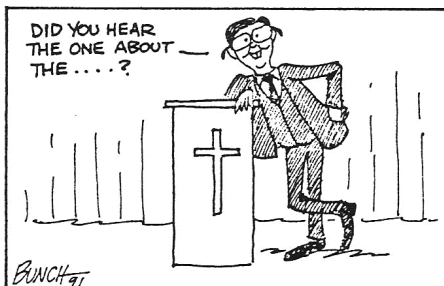
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mit it, however. They prefer to just ignore the two words and avoid bringing any attention to them. Churchgoers get caught up in playing the game of church which dissipates and neutralizes them through useless rituals and countless activities like the ones illustrated on our cover. Every week they repeat the ritual, feeling holy, never questioning anything, never discovering any more than they are programmed to know. The game captures and holds them in its sticky web of unity, herd pressure (pressure to conform), and superstition (fear of the unknown). They become slavish addicts who don't dare step out of line for fear of getting kicked out of the church herd (excommunication).

Ecclesias are different in important ways. Understanding these differences causes a profound change in your understanding of the Bible and your grasp of the gospel of the kingdom.

Getting a grasp of this important word may not be easy. Some commentaries prove to be little or no help because they condescend to the churches in equating "ecclesia" with "church." Obvious differences are glossed over.

In part one of this study, we defined "ecclesia." It is a Greek New Testament word meaning THE CALLED-OUT (ONES); THE CHOSEN; THE ELECT — [EK = out; from; KALEO = call].

The word "church," as it appears in the English versions of The New Testament, is wrong. It gives a wrong impression. Nonetheless, "church" was used by the King James translators to replace "ecclesia." In every single case in the New Testament, "church" is the wrong word.

Some of the earliest English translators chose not to use the word "church" to translate "ecclesia" into English. Rather, they kept "ecclesia," or else they used the English word "congregation." The word "church," was later used to replace "ecclesia" for the purpose of justifying a different institution.

By 1611 (when the King James Version was published) the translators, and their public, had obviously become comfortable with the other institution — and the other word: "church."

The "church" is a distinct religious system created to propagate religion and superstition under the guidance of the State. It does not fit the description of an ECCLESIA. An ecclesia is a political body of Christians, under Christ. It is

free, self-governing, and is made up of families and communities working together under the Reign of Christ — otherwise called “the Kingdom of Heaven.”

The 1st-century Christians quickly learned that they had to get away from the churches (also called synagogues) because they stifled truth and freedom. They left the churches/synagogues to the Judaizers, and began forming ecclesias (wrongly called “churches” by the KJV translators). All that exciting activity in the New Testament was “ecclesia activity” — not “church activity.” Its purpose and impact was quite different from the false scenario painted by the churches. The excitement was not over a new church, but a new government.

The apostles and disciples were “called out” of the Roman/Jewish synagogue/church systems and brought back to the real world. In this process, ECCLESIAS (i.e., independent Christian communities) were formed. This was also called “coming out of Babylon.”

RELIGION? ... OR KINGDOM?

The key to beginning to understand the difference between “a church” and “an ecclesia” is this: one has to do with religion, and the other has to do with government. Christ didn’t set up a new religion! He set up a kingdom government! Thus, Christ’s government system was immediately at war with the government systems of the world (i.e., the dragon of Revelation).

Jesus called his followers to withdraw themselves from the Roman/Jewish political systems (i.e., the beast system). He called them to form their own independent political systems based upon God’s law and the patriarchal, family-type system which is God’s true plan for civil government among men.

Does this ecclesia system of government relate to us today? Well, as Solomon said, “There is nothing new under the sun.” The problems have not changed all that much. Man’s tendency toward slavery is still a fact. Central governments are still basically the same in our day as they were in the first century. Central government is the proverbial Babylonian beast system, and we are still being “called out” of Babylon. We are still commanded to withdraw ourselves from the beast system.

But, the process is not easy, nor is

it as quick as we would like. It requires a change in the public perspective. It requires that people lose their love of Babylon. As we begin to develop bona fide ECCLESIAS around the country, we will cause people to become more and more withdrawn and independent from the central government system of Babylon (Bush’s New World Order). We will become less and less enslaved to it. But the first, and perhaps most important (and difficult), step is to convince people that they do not need “Big Brother.”

The old brainwash of, “the Constitution is good, but the politicians are bad,” MUST BE ABANDONED! The Constitution is what empowers the politicians to do what they do. The Constitution created a bad government. It’s time the true patriots admit it, and stop their tacit support of the Beast that they otherwise profess to hate. Christ said, YOU CANNOT SERVE TWO MASTERS! Paul said, YOU CANNOT SIT AT THE TABLE OF DEVILS AND THE TABLE OF GOD AT THE SAME TIME. Following Gideon’s example, we must throw down our idols (i.e., our worship of central government) and reform ourselves and our families, — and thus, our communities, into free civil bodies. These individual, independent communities of free Christians are what the Greek Scriptures call “ECCLESIAS.”

The obvious truth of it is compelling. You cannot avoid it. The Beast System — designed by man and controlled by man (like the US Government) — are all failures and are destined to incur hatred and wrath.

2. ...*Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen...*
4. ...*Come out of her, my people, that you be not partakers of her sins, and that you receive not of her plagues.*
6. *Reward her even as she rewarded you, and double unto her double according to her works: in the cup which she has filled, fill to her double.*

Revelation 18:2-6

Centralized (collectivist) governments are evil, corrupt, and destructive. They are designed only to enslave the masses under myriads of edicts, ordinances, codes, licenses, fees, and taxes invented by grasping, greedy men.

So, those of you who still cling to a hope that central government can save you — guess again. You will eventually

be forced to abandon that false hope and turn and look to Jesus for your leadership. This change of vision — from believing in man, to believing in Christ — is the change that gives us the capability to “see the Kingdom of God.” In John 3:3, Jesus says, “Except a man be born from above, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

Once we see that Christ is our reigning king, we can no longer support the lawless systems of man which operate upon the principle of “milk the public for all it’s worth, and destroy all opposition.” ...your adversary the devil (central government), as a roaring lion, walks about seeking whom he may devour; Whom resist steadfast in the faith... (1 Peter 5:8-9)

TEAR DOWN AND DON’T REBUILD

The concept of Christ’s reign, and the ecclesia system, is not easily grasped by people who have lived most of their lives brainwashed to follow the churches’ propaganda. It’s not that truth is elusive. Rather, people just have a hard time letting go of the delusion. But, they must let go!

The process of changing one’s mind about central government usually precipitates many questions. HOW DOES

CHURCH

Anyone may be excused for being a bit confused about the meaning of the word “church”; we use the word in so many ways. It means a particular building (e.g., “the church on fourth street”), a denomination or organized faith (e.g., the Reformed Church in America), and even a Sunday meeting (e.g., “Did you go to church today?”). None of these uses is particularly biblical. The church (ecclesia) is a basic NT theme, and we need to understand this meaning-filled word in its biblical sense.

In Greek culture, an *ekklesia* was a political assembly. By the fifth century B.C. *ekklesia* had come to mean an official gathering of the full citizens of a Greek city-state (*polis*) who were called together to make political and judicial decisions. The Greeks never used *ekklesia* to refer to religious fellowships.

Expository Dictionary Of Bible Words,
Zondervan Publishing House

AN ECCLESIA WORK? WHAT IS ITS STRUCTURE? HOW, EXACTLY, IS IT DIFFERENT FROM CENTRALIZED GOVERNMENT?

First, an admission. I am an iconoclast by definition. An iconoclast is a person who tears down icons. Icons are relics of worship; sacred cows, as it were, held in reverence by religion and religious people. An icon can be any sort of idol: a statue, a picture, a stained glass window in a church, a doctrine, an organization, a preacher, a government – or anything that is idolized and worshipped.

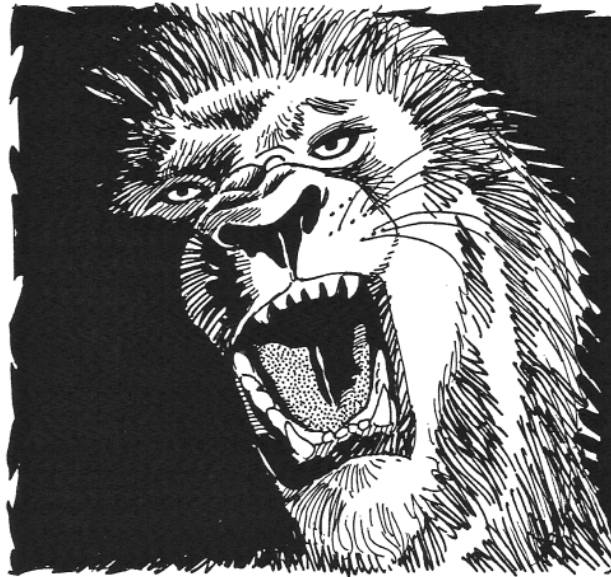
People love icons. I tear them down. And, in doing so, I make people mad at me. I incur the wrath of those who love their icons (idols). But this is what I am called to do. This is what I do best.

CHURCH is an icon/idol. So is CENTRAL GOVERNMENT. I'm tearing these idols down in the minds of Christians. I'm causing Christians to lose their reverence for them. As central government and the church system are dethroned in your mind, you find yourself thinking like a free man. Next you start acting like a free man. You suddenly realize that, up till now, you had never really understood the meaning of freedom. The feeling is wonderful! As the Psalmist said, "Truly the light is sweet!" BUT, the first steps can be bitter. People tend to get upset with me for belittling their cherished icons.

Church is an icon that must be thrown down. However, it is only a diversionary tool designed to keep slaves from discovering the true nature of central government. Central government is the thing that has usurped the ecclesia of God. "Church" is only subterfuge. The direct problem is central government. Central government uses the church system to help keep it camouflaged. "Church" is the front man for the big criminals.

Slavery minded people are quick to object to this. It takes time for their slavery mentality to wear down. We must not get discouraged by objections from new-comers. One of the objections I often hear from new-comers is: "Well, you can't just tear down our present government without replacing it with something. It is easy to tear down, but what do you propose to build in its place?"

Have you heard that one? It almost sounds sensible. But, the fact is, it simply doesn't apply to the subject of cen-



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(1 Peter 5:8-9)

tral government. When the Beast (central government) falls, should we replace it? I say no! Our ancestors failed to escape the Beast System because as one central government fell, they replaced it with another, and another, and another. And, I submit that they replaced one failure with another failure worse than the previous one.

The menace was not removed in the past because, as one demon was cast out, another greater demon was being ushered in to take its place. It is like a person saying "We need to get rid of the prisons in our land." and another person replying, "Well, we can't just tear down the prisons without replacing them with something!" Do you see the point? A prison is a prison – and prisons are bad. There are no good prisons. Why replace a prison system with another prison system when prisons are condemned by God?

When you cut out cancer, you don't replace it with something similar – as if the cancer had been filling a needed position. It is easy to see that prisons are evil and, therefore, when we tear them down we don't need to replace them. Rather, we need to tear them down and abandon the whole concept.

The same is true with central government. We not only have the wrong form of government ... we have about one million times too much of it. Our present government is not only evil, it is overgrown, abusive and top-heavy. It invades, and pervades, every nook and cranny in every business and home. It must be torn down and NOT replaced! It must be eliminated! We need some breathing room!

Understand that an ecclesia is NOT a replacement for central government. Rather, it is an alternative. I am NOT proposing that we REPLACE central government with ecclesiastical government. I'm proposing that we switch from slavery to freedom. I'm saying that we don't need a hoard of bureaucrats to control our lives for us. We don't need corporate national government to control the states. We don't need corporate state government to control the counties. We don't need corporate county government to control the cities. We don't need corporate city government to control businesses and citizens. We don't need corporate federal and state banks to control our money. We don't need corporate state schools to train our children. We don't need corporate central government on every level. We don't need the gigantic leviathan beast plundering us. We don't need the beast in every station of our lives. We don't need the beast that appears (claims to be) gentle like a lamb but speaks (rules) like the old dragon.

11. *And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spoke as a dragon.*
12. *And he exercises all the power of the first beast before him, and causes the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.*
13. *And he doeth great wonders...*
14. *And deceives them that dwell on the earth...*
15. *And he had power...*
16. *And he causes all, both small and*

great, rich and poor, free and bond,
to receive a mark in their right
hand, or in their foreheads:
17. And that no man might buy or sell
save he that had the mark...

Revelation 13:11-17

8. Be sober, be vigilant; because your
adversary the devil (central gov-
ernment), as a roaring lion walks
about seeking whom he may
devour;

9. Whom resist steadfast in the
faith...

1 Peter 5:8-9

15. As a roaring lion, and a ranging
bear; so is a wicked ruler over the
poor people.

Proverbs 28:15

24. Thou art the land that is not
cleansed, nor rained upon in the
day of indignation.

25. There is a conspiracy of her
prophets in the midst thereof, like a
roaring lion ravening the prey; they
have devoured souls; they have
taken the treasure and precious
things; they have made her many
widows in the midst thereof.

26. Her princes in the midst thereof
are like wolves ravening the prey,
to shed blood, and to destroy
souls, to get dishonest gain.

27. And her prophets have daubed
them with untempered mortar,
seeing vanity, and divining lies unto
them, saying, Thus says the Lord
God, when the Lord hath not
spoken.

28. The people of the land have used
oppression, and exercised robbery,
and have vexed the poor and
needy: yea, they have oppressed
the stranger wrongfully.

29. And I sought for a man among
them that should make up the
hedge, and stand in the gap before
me for the land, that I should not
destroy it: but I found none.

30. Therefore have I poured out mine
indignation upon them; I have
consumed them with the fire of my
wrath: their own way have I
recompensed upon their heads,
says the Lord God.

(Ezekiel 22:24-31)

Thus, Scripture describes the plun-
der and destruction caused by central
government in a land. By the same to-
ken, it also warns us of the added judg-
ment from God that falls upon our land
if we tolerate criminal government.

I am proposing that we drop cen-
tral government – cut it off at the roots
and let it die on the vine. It is parasitic
and cannot survive on its own, without
a host. All we have to do is stop volun-
teering to be its host. Stop donating our
blood to feed it. We must stop under-
writing the destroyers. We must start
developing independent Christian fami-
lies and communities.

Public dependence upon the beast
in Washington D.C. has been a grave
error. Central government sucks our
blood and tells us it is good for us. We
outgrew our supposed dependence on
leeches in medicine – why can't we out-
grow them in government? Why have
we been so gullible? Must we, like lem-
mings, never question the worn path
which leads us over the cliffs? Must we,
like ignorant, indulgent parents raising
a spoiled child, support a government
whose purpose is to harvest us like a
crop of wheat, or milk us like a herd of
cattle? Let it suck its own blood, instead
of ours, and see how long it survives.
Let the bloodsuckers get a real job, or
die of starvation! And, if they refuse, let
them know that we will not willingly and
blindly support them ever again!

Why replace that which we don't
need? Central government is our great-
est enemy. Anyone who says we must
replace it is either a fool or an enemy.

WHY FREEDOM SURVIVES IN ECCLESIAS

Ecclesias are the natural, healthy
form of community for man. It is not
just another form of control. It is not a
church. It is freedom and independence
at the local level.

But, someone may say, "Ecclesias-
tical government is defined in the law
dictionaries as a type of centralized gov-
ernment for churches." And, that is true.
Law dictionaries define "ecclesiastical"
from the viewpoint of the churches.
Churches have used the term wrongly
and the courts have upheld the lie for
obvious reasons.

A Christian ecclesia is built upon the
principle of INDEPENDENT SELF-
GOVERNMENT UNDER CHRIST (in-
dependent from men – not independent
from Christ). As a family unit works (in-
dependently and with the husband as
its head) so an ecclesia works on a larger
scale (with Christ as its head). This well-
known form of government was more
common in the past. It was called a

PATRIARCHAL SOCIETY. This civil as-
sociation (co-op) is the type we find in
the book of Judges when God was king
in Israel, and there were no human kings
ruling over them. Each individual, and
each family, were free, and personally
responsible, to do what they believed to
be right (Judges 21:25). Their leader-
ship was from the patriarch and judges.
God was the only Lawgiver as well as
the ultimate Judge. There was no cen-
tral government to tell them what to do,
and there was no church system to block
their thinking ability.

A patriarch is the leader of a
large family – by extension, a clan or
tribe. A clan, or tribe, may be large
enough to occupy a whole community.

When Joshua took the children of
Israel into the promised land it was di-
vided into 12 large parcels and appor-
tioned among the 12 clans (the families
of the 12 sons of Jacob). Each clan (tribe)
was its own community, and it was ap-
portioned land for inheritance. Each
tribe, with its land parcel, was led by its
own recognized patriarchs and judges.
The patriarchs and judges were also the
ones who periodically met, in Jerusa-
lem, with the patriarchs and judges of
the other tribes. There, they worked out
plans of cooperation with regard to na-

CHURCH

The English word "church" is
derived from the Gk. *kyriakos* (as in
kyriakon doma or *kyriake oikia*,
meaning "the Lord's house," i.e., a
place of worship).

"Church" in the N.T., however,
comes from Gk. *ekklesia* ...

Although we often speak of these
congregations collectively as "the
N.T. church" or "the early church," no
N.T. writer uses ekklesia in this way.

An *ekklesia* was a meeting or
assembly. Its most common use was
for the public assembly of citizens
duly summoned, which was a feature
of all the cities outside Judæa where
the gospel was planted (e.g. Acts
19:39); *ekklesia* was also used
among the Jews (LXX) for the
"congregation" of Israel which was
constituted at Sinai and assembled
before the Lord at the annual feasts
in the persons of its representative
males (Acts 7:38)

New Bible Dictionary
Tyndale House Publishers, Inc.,

tional affairs. The clans were bound by common need and goodwill – NOT by enforcement from a central government with a central army of mercenary thugs (police, central intelligence agencies, central taxing agencies, etc.).

The following quote illustrates the implied method of law enforcement in an ecclesia:

The term “church” was of later usage and not known in the early days. “Eta” in Aramaic means “group, or congregation, composed of elders and town counselors who generally arbitrate disputes and settle quarrels, and pass judgment on legal matters.”

Nomads, as well as inhabitants in small country places, are governed by a group of elders selected from among themselves. These elders are also members of the chief’s cabinet who advise on tribal matters. They sit in judgment and pronounce sentences of punishment.

When peaceful means fail to bring settlement between the parties involved, the case is brought before one or two of the Elders, and when the guilty is discovered, he is admonished and chastised or punished.

In the wilderness, Moses selected a group of elders to act as judges, but important cases were submitted to him as chief justice (Exodus 19:25; Deuteronomy 22:18). This custom still prevails in many Eastern countries where the Patriarch acts as chief justice, and the bishops and ministers are the judges. Smaller cases are arbitrated by lay members.

Gospel Light – from Aramaic on The Teachings of Jesus, by George Lamsa

The patriarchs and judges were NOT RULERS! They were businessmen and statesmen. They were farmers and fathers. They were community leaders. They were not RULERS! The people were free, and they gave their support freely – as it was deserved. By the same token, they freely withdrew their support when a particular leader proved untrustworthy. No central enforcement agency came to their doors with weapons to force them to pay taxes and register their spears and their children.

Tithes were given freely. They were not TAXED! Central governments tax! Free societies TITHE to support their leaders. There is a great difference. A tax is mandatory; a tithe is voluntary. Malachi refers to the voluntary-tithe

form of government:

8. *“Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? in tithes and offerings.*
9. *Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation.*
10. *Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.*
11. *And I will rebuke the devourer (central government) for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground: neither shall you vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the Lord of hosts.*
12. *And all nations shall call you blessed: for you shall be a delightful- some land, says the Lord of hosts.”*

Malachi 3:8-12

As this scripture plainly shows, the tithe is for the land; the nation. It is certainly NOT talking about sending money to a church organization! But preachers use this scripture to threaten and shame you into giving them your money. Here, again, the churches have misconstrued and misused scripture. This tithe is not for churches; not for temples; not for evangelists; not for TV ministries and saving souls from hell. It is for upholding the individual’s rights under the law of God and for upholding the sacredness of the family unit, the clan, the lands and the nations – and to insure that we have righteous leaders who protect the land, and don’t plunder the people. This is the patriarchal form of government.

In the New Testament scriptures, this form of society is called “the ecclesia.” It simply means THE BODY OF CALLED-OUT CHRISTIANS. It works the same as the Israelite tribes, or clans, worked in old Israel. They were called out of Egypt to form free families and communities within a free land. The 1st-century Christians, by the same token, were called out of the Roman system. We, today, are still being called out of the One-World beast system to form our own ecclesias (politically-independent, patriarchal-type communities under the reign of Christ).

CLEARING THE SUBTERFUGE

If this is true, and the ecclesia is actually a form of civil government rather than a church, then it would explain some things. For instance:

a) It would explain why national rulers put so much emphasis upon SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE. The powers of the state must remain superior over the church, and the Bible (God’s law) must be kept a safe distance from government.

b) It would explain why the rulers of the first century hated Jesus and his disciples. Jesus preached liberty, which was tantamount to a declaration of war against central government. He declared war on legalized slavery. Jesus stated His mission publicly, and one of His goals was to “SET THE CAPTIVES FREE”! Not just the captives in the jails of the central governments, but also (and especially) those held mentally captive by the brainwashing from central government and churches.

c) It would explain why central-government rulers murdered Jesus and His apostles. They were only doing what central-government rulers must do: GET CONTROL, HOLD ON TO IT AT ALL COSTS, AND GET RID OF ANYONE WHO POSES A THREAT TO THAT CONTROL. CENTRAL GOVERNMENTS ARE CONCERNED WITH ONE THING ONLY: THEIR OWN SELF-PRESERVATION!

d) And, it would explain the strange beast of Revelation 12 & 13. This dragon hated the “manchild,” that was about to be born. He fully intended to destroy the child.

This MANCHILD symbolized government by God, as manifested through Christ (i.e. the ecclesia). The DRAGON symbolized central government by man.

In chapter 12, verse 5, we are told that the ecclesia (MANCHILD) was to “SHEPHERD the nations with a staff of iron.” Christ’s kingdom government (the ecclesia) presented a great threat to dragon government. So, the dragon, being a beast of prey, simply tried to do what it had to do to survive: he tried to destroy the competition – i.e., the ecclesia. But, the last part of verse 5 tells us that the ecclesia (Christ and his system of government) was “caught away unto God’s throne.” In other words, Christ’s government became in-

vulnerable!

Even so, this beast system wasn't just any ordinary dragon government. It was portrayed as a CORPORATE beast – with several heads. In Revelation 17:18, this corporate beast is shown also to have one supreme ruler over all the heads. It says that "THE WOMAN" (Babylon) rules over the kings of the earth (i.e., she rules over the heads of the dragon). Back in chapter 13, we are warned that this beast was disguised to appear as a lamb. But, it spoke with the voice of the old dragon. In other words, this new form of government was not really new after all. It was only disguised to appear as if it were new. It was simply the old dragon government with a new twist.

The symbolism portrayed by this infamous beast perfectly fits the central government of the United States. It holds itself out to be a lamb, but its actions are those of the old dragon government of Rome, Europe, etc. It claims to be good, but its works are cruel and destructive. It speaks of liberty, but it enslaves. It speaks of justice, but it is wholly unjust. It speaks of rights, but demands licenses and fees. It claims to represent "we the people," but in truth it only watches out for itself.

WHAT CAN WE DO?

The answer is clear. We must remove ourselves as far as possible from the beast. How far can we remove ourselves from it? Well, it depends upon our individual circumstances and how things develop. At the very least we can withdraw our loyalties. We can certainly remove any and all feelings of dependency upon the beast. In most cases, we can also extract ourselves out of debt to the beast's usury-banking system by simply stopping our practice of borrowing from them at usury. This would include throwing away our credit cards and monthly credit accounts, and start dealing in cash only. If we refrain from spending that which we do not yet have, we will keep ourselves out of debt, and that will eventually show us the way out of slavery altogether.

Next, we should begin interpreting the political events in our nation, and in the world, as they really are – instead of accepting them as the media and politicians portray them. We should begin to recognize the criminal motives of central government. It is nothing more than

organized crime. It certainly is NOT a benevolent institution for the good of the people. We should educate our families to see the truth of the political events near us and around the world. And, if our children will do the same in each succeeding generation, truth and freedom will grow exponentially. Thus, the numbers of people who can SEE THE KINGDOM will grow with each succeeding generation. And, each generation will reach millions of others who will come to see the light. Eventually, the beast will starve and die!

This we will do by starting right now with our own families! Our families will grow into communities. And our communities will populate the land.

How, you may ask, will we prevent central government from encroaching again upon our communities? The answer is rather simple once you grasp it. We simply apply the law of Yahweh which commands us to prohibit the establishment of other gods (i.e. law systems) in our land. "Other gods" is a Bible term meaning "other governments." To prevent central government in our land, all we need to do is obey God's law which forbids any form of monopolization, centralization, state corporation, state licensing, standing armies (i.e., policemen) and any other tool of central control. Central government is the Babylonian model of government! It is organized crime! It is plunder. God's law forbids it. To guard against it, we only have to remember God's law and refuse to accept any form of central rulership among men.

The answer for establishing godly government is ... QUIT SEEKING A GOVERNMENT OF MEN. Stop lusting after a system which centralizes and amasses power. We (and our European and English ancestors) have had it all backwards up to now. We were brainwashed into thinking that freedom depended upon having a large central system of government. But, the truth is, freedom depends just the opposite.

Each individual needs to be responsible for defending his own rights and liberty. He can't hire mercenaries to do it for him. Mercenaries, in the end, take over the land.

How will we punish crime, you may ask? Who will enforce the law? Again, the answer is so simple we generally overlook it. Many prefer to overlook the answer because they shun responsibility. True freedom scares them. But the

answer is obvious.

Crime (i.e., sin) among men is the act of harming someone. Crime is committed against INDIVIDUALS. Crime cannot be committed against "a state" or "a nation" unless it harms at least one individual within that "state." Courts, today, claim to prosecute people for "crimes against the nation," or "the state." However, most prosecutions are for victimless crimes where the state cannot produce an individual victim of the alleged crime. The question we've been asking for a long time is simply this: how can "the state" be damaged without a single individual being damaged? That would be like accusing someone of damaging your body without injuring any of the cells.

Thus, in trials where the state is the plaintiff, the defendant is denied the right to face his victim – because there is none. No one was damaged! The court system is 100% heathen and unjust. It is tyranny, pure and simple.

In order for a real crime to have happened, it must be traced to at least one real victim. The accusation itself must be made by the damaged victim himself. It is the victim's right to accuse his attacker. It is not the duty of the state to do it for him – as the courts claim today!

The individual, himself, must defend himself from harm with all means available to him. And, when a crime has been committed, and an individual has been damaged, he must prove it in a court of law. Then he, himself, must enforce the punishment upon the defendant. The court will verify that he has the authority to enforce the punishment – but the court can't enforce it for him.

EKKLESIA (ἐκκλησία), from *ek*, out of, and *klesis*, a calling (*kaleo* to call), was used among the Greeks of a body of citizens gathered to discuss the affairs of State (Acts 19:39). In the Septuagint it was used to designate the gathering of Israel, summoned for any definite purpose, or a gathering regarded as representative of the whole nation.

(Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words, W.E. Vine, Zondervan Publishing)

"BUT THAT WOULD BE TAKING THE LAW INTO YOUR OWN HANDS!" you say. That is absolutely correct! Gods laws are designed for the individual. In fact, the individual is truly the ONLY one that can protect himself from damage. Police, even if they wanted to, cannot prevent crime – any more than a fireman can prevent fires. However, a sawed-off shotgun, or a 45 caliber pistol in the hand of a would-be victim, stops crime very effectively. It works without fail. Crime is committed by bullies and thieves. Bullies and thieves succeed only when their victims are unable to protect themselves or their property. However, even a 90-pound grandma can squeeze the trigger of a gun that can stop a bully. It has been said that "God created all men, but Samuel Colt made them equal."

Freedom requires the ability to defend yourself against those who would take freedom from you. For that reason, in a free land, there can be no monopolies on law enforcement. Each person must enforce the law. Godly courts (judges) can interpret the law, but only individuals should enforce it.

When people defend themselves, police and central government lose business. This they do not like! For that reason, Americans are programmed daily to NOT TAKE THE LAW INTO OUR OWN HANDS! After all, the bureaucrats need something to do. They want you to call the police and beg them to protect you. Then they want you to send a few reams of typewritten paper through their offices begging the courts for justice – something they know nothing of.

EC-CLE-SI'-A, n.; [L. *ecclesia*; Gr. *ekklesia*, an assembly of the people, from *ekkletos*, summoned; *ekkaleom*, to summon, call out.]

1. *The political assembly in the ancient Greek states, at which all free citizens could vote.*
2. *The early Greek and Latin name for the church; a congregation (This secondary definition reflects its subsequent incorrect adaptation to the churches).*

(Webster's New Twentieth Century Dictionary, 1957)

This gives them the appearance of doing something useful. This illusion is necessary if they are to keep collecting taxes for their plush salaries and retirements, and funding with which they hire lawyers and judges to entrap and prosecute you, and hire police thugs to beat you up.

Most patriots still think they are fighting Russians, as if the Russians were some kind of an immediate threat to our way of life. What nonsense! I've lived over 40 years in America and have yet to receive any noticeable damage from a Russian. However, our "capitalistic" central government has damaged me greatly – and continues daily. It steals from me; it oppresses me; it lies to me; it gives away my inheritance to foreigners; it brings other gods into my community; it enslaves my children. I am damaged in more ways than I can list by the American dragon power. My worst enemy is not in Moscow – it is in Washington D.C.!

Moscow has served as a straw-man; a diversion; subterfuge to divert our eyes off our real enemies in Washington D.C.

PATRIARCHAL GOVERNMENT

Godly government (Christian Self-Discipline) is quite different from central government. Detractors try to say that self government cannot work. They say it is insufficient by itself to keep order in a land. But, the Bible says otherwise. Logic says otherwise. Liberty demands otherwise!

The New Testament provides the following list of titles for leaders in ecclesias. Remember these are NOT offices on a church board. Jesus' kingdom is concerned with freedom in government and not with playing the useless game of church!

1. ELDER – [Gk. *presbuteros*] older man; someone with experience and wisdom (like a patriarch).

1. *Rebuke not an elder, but entreat him as a father; and the younger men as brethren.*

1 Timothy 5:1

("presbytery" = body of elders - 1 Tim. 4:14)

5. *For this cause I left you in Crete,*

that you should set in order the things that are wanting, and establish elders in each body politic (Gk "polis" = "body politic" [i.e., the civil body; an ecclesia]).

Titus 1:5

23. *And when they had appointed them elders in each ecclesia, and had prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord, on whom they believed.*

Acts 14:23

2. OVERSEER – [BISHOP; Gk. *episkopos*] – EPI (over) + SKOPOS (sight) = overseer; administrator; (a judge).

1. *...If a man desires the overseership, he desires a good work. An overseer then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, diligent, sober, of good behaviour, ...*

1 Timothy 3:1-7

7. *For an overseer must be blameless, as the steward of God; not self-pleasing, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre; ...*

Titus 1:7

[Overseers (judges) were picked from among the elders (patriarchs) of each ecclesia. Paul charges the overseers to protect the people against the "devil" of central government.]

1. *The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed:*
2. *Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind;*
3. *Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock.*

1 Peter 5:1-3

3. MINISTER – [GK. *DIAKONOS*] one who runs errands, a minister; a servant [erroneously transliterated "deacon," by churches, as an office of the church]. Ministers should serve essentially the same function as the ancient Levites.

8. *Ministers (deacons) must likewise be serious, not double-tongued,*

- not given to much wine, not greedy of wrongful gain.
9. Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience.
10. And let these also first be proved; then let them serve, being unaccusable.
12. Let the ministers be husbands of one wife, with upstanding children in their own houses as well.
13. For they that minister well acquire good to themselves and much testimony in faith which is in Christ Jesus.

1 Timothy 3:8-13

Timothy confirms that this lesson in government is about the ecclesia:

14. These things I am writing to you, hoping to come to you quickly.
15. But, in the event that I am slow, (I write this) in order that you may know how to conduct yourself in the house (i.e., kingdom) of god, which is the ecclesia of the living god, and pillar and ground of truth.

1 Timothy 3:14-15

I have likened Christ's ecclesia form of government to the patriarchal-type government we read about in the Old Scriptures. Each tribe (clan) was independent. This idea shouldn't be so foreign to us. Our Scottish cousins and ancestors have carried on the tradition of patriarchs and clans up to the present day – albeit, since Britain annexed Scotland into the United Kingdom, much of the Scottish heritage has been lost – along with their ecclesia clans.

But let me show you an example of an ecclesia at work. This example is actually a patriarchal clan:

11. And they (an invading army under four kings: Chedorlaomer, Tidal, Amraphel, and Arioch) took all the goods of Sodom and Gomorrah, and all their victuals, and went their way.
12. And they took Lot, Abram's brother's son, who dwelt in Sodom, and his goods, and departed.
13. And there came one that had escaped, and told Abram the Hebrew; for he dwelt in the plain of Mamre the Amorite, brother of Eshcol, and brother of Aner; and these were confederate (had agreed to cooperate) with Abram.
14. And when Abram heard that his brother was taken captive, he armed his trained servants, born in

his own house, three hundred and eighteen, and pursued them unto Dan.

15. And he divided himself against them, he and his servants, by night, and smote them, and pursued them unto Hobah, which is on the left hand of Damascus.
16. And he brought back all the goods, and also brought again his brother Lot, and his goods, and the women also, and the people.

Genesis 14:11-16

Abram's clan didn't ask for government authorization, or a permit, before taking care of the problem. Abram didn't expect the local police to enforce the law for him. He didn't ask permission to defend his family. He just did it! He and his own family enforced the law and defended themselves. Abram, the patriarch, took the law into his own hands and did what was right. This is the ecclesian way.

PLAYGROUNDS: TRAINING FOR SLAVERY

In forming ecclesias in our land, our biggest task will NOT be in organizing and institutionalizing. Rather, it will be in DE-ORGANIZING and DE-INSTITUTIONALIZING! Americans are programmed, organized, institutionalized, and herded around, from one game to another, until they don't know what's happening. They wouldn't know how to act if they didn't have a ruler herding them around like a bunch of steers.

Men and governments remind me of children on a playground at public school (Those of you who went to public schools should be able to relate to this.). When recess comes, the children run out to the playground, anxious to play... but someone has to decide which game to play.

One kid gets his way, and the others go along with him. If another kid manages to finagle his way into control, then everyone does what he says for a while. Thus, they change leaders again and again. There can be any number of games with different game rules. Each leader's set of rules represents a temporary government. Each leader represents a temporary ruler. This is the way of kids (and politicians).

Playgrounds are training arenas for slave children! It teaches them to follow

other children, and adopt other kids' ideas as their own for the sake of unity – so they can continue playing games. The greatest fear in the mind of the child is that the playing might stop. They don't want to stop playing. They will compromise anything, and even allow themselves to be cheated by another kid, if necessary, in order for the playing to continue.

This playground training infects the child's mind so deeply that he will never completely overcome it. A child who has gone to public school will have permanent damage to his mental faculties. It destroys individuality, self-government and self-confidence. It turns kids into "joiners," and sets them up for being obedient, conforming slaves of central government, and churches, when they grow up. It also provides early practical training for future politicians and church builders who will use the playground training to help them organize their own profit-making games when they are grownups playing "government" and "church."

Politics is a game – the big-league playground. A society which accepts central government is like kids addicted to game-playing. UNITY must be maintained for the sake of the games.

The politicians wait in the wings for their chance to advance to a more powerful position – like the children on the playground just waiting their chance to dictate their own rules to fit their own ambitions and prejudices, and to benefit themselves. The object is to make everyone else do what YOU want to do, and the rules are changeable at any time.

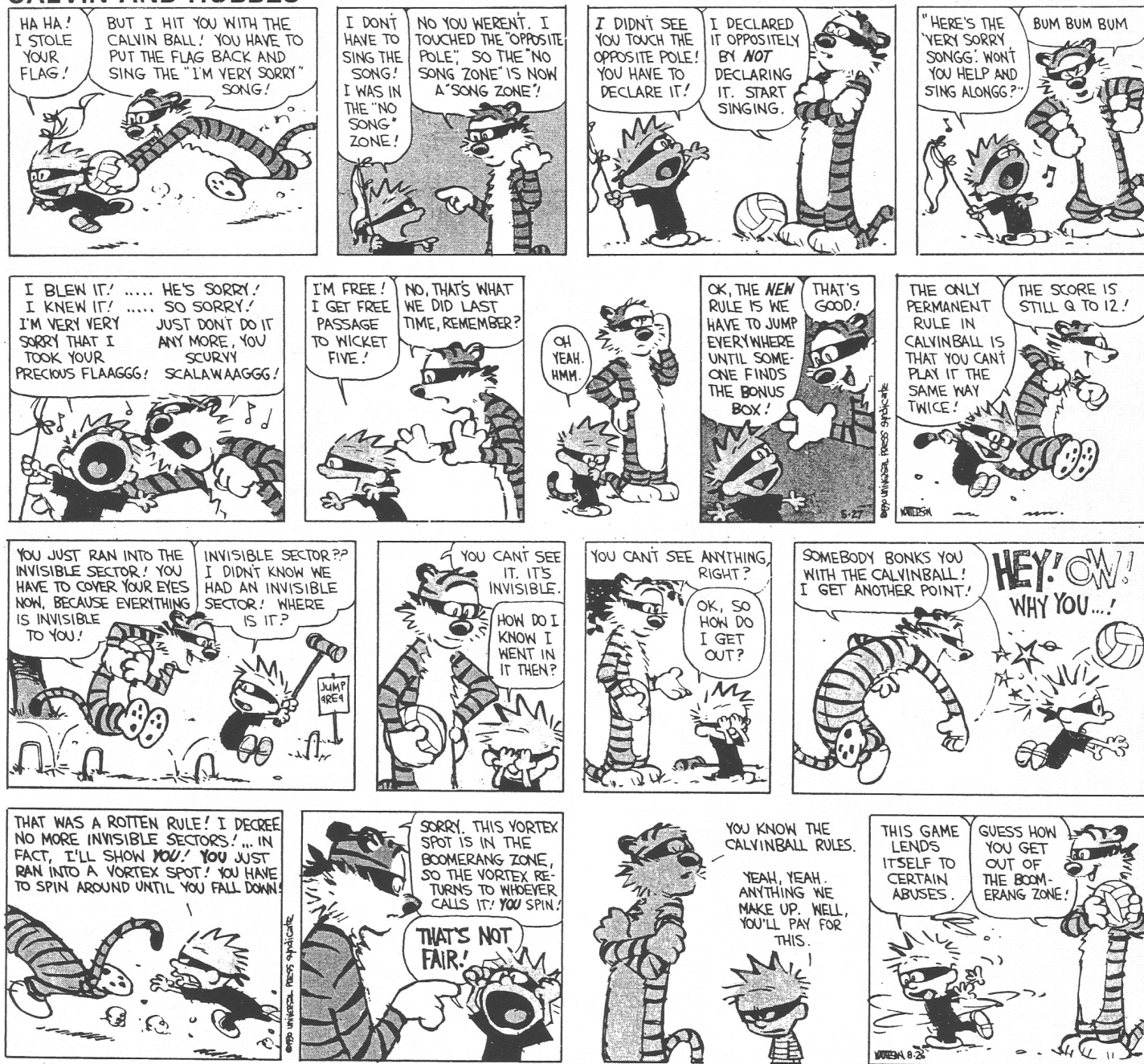
The priests, also, do their job of keeping the people exercised and in shape by inundating them with church programs. Also, there are other games like Rotary Club, Masonic Orders, etc. Such games are herd drills – good practice for the big-league.

The point is that we need to grow up and quit playing kid games. Americans have had central government games so long they don't know any other way to play. They wouldn't know what to do if the game stopped.

CONCLUSION

We must stop repeating the old habits of our ancestors. Remember how the Children of Israel were delivered,

CALVIN AND HOBBS



VERSIONS OF CALVIN BALL ARE PLAYED IN AMERICA'S COURTS, LEGISLATURES, AND CHURCHES.

through Moses, from the institutions and political slavery of Egypt? However, once they were free they looked around and realized that the illusions were gone. They were dumbfounded! They hadn't been free but a few days before they began to complain about the lack of government in their lives. They were hooked on the drug of government, and were having withdrawal symptoms.

Moses hadn't organized, institutionalized, and developed welfare games to

take the place of those which they had become addicted to back in Egypt. They didn't know how to function on their own. They wanted Moses to build another Egypt for them – only with a “kinder, gentler” slavery.

Americans are still there today! If we are to ever escape that vicious circle, we must stop thinking like kids on the playground. We are called to leave Babylon. We are not called to build another Babylon to replace the old one!

We should opt for the ecclesia, with

its patriarchal-type, free kingdom. And, as we work toward that, God will reveal more insight into its fulfillment.

In Fredrick Bastiat's classic book, *THE LAW*, the following quote describes the correct Christian attitude toward central government:

“Away with the whims of governmental administrators, their socialized projects, their centralization, their tariffs, their government schools, their state religions, their free credit, their bank

monopolies, their regulations, their restrictions, their equalization by taxation, and their pious moralizations!

And now that the legislators and do-gooders have so futilely inflicted so many systems upon society, may they finally end where they should have begun: **MAY THEY REJECT ALL SYSTEMS**, and try liberty; for liberty is an acknowledgment of faith in God and His works."

—THE LAW, Fredrick Bastiat

Fredrick Bastiat, a century and a half ago, described the basic tenets of the ecclesia! He simply called it "liberty." He correctly labels all who cannot kick the habit of central government as "faithless," in that they refuse to acknowledge Christ's Kingdom.

The Kingdom of Jesus has been planting seeds of freedom and indepen-

dence all over the world in every land where He pursued scattered Israel. These seeds have been growing steadily for centuries. They have been there growing, in spite of oppression from central governments. With all the scheming of the enemies, Christ's kingdom survives in thousands of locations.

7. Of the increase of this government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David.

Isaiah 9:7

Our greatest, and most urgent, mission today is to wake people up to the message of the Kingdom of Christ: to get them thinking about the Kingdom of God and how it applies to us right now! To do this, the people who have been sidetracked by the churches must be enlightened. They must be shaken

out of their stupor. If we must offend them, then so be it. Whatever it takes to break their hypnosis, we must do it.

As people begin to look out across the fields of wheat and tares, and as their eyes are opened to the Kingdom, they will begin to SEE the difference between ecclesias and churches. And, as the people see the difference, the charlatans and church builders will be exposed, and Christ and His Kingdom will take on new meaning to them.

But, I repeat – our task is NOT to organize and build a central system. Rather, it is to **DE-ORGANIZE AND STOP SUPPORTING A SYSTEM!**

This is the hope for freedom for our people. We need faith, a sincere spirit, and open eyes to see the Kingdom of God: that "City of God" – **the ecclesia**.

END OF PART 2 – WHAT IS THE ECCLESIA?



AMERICAN CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES