



# Allegiance





Allegiance To  
The Flag Has  
been done  
since the birth  
of our country  
in 1776



The duty of fidelity to one's king, government, or sovereign state. Devotion or loyalty to that which is entitled to obedience or service and respect.



# Allegiance to Christ Must Be First Place In Our Lives



But seek ye first the  
kingdom of God,  
and his right-  
eousness;  
and all these  
things shall be  
added unto you.  
~Matthew 6:33

## Luke 14:26

26 If any man come to me,  
and hate not his father, and  
mother, and wife, and  
children, and brethren, and  
sisters, yea, and his own  
life also, he cannot be my  
disciple.



**Our Primary  
Loyalty and  
Devotion Is To  
Christ  
and  
Secondarily To  
Other Things**

**We Have Problems  
When Our Allegiance To God  
Is  
Secondary and Not Primary**

# Relationships To The Government – Rom. 13:1-5





Why  
Are We As Christians  
Subject To The Powers That Be



# The Answer To That Is Found in Verse 5

*“conscience sake”*

(primary)

*“wrath’s sake”*

(secondary)

**Rom 13:5**

5Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake.



Mt. 22:21 - Acts 5:29

We Are Subject  
To  
*“God”*  
(primary)  
and to the  
*“powers that  
be”*  
(secondary)

# Husband – Wife Relationship



**“Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband” Eph. 5:32**

# The Wife Is Subject To Christ (primary) and To Her Husband (secondary)

**Col 3:18**

18Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as it is fit in the Lord.

# The Husband Loves Christ (primary) and His Wife (secondary)

## Col 3:19

19Husbands, love your wives, and be not bitter against them.

## 1 Peter 3:7

7Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered.

When Husbands and Wives  
Are Loyal To God  
They Will Be Loyal  
To Each Other

Marriage can be enriched and  
enhanced by Allegiance to  
Christ

# Parent - Children Relationship

## Eph 6:1-4



1Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right.

2Honour thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise;)

3That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.

4And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.



# Children's Obedience To Their Parents Is Taught Throughout The Bible



22”Hearken unto thy father that begat thee, and despise not thy mother when she is old.” Prov. 23:12

“Honor thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.” Ex. 20:12

The Children's Allegiance  
Should Be  
To The Lord (primary)  
and to Their Parents (secondary)

**Eph 6:1**

1Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right.

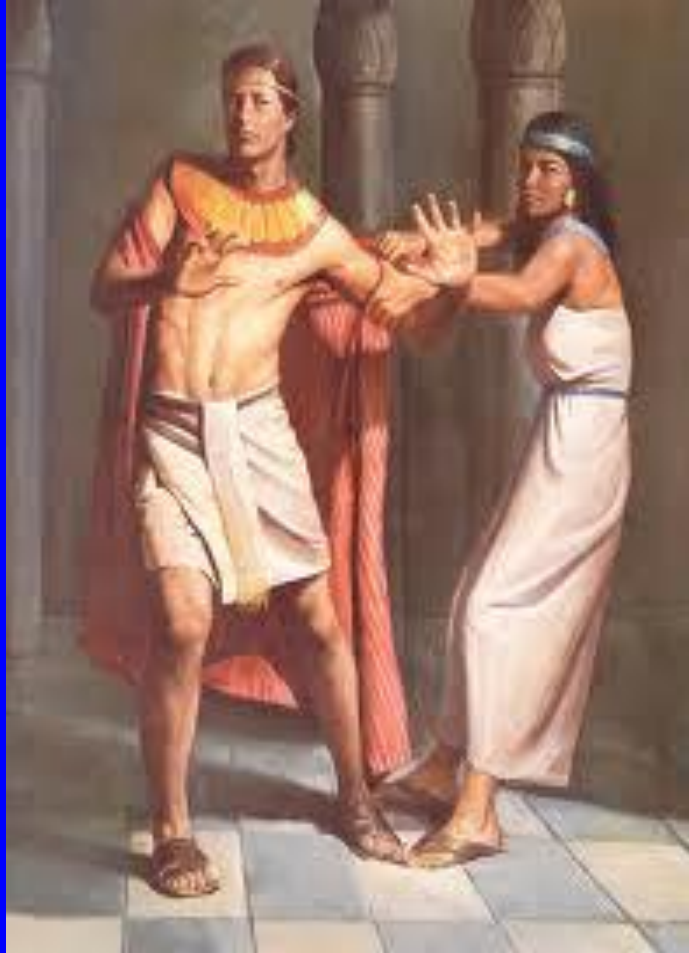
**Col 3:20**

20Children, obey your parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord.

**Some Children  
Become Spiritually Indifferent  
When They Leave Home  
This May Be  
Because We Have Instilled  
Obedience To Parents (primary)  
and to Christ (secondary)**

# Joseph As An Example

## Gen 39:7-9



7And it came to pass after these things, that his master's wife cast her eyes upon Joseph; and she said, Lie with me.

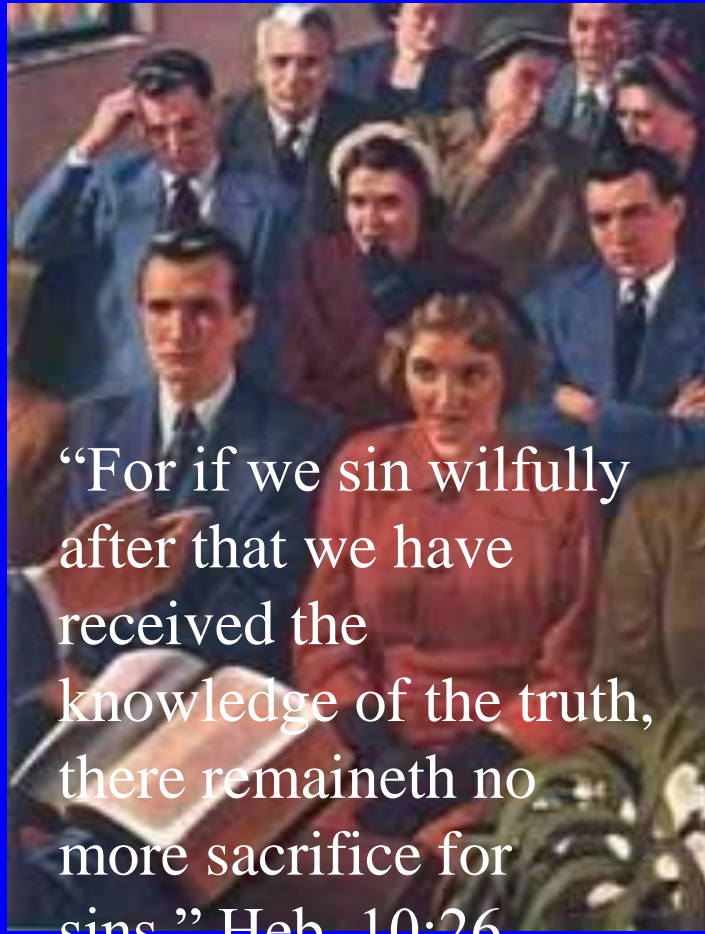
8But he refused, and said unto his master's wife, Behold, my master wotteth not what is with me in the house, and he hath committed all that he hath to my hand;

9There is none greater in this house than I; neither hath he kept back any thing from me but thee, because thou art his wife: how then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?

His Sin Would Be Against  
God (primary)  
and to His Master (secondary)

*Jacob Did Something Right*

# Local Church Relationship



“For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins.” Heb. 10:26

## Acts 2:42

42 And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

## Heb 10:25

25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

**Why Are We Constant**

**Why Do We Attend**

**Because We Love The Lord (primary)  
and  
Our Brethren (secondary)**

**1 John 1:7**

7But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

Unfaithfulness Is Seen  
When Our Devotion  
Is To A Group (primary)  
and to The Lord  
(secondary)



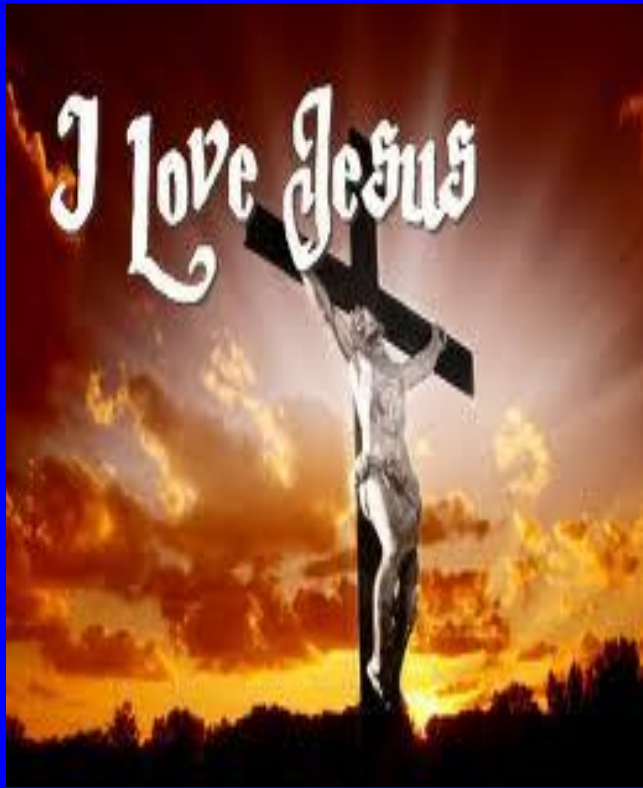
# We Are To Love Each Other



## 1 Peter 1:22

22 Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently:

# But Our Love To Christ Must Be Primary



**1 Cor 16:22**

22If any man love not  
the Lord Jesus Christ,  
let him be Anathema  
Maranatha.

We Will Be Faithful  
In All These Relationships  
Because Of Our Primary  
Devotion To God

**1 John 5:2-3**

2By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments.

3For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.

If Our Allegiance  
Is Not To God First  
Our Religion Is  
Shallow and Superficial

**2 Tim 3:5**

5Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

Will You Put Christ First  
In Your Life  
By Obeying Him  
Before All Others

**Luke 6:46**

46And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?