*Thursday, July 11, 2013*

**Mask**

Philippians 4:18-19 But I have all, and abound: I am full, having received of Epaphroditus the things which were sent from you, an odor of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, well pleasing to God. 19 But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus. (KJV)

We have been talking about masks this week, those things which veil and hide the truth from many who should know better; which is why God sent His Son our way, to unveil the truth. God promises to supply all and not just some of our need; however, that only happens when we do it His way. The reason many don’t know their true source is due to the fact that they walk more by outward, than inward sight.

Romans 13:1-3 Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. 2 Whosoever therefore resists the power resists the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation. 3 For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? Do that which is good, and thou shall have praise of the same: (KJV)

When you resist the power of God you end up in the damnation column, and not the winners circle. You find that somewhere along the line you got duped into something that wasn’t of God and were derailed.

Romans 13:4-6 For he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he bears not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil. 5 Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake. 6 For this cause pay ye tribute also: for they are God's ministers, attending continually upon this very thing. (KJV)

Hey preachers, while you are whining and fussing about a lack of support, did you know that God considers those that are firemen, policemen, and military His ministers also? With that in mind do you see what is required on our end concerning this matter? Yes, that would mean that we are definitely required to pay tribute which does mean taxes, something you need to embrace rather than turn away from.

Romans 13:7-8 Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honor to whom honor. 8 Owe no man anything, but to love one another: for he that loves another hath fulfilled the law. (KJV)

Bottom line, if your preacher is asking for support from his congregation, take a moment and ask him if he is paying his fair share in the form of custom, which are taxes. If not, then anyone of those people who are hiding under the guise of the 501-C3 tax loophole of man should not be someone you or any other Christian should be giving their support to.

Mark 12:14-17 And when they were come, they say unto him, Master, we know that thou art true, and cares for no man: for thou regards not the person of men, but teaches the way of God in truth: Is it lawful to give tribute to Caesar, or not? 15 Shall we give, or shall we not give? But he, knowing their hypocrisy, said unto them, why tempt ye me? Bring me a penny, that I may see it. 16 And they brought it. And he saith unto them, whose is this image and superscription? And they said unto him, Caesar's. 17 And Jesus answering said unto them, render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's. And they marveled at him. (KJV)

Take note of verse 15 which describes those that were trying to sidestep their tax obligations. We see the Lord put them in the category of hypocrites. Given the fact that the Lord is the same yesterday, today and forever what makes you think He is going to change His mind today? Also note that the Lord is crystal clear on the fact that we need to render to Caesar as well as to God. You can’t have one without the other.

God bless dearly loved, and have a prosperous day in Christ Jesus our Lord.