

Do you recognise God as your Sovereign in your Life?

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Those people who always attend Christian meetings would naturally believe in The Almighty God or otherwise they would not attend these meetings

However we must still constantly ask ourselves:-

Do I recognise The Almighty God as Sovereign in **my** life?

It is God's sovereignty and how it is reflected in our lives today - It is this matter that we must consider if we wish to be considered a **True** Christian.

Between approximately 300 to 1500 AD (known as the 'Dark Ages') the word 'Sovereign' was not defined nor understood. It was later defined in the 6th Book of the Republic as meaning:-

Absolute Rulership.

It initially meant "The King" but then it was transferred to Parliament. The monarch now only signs the 'Acts of Parliament' as a symbol of 'having the last word on the matter' but in reality the last time an Act did not receive a royal signature was back in 1707.

Many people would suggest that they are free from worrying about sovereignty. They say: It does not affect our life! But think how it does affect our lives!

We have television licences, car licence, MOTs, 3rd party insurance, what side we drive on the road; many diverse laws rule our lives.

Where do all these laws come from?

In the end these laws can be traced back as being originated from parliament. These are laws brought about as 'Acts of Parliament'

Hence the laws that pervade throughout every aspect of our lives are due to the fact that we are all subject to The Sovereignty of Parliament.

By living under these rules and regulations brought about from the enforcing of these Acts of Parliament, we are able to replace the word "sovereignty" with the word "authority".

And so it is with Yahweh God!

However the punishment from God for those who transgress His law is very different to the sort of punishment that any earthly parliament can authorise to suit their earthly laws.

I will now state that I believe:-

God created man as described in The Bible.

Why?

Because many people who call themselves Christians do not believe the account described as being true!

Gen. 1v27-28 So God created man in his own image, He created both male and female in the image of God. And God blessed them, and God said to them: Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the earth, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.

These words show us that God is extending His authority to mankind to administer the earth within His guidelines. We become responsible now for our actions between one another and over the whole of life on this earth!

This is a responsibility that we will some day - answer for!

This has been seen in an earthly sense when the monarch extends their power and authority to their representative.

An example would be, Queen Elizabeth 1st extending her power to Sir Walter Raleigh through a signed document and reciprocal handing over of a state in America called Virginia.

This is an example of a chain of authority extending through from The Originator to His/Her representative. The representative has to operate within the remit of the One who has given them the authority and power.

Almighty God has given this authority to have dominion and power over all life on this earth, to humans.

Unfortunately we have seen the results of this!

We are able to see the pollution of this earth and the human / animal suffering since God extended His authority to us. This started in the Garden of Eden when God said:-

You may eat of all the fruit of the trees in the garden except the fruit from the 'Tree of Good and Evil'.

At the time they did not know nor understand that this was a useful and very necessary instruction. To assist in this explanation we could think of an adult passing on to their child informed understanding which they must follow for their own good. This could be warning a child not to eat a poisonous plant.

Jesus did not presume or pre-empt any Law of God, the understanding and credit was always passed back to The Almighty God - his Father.

Taking the example of the child with a poisonous fruit who had been taught by their parents to beware of it.
But the neighbour sees the child and shouts over the fence:-

Use your own imagination, do what you want! Do not let rules and regulations bind you! Use the creations from your own mind! Just take what you wish; you are your own ruler!

This is effectively what Satan said to Adam and Eve!

Almighty God is such a Righteous Judge with ultimate Authority, Power and sovereignty, He is able to allow it to continue to a culmination where He will be able to step in and correct the situation by allowing righteous minded people (to include resurrected) eternal bliss. We must remember that He could have ended this plan immediately after the sinning of Adam and Eve (in which case we would not be here to read this article).

Another example would be if your child mixed with a rebellious, self-minded child of the neighbourhood.

You could say: Do not mix with that person again!

However this would not work. Your child would rebel and become deceitful. The best way would be to explain the situation and teach the child to beware of the pitfalls, experience the deceit and evil ways of this lawless child. So that your child can judge for them self what is right and wrong. Clearly you would keep a very close eye on your child to guide them daily. After the experience your child may realise the truth and turn away from that lawless child - if your ground work has been done!

If the lawless' child is much worse, then you must resort to saying:

"In my Judgement and Experience - You must listen to me and do as I say."

This would be based upon the good groundwork that hopefully you as a parent would have put in many years previously.

Your child will understand that your understanding is superior, and may appreciate that your motives are important to this understanding. Hopefully your child will recognise this again through the many years previous groundwork.

This complete example is so similar to God and us.

God could quite easily have said:-

I will exterminate the human race!

Or beat us into submission to maintain conformance!

God did not want zombies or robots.

He wanted His creation to have a free mind and worship Him through their actions and thoughts because they want to, for their own edification. It will be through our own free will that we wish to choose and hence do what God says.

Psa. 119v105 Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Psa. 51v5 Behold, I was brought in birth pains, and in sin did my mother conceive me.

This does not mean that my mother was sinning when she conceived me!

But rather, just as my parents were imperfect, so this imperfection was passed down through the faulty DNA into myself, because sin is 'missing the mark of perfection'. Hence perfection would be the works of a person who precisely follows God's laws - the only example of this on this earth would be Jesus Christ.

So apply this to us, do we desire to do what is perfect, when we choose between good and bad?

Ultimately the test is:

Do we voluntarily depend upon Almighty God for everything, and thus precisely follow the requirements dictated by His Laws?

We must also ask ourselves:-

Would I practice and maintain high Christian Standards if I was not a member of a True Christian Group in the form of an organised authority?

Compare this with the freedom that the authority enshrined with rulers of a country gives us. This can so easily change, unlike the freedom that God gives us!

In a military force where the soldiers give an oath to serve the state, how does this line up with God's law to serve your neighbour?

So ask yourself:-

Who are you loyal to?

Do you recognise that you are a sinner?

In recognising this, do you do your best not to sin?

Who is your loyalty directed to?

Noting that obedience and loyalty are very two difficult things!

How do you learn what is correct?

2Tim. 3v15-17 Knowing from whom you have learnt it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings which are able to instruct you for salvation through the faith of Christ Jesus.

To get mastery of a subject it means that you do not just read something **but** you must thoroughly study it. It means that you should concentrate on what you are reading and try to understand everything that you read. This will mean testing it within your mind to see if the content seems reasonable. If it does then try to remember it! Then apply it!

2Tim. 2v15 Do your utmost to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of the Truth.

The spirit of the world (being the organised ethos of self-indulgence managed by Satan) is very powerful!

It can be like the polluted air of Mexico City in the 1990's. This clearly damages your life/soul physically. But you also have the spiritual side of your life/soul.

This too can be damaged by the spiritual smog of this world!

There is not much that you can do to avoid it completely - just like the air that we breath!

But what you must do is stand firm in The Truth and use God's Word as a weapon just as Jesus was forced to do when Satan tested him. Just as Satan tested Jesus by suggesting that it would be best; to do the things suggested by Satan, we too are faced daily by suggestions to do things that 'would be best for us'.

For example –

Do your own thing! That is what is best for you!

Clearly this is very bad advice, it selfishly puts you at the top, when Jesus said that we should be the servant to others! You become 'big-headed' and this type of education puts your mind into a condition where you become unable to understand another person's position.

What will happen to these types of people who absolutely refuse to do God's Will and feel that they know best?

Rev. 16v16 And they assembled them at the place which is called in Hebrew “Armageddon”.

Rev. 19v19 And I saw the beast and the kings of the earth with their armies gathered to make war against him (*Jesus*) who sits upon the horse (= war machine) and against his army (*angelic host*).

This rather one sided fight will not last long!

So we see that Armageddon is a war between Satan and Almighty God (Jesus being the Leader of Almighty God's army).

Looking around us we can see how many people are affected by this spiritual independence.

These people may say to themselves:-

I do not need to know about Jesus or Almighty God – Yahweh/Jehovah.

I can always go to the church around the corner if I need too! **or**

I can do it myself, I can figure out the scriptures by myself.

The problem is that unless you become dedicated then you will never bother to find the time to do it !!!

It all fails!

The Bible tells us that we are judged not only on our faith but **also on our works**.

Another example of this independence would be the 'Women's Liberation Movement'.

This was started by the promiscuity of men, and in many cases the abuse of masculine power. Rising costs of the 80's, together with aggressive advertising have lead to demands of equal pay between sexes. This lead to a 'sisterhood' that became a cherished concept. The organisation became politically powerful, and then it began to fall apart, because some women strived for that political power and leadership that positional power gave. They made themselves no different to the men that they wanted to leave behind!

The Bible tells the men to assign honour to their wives (to **respect** their wishes) and wives to be submissive to their husbands. If this done then harmony would reign because of the complementary balance that this would bring.

A final example of this independence would be the 'Anti-authority' idea.

This begins in the home, perpetuated in the school years and finishes as an adult when we are encouraged by the media to demand our 'own rights'! But ignore the rights of society – thus promoting “selfishness” being the hall-mark of Satan's worldly system.

The resistance to the authority of teachers has been pointed to as one of the reasons why schools are failing.

This has been levelled at the children, teachers and the parents.

Basically it is assumed to be resistance to authority.

Extending this idea to self-government and autonomy.

The United Nations started off as 50 states in 1945. It was 150 in 1978 and now in 1994 (at the time of writing) it is 167 (*now in the year 2007 it is 192*). We see fragmentation of the world into many new states as the problems of the world become more complex and weightier - they all feel that they can get along better by themselves! (*As prophesied in Dan.2v42-43 being more fragmented countries becoming more 'bullish' at The End Times of The Gospel Age*). This can be likened to a weight placed upon glass. As the weight is increased, the glass becomes more fragmented.

Religion, too, can become fragmented due to this independence of action and this is something that we should be careful of, unless of course, it can be seen to contradict God's Word, then the True Christian must speak out giving examples and audit against what The Bible clearly states!

Psychiatrists, often show worldly examples of this spiritual misguidance. They often suggest that it is perfectly normal to be angry and take your aggression out on other things. Use as many swear words as possible, kick the wall, and be temporally unpleasant to get it out of your system. Clearly this is not good advice; it just reinforces the neuron connections within the brain that this is acceptable behaviour! Thus reinforcing a habitual way of life rather than coming to terms with it and adjusting your neural network. It is an independence of mind with no responsibility for your actions - clearly a bad start if we are to respect God's authority in the final New World of The Millennium!

Nationalism is a bad thing from a True Christian's point of view. Under God's Law we are all of one family, there is no nationalism. Where it shows its flaws is the enmity that nationalism brings in this one family. Clearly anything that violates God's Laws to break up the unity in this one family is doing the will of Satan! This nationalism becomes worse as fragmentation increases within this present worldly system. Beware of political statements from leaders. These statements may draw you into politics. When you become political, you become an worldly target for other worldly people to destroy. There have been numerous examples of this, especially in the third world. A religious person who stays out of politics normally will stay alive to preach God's Word the Bible (having God's protection). As soon as they move into worldly politics they often lose their life - There are numerous examples of this!

Being close to Caesar (*representing today's worldly system*) and not to God has many problems!

In 70 CE the Romans killed approximately one million people when Jerusalem was over-run. The Romans only allowed just under 100,000 to survive and leave the city!

It has happened before and can be seen throughout history. The Bible said it would happen then and it has prophesied that it will happen again when the beast will be destroyed at the end of this Satanic World.

Things like this can happen so quickly in political affairs. An example of this was in Canada. In 1942, a small indigenous group of Japanese were targeted by public organisations. The leader was pressurised by a single, but very strongly worded letter stating the concerns 'of the public'. After this it was decided that the Canadian people are not to deal or trade with these indigenous Japanese group. This is political fallout of a single action.

Acts 20v28 Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you guardians, to feed the church of the Lord that he obtained with his own blood.

The church ministers must pay attention to themselves and ensure that they are fit and worthy of God's Holy Spirit. Normally this means that we should not give undue prominence to ourselves and elevate our position (we must let God do that at the appointed time, being in The Millennium during the 2nd part of our life), but it should always be directed to The Almighty God - Yahweh/Jehovah. We must always acknowledge that Jesus Christ is The Head of the True church of the 144000 collected from out of The Gospel Age and will be The Leader of us all in The Millennium.

As True Christians, we await patiently that time imitating Jesus' lifestyle having a yearning in our hearts knowing that for this to occur we must accept the above comments as being true for us, and in so doing we know that we are giving The Ultimate Authority to The Almighty God - Yahweh/Jehovah.