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HYMNS FOR  
SUNDAY WORSHIP

## THE CHRISTIAN & THE GOVERNMENT (PART 2)

*Adapted from Truth For the World*

EVENTS, PRAYER REQUESTS, BIRTHDAYS  
& MEN-TO-SERVE SCHEDULE

## WE ARE HERE FOR YOU

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## Worthy Art Thou!

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Tillit S. Teddlie, 1930

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1. Wor - thy of praise is Christ our Re - deem - er; Wor - thy of glo - ry,  
 2. Lift up the voice in praise and de - vo - tion, Saints of all earth be -  
 3. Lord, may we come be - fore Thee with sing - ing, Filled with Thy Spir - it,

hon - or and pow'r! Wor - thy of all our soul's ad - o - ra - tion,  
 fore Him should bow; An - gels in heav - en wor - ship Him, say - ing,  
 wis - dom and pow'r; May we as - cribe Thee glo - ry and hon - or,

## CHORUS

Wor - thy art Thou! Wor - thy art Thou! Wor - thy of rich - es, bless - ings and  
 Wor - thy art Thou!

hon - or, Wor - thy of wis - dom, glo - ry and pow'r! Wor - thy of earth and

heav - en's thanks - giv - ing, Wor - thy art Thou! Wor - thy art Thou!  
 Wor - thy art Thou! art Thou!

## The Lord's My Shepherd

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Psalm 23

Arr., Francis Rous, 1646

Alt., *Scottish Psalter*, 1650

ORLINGTON

John Campbell, 1854

1. The Lord's my Shep - herd; I'll not want: He makes me down to  
 2. My soul He doth res - tore a - gain, And me to walk doth  
 3. Yea, tho' I walk in death's dark vale, Yet will I fear none  
 4. My ta - ble Thou hast fur - nish - ed In pres - ence of my  
 5. Good - ness and mer - cy all my life Shall sure - ly fol - low

lie In pas - tures green, He lead - eth me In  
 make With - in the paths of right - eous - ness, With -  
 ill; For Thou art with me, and Thy rod, For  
 foes; My head Thou dost with oil a - noint, My  
 me; And in God's house for ev - er - more, And

pas - tures green, He lead - eth me The qui - et wa - ters by.  
 in the paths of right - eous - ness, E'en for His own name's sake.  
 Thou art with me, and Thy rod And staff me com - fort still.  
 head Thou dost with oil a - noint, And my cup o - ver - flows.  
 in God's house for ev - er - more, My dwell - ing - place shall be.

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There Is Much to Do

LORD, SEND ME  
M. W. Spencer, 1893

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1. There is much to do, there's work on ev - 'ry hand, Hark! The cry for help comes  
 2. There's the plain - tive cry of mourn - ing souls dis - tressed, And the sigh of hearts who  
 3. There are hung' ring souls who cry a - loud for bread, With the bread of life they're  
 4. There are souls who lin - ger on the brink of woe, Lord, I must not, can - not

ring - ing thro' the land; Je - sus calls for reap - ers, I must ac - tive be,  
 seek but find no rest; These shoud have my love and ten - der sym - pa - thy,  
 long - ing to be fed; Shall they starve and fam - ish while a feast is free?  
 bear to let them go; Let me go and tell them, broth - er, turn and flee,

CHORUS

What wilt Thou, O Mas - ter? Here am I, send me. Here am  
 Read - y at Thy bid - ding, here am I, send me. Here am  
 I must be more faith - ful, here am I, send me. Here am I, send me,  
 Mas - ter, I would save them, here am I, send me.

I, Lord, send me,  
 Lord, send me, Here am I, send me, Lord, send me,

# HYMN #3

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Here am I, Ready at Thy bidding, Lord, send me.  
Here am I, send me, Lord, send me,

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a vocal line on the top staff and a piano accompaniment line on the bottom staff. The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The vocal line begins with a treble clef and contains the lyrics: "Here am I, Ready at Thy bidding, Lord, send me." followed by "Here am I, send me, Lord, send me,". The piano accompaniment line begins with a bass clef and provides harmonic support for the vocal line. The score concludes with a double bar line.

# CHRISTIAN'S RESPONSIBILITY TO THE GOVERNMENT

## (PART 2)

*Adapted from  
bro Chan Yong Yaw*

### Submission to Civil Laws

In our last post we looked at the fact that our God is our highest authority. He is the creator and the ruler of the world. We also noticed that God instituted earthly governments are commanded us to be subject to them. In this installment we will turn our attention to the responsibilities that God has given us in regards to our government. The first of these God ordained responsibilities is to subject ourselves to the governing authorities.

“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. Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they

that resist shall receive to themselves damnation” (Rom 13:1-2).

Paul charged Titus to instruct the church in Crete: “Put them in mind to be subject to principalities and powers, to obey magistrates, to be ready to every good work, To speak evil of no man, to be no brawlers, but gentle, shewing all meekness unto all men” (Tit 3:1-2).

Peter, too, wrote to the saints scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia:

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**SUBMIT YOURSELVES TO EVERY ORDINANCE OF MAN FOR THE LORD'S SAKE: WHETHER IT BE TO THE KING, AS SUPREME; OR UNTO GOVERNORS, AS UNTO THEM THAT ARE SENT BY HIM FOR THE PUNISHMENT OF EVILDOERS, AND FOR THE PRAISE OF THEM THAT DO WELL. FOR SO IS THE WILL OF GOD, THAT WITH WELL DOING YE MAY PUT TO SILENCE THE IGNORANCE OF FOOLISH MEN.**

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(1PE 2:13-15)

We have the responsibility to submit to the civil laws and to be ready to do good works. It is unbecoming of the children of God to speak evil of anyone. We are to show meekness, or courtesy, to everyone; and that certainly includes government officials.

Being law-abiding citizens is actually for our own good. We do want to live in peace with all men as much as possible.

“Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men. If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men” (Rom 12:17-18).

“

**FOLLOW PEACE WITH  
ALL MEN, AND  
HOLINESS, WITHOUT  
WHICH NO MAN  
SHALL SEE THE LORD**

”

(HEB 12:14)

(IPE 2:13-15)

By being law-abiding citizens, we “may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men.”

There may be people who think they are not obligated to a government they didn't vote for. The Bible does not grant that provision; we are instructed to submit whether we like the government or not.

In John 19, Jesus told Pilate that Pilate's power was given to him by God yet we see Jesus, even though He is the Son of God, submitting Himself to Pilate's power.

There are no perfect governments anywhere in the world. Still, we must submit to them as authorities put in place by God. The only time when we cannot obey the government is when its laws violate the Word of God.

“Did not we straitly command you that ye should not teach in this

name? and, behold, ye have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this man's blood upon us. Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men" (Acts 5:28-29).

The apostles were told by the rulers of the Jews not to preach the gospel, which was plainly against the Lord's Great Commission given to the church (cf. Mat 28:18-20). If the government forbids or

contradicts God's commands, then we must submit to God.

If, however, the need arises, let us resist the unjust law "with meekness and fear" (cf. 1Pe 3:15), and "speaking the truth in love" (cf. Eph 4:15).

In our next post we will look at another responsibility we have to our Governments, paying Taxes and Customs.






# Prayer Requests, Birthdays & Men-to-Serve Schedule



FIRST E-CHURCH EVENT  
**BIBLE QUIZ**  
 GEN 1-30  
 10 AUG, MON | 10AM

**SIGN UP BY TODAY!**

**HEALTH**

- Sis Baby's, sis Yeoh's, sis Rosalind's, sis Swee Inn's & bro Winston's health
- Sis Suan Kiang's, bro Eddy (JCOC)'s health
- Sis Jasmine Lim's mother's recovery from fractured ankle
- Yixian (sis Siew Siew's friend)'s recovery from her operation (removal of cyst) & her salvation.
- Claire (sis Rhui Yin's daughter)'s recovery from her fractured leg

**OVERSEAS**

- Bro Kenneth Liong & sis Iris in San Francisco



**PREGNANCY**

- Sis Melissa (Aug)



**NSF**

- Bro Shawn
- Bro Zachary
- Bro Wei Xiang




**THIS WEEK**

**12 Jul (Sun)** - Kim Tian & Lois  
**13 Jul (Mon)** - Victor  
**16 Jul (Thu)** - Emmanuel

**NEXT WEEK**

**20 Jul (Mon)** - Cynthia Tan  
**22 Jul (Wed)** - Sydney & Shawn  
**25 Jul (Sat)** - Jessica

<b>MEN-TO-SERVE (SUN)</b>	<b>12 JUL</b>	<b>19 JUL</b>
SONG LEADER & OPENING PRAYER	<b>ERNEST LAU</b>	<b>JONATHAN YANG</b>
SERMON TITLE	<b>STEPHANUS: THE ADDICTED MINISTER</b>	<b>EPAPHRAS: THE PRAYER WARRIOR</b>
PREACHER	<b>JIMMY LAU</b>	<b>ERNEST LAU</b>
LORD'S SUPPER, GIVING & CLOSING PRAYER	<b>ANDY LIN</b>	<b>ONG JUN WEI</b>
<b>MEN-TO-SERVE (THU)</b>	<b>16 JUL</b>	<b>23 JUL</b>
BIBLE CLASS TOPIC & TEACHER	<b>GENESIS 27 ERNEST LAU</b>	<b>GENESIS 28 ERNEST LAU</b>