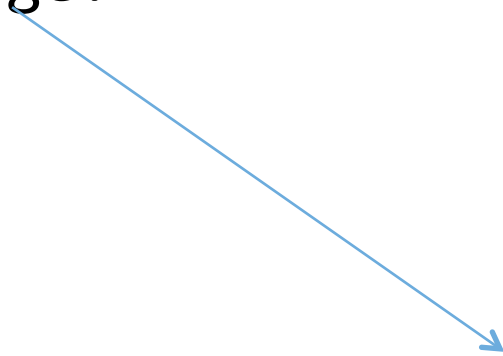


1. The Messiah in the Psalms
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3. God's Majesty in the Psalms
4. Motivation and comfort in the Psalms

Romans 2

21 Thou therefore which teachest another, teachest thou not thyself? thou that preachest a man should not steal, dost thou steal?

22 Thou that sayest a man should not commit adultery, dost thou commit adultery? thou that abhorrest idols, dost thou commit sacrilege?



i.e. temple robber (G2416)

Not unto us, O LORD, not unto us, but unto thy name give glory, for thy mercy, *and* for thy truth's sake.

- Ps 115:1

The LORD hath been **mindful** of us...

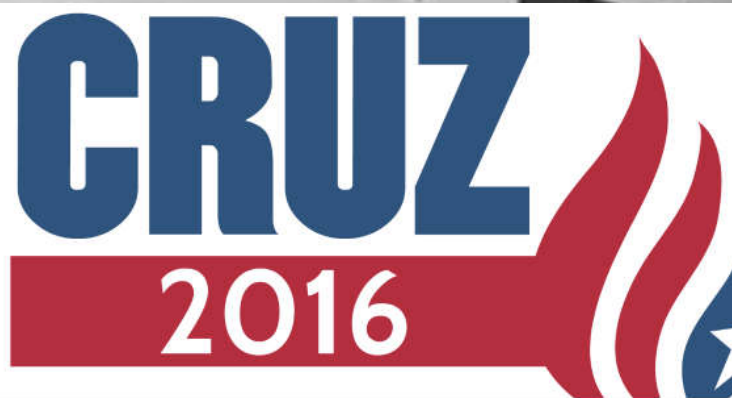


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Instruction on our relationship to the world

- Hebrews 11:10, 13-16
- John 18:36-37
- Ephesians 2:19
- 1 John 2:15
- James 4:4
- Daniel 4:17
- Romans 13:1

Their simplicity was offended by the use of oaths, by the pomp of magistracy, and by the active contention of public life; nor could their humane ignorance be convinced that it was lawful on any occasion to shed the blood of our fellow-creatures, either by the sword of justice, or by that of war... they cheerfully submitted to the authority of their Pagan governors. But while they inculcated the maxims of passive obedience, they refused to take any active part in the civil administration or the military defence of the empire...it was impossible that the Christians, without renouncing a more sacred duty, could assume the character of soldiers, of magistrates, or of princes.

This indolent, or even criminal disregard to the public welfare, exposed them to the contempt and reproaches of the Pagans who very frequently asked, what must be the fate of the empire, attacked on every side by the barbarians, if all mankind should adopt the pusillanimous sentiments of the new sect. To this insulting question the Christian apologists returned obscure and ambiguous answers, as they were unwilling to reveal the secret cause of their security; the expectation that, before the conversion of mankind was accomplished, war, government, the Roman empire, and the world itself, would be no more.

- Gibbon. History Of The Decline And Fall Of The Roman Empire



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2. We could not run for political office.
3. We would be subject to the laws of the land, but we could not hold an office in the judiciary.
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5. We could call for a policeman, but we could not be a policeman.
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The Sojourner Principle

If we were journeying in the country of Brazil, for example, even for a lengthy period, we would find that by definition of being a sojourner in that country we would hold a special status to the extent that:

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If we were a citizen of Brazil, the very opposite to the above list would be true.

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Thus in a sense we have a qualified dual citizenship. The higher heavenly citizenship is ours by choice, while the lower worldly citizenship is, as it were, thrust upon us. We believe that we must, at all cost, remain true to our heavenly citizenship at the expense of our earthly citizenship and at the expense, if necessary, of personal comfort and even life itself.

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- executeth judgment for the oppressed
- giveth food to the hungry
- looseth the prisoners
- opens the eyes of the blind
- raiseth them that are bowed down
- loveth the righteous
- preserveth the strangers
- relieveth the fatherless and widow:
- shall reign for ever

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2 He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart.

3 He that backbiteth not with his tongue, nor doeth evil to his neighbour, nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbour.

4 In whose eyes a vile person is contemned; but he honoureth them that fear the LORD. He that sweareth to his own hurt, and changeth not.

5 He that putteth not out his money to usury, nor taketh reward against the innocent. He that doeth these things shall never be moved.

