



# THE MESSENGER

## JULY 24, 2022

### NEWS AND NOTES

**Congregational Meeting**  
August 14

**Weekly Bible Studies**  
Tuesdays at 10 on Zoom  
Friday's at 12 on Zoom  
Saturday, 10, Panera  
(Georgetown)

**Times of Service**  
**Sunday**

Bible study: 9:45 AM  
Worship: 10:45 AM; 6 PM

**Wednesday**

Bible study: 7:30 PM  
(Immediately followed by a  
short worship service)

**First Friday of Month**  
**Singing**

August 5, 7:30

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### “THE THINGS THAT ARE GOD’S”

*So they asked him... “Is it lawful for us to give tribute to Caesar or not?” But he perceived their craftiness, and said to them, “Show me a denarius. Whose likeness (image—NKJ) and inscription does it have?” They said, “Caesar’s.” He said to them, “Then render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” And they were not able in the presence of the people to catch him in what he said, but marveling at his answer became quiet. (Luke 20:21-26)*

The enemies of Jesus were attempting to get him in trouble with Rome, the people, or both. Our Lord’s answer shows that fulfilling basic civic obligations is not inconsistent with one’s allegiance to God. Passages such as Romans 13:1-7 and 1 Peter 2:13-15 further emphasize this point.

However, there is a rarely noticed lesson here that revolves around the Lord’s use of the word “image.” The coins of the day were minted with images of Caesar upon them. He had them made, stamped his picture on them, and so in that sense they “belonged” to him. Jesus is instructing them to give Caesar that which is his.

Jesus then instructed them to give to God the things that are God’s. Having used Caesar’s image to show that he is owed his rightful due, Jesus intended for them to keep the “image” thought in mind. How might such a thought be applied to giving God His due? *Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness” ...So God created man*

## Members Needing Our Prayers

The Spivey family, Bobbie Atkisson, Gary Brown, Joyce Bolton, Julie Patton, Rick Small, Benny Poynter, Richard and Janet Brundige, Karen Spivey, Rhonda Boyd, Cindy Bradbury, Paul Atkisson

## Others Needing Prayers

Brian Mason, Ernestine Byers, Glen Perkins, Allison Walker, Dwight Antle, Randy Cates, Larry McTeer, Charlene Michael, Ann Little, Mary Jean Snyder, Mark Nickles, Adam Fusco Duane Harrod, Grace Meyer, Meredith Nicholson, Alice and Lonnie Anderson, Glen Perkins, Ethan Shelton, Terry Daniels, Leroy Weatherholt, Robert Brundige, John Blessing, William Roberts, Paul and Marrian Lyda, Dana and her children, Shane (a relative of Cindi), Ron Harmon

## To Our Guests

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*in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.” (Genesis 1:26-27)*

If their coins belonged to Caesar because his image was stamped upon them, then they belonged to God for they were made in His image. The point of this passage goes far beyond performing civic duty to performing our ultimate obligation to God. To give *His* due is to give ourselves for His image is stamped upon us in a much more profound way than a ruler on currency.

*Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness. (Psalm 29:1-2) What shall I render to the Lord for all his benefits to me? I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord, I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people. (Psalm 116:12-14)*

Would we render unto God that which is His? Then we must give Him everything we are. Anything less than is too little and fails to make proper return. (2 Chronicles 32:25) Let's purpose to live with this truth in mind every day of our lives.  
Adam Litmer

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