

## What belongs to God...

**“He said to them, ‘Whose image is this and whose inscription?’ They replied, ‘Caesar’s.’ At that he said to them, ‘Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.’” Matthew 22:20-21**

The things of this world are passing, they are not eternal, they remain subject and bound to this world. Money, possessions, society belong to this world. None of these we can take with us when we die; let this world keep the things of this world and let God hold and keep what He has created...you!

**“Behold, God’s dwelling is with the human race. He will dwell with them and they will be his people and God himself will always be with them as their God.” Revelation 21:3**

Why is it that we are so possessive of the things we own? Why do we obsess over material things and build up a stock pile of goods that we can never fully appreciate? We try to claim what is ours...what we own, because we want to feel that we are in control, we have power. God gives us the choice, we can give ourselves to Him and belong to love itself, or we can choose to belong to the world. The point is God doesn’t force us...He offers us eternal life. We have to ask ourselves is genuine freedom and real happiness and lasting peace, worth belonging to God?

**“Whoever belongs to God hears the words of God...” John 8:47**

What does it mean to belong to God? What are His terms? That’s the beauty of it, there are no terms. There is no annual fee, no membership to belong to God’s family and share in the love of that family. God gives us forgiveness and salvation from sin, without wanting anything in return. Whether you choose God or not, He has already chosen you and died for you. Do we hear His words of mercy and compassion? Do we hear what He is calling us to become?

**“And I have given them the glory you gave me, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may be brought to perfection as one...” John 17:22-23**

And I have given them the glory - the peace, mercy and love, to share forever with us in eternal life. But yet they still reject fullness of life beyond all imagination. They are stuck on the passing things of this world, on the empty promises of the flesh. Father, they turn from Us and yet, how much do We love them still? Enough to suffer and die for them...yes a thousand times over!

*God in heaven,  
show me the way to Your kingdom,  
through Your Word and Your servants.  
May I never turn a deaf ear to Your  
teachings and promises.  
May I not be blind to those around; remind  
me that I am called to be Christ to all, as all  
are called to be Christ to me.  
Help me to live not for the things of this  
world, but for the glory of life eternal.  
Create in me a Spirit of wisdom, discerning  
the roads that lead to You.*

*Amen*