

Matthew 22:15-22

Q&A

March 29, 2020 – Rev. Rick Lyon

Intro –

1 Thessalonians 5 - "In *everything* give thanks."

THE MOTIVE FOR THE QUESTION.

v. 15 - Then the Pharisees went and plotted how they might *entangle Him in His talk*.

THE MESSENGERS WHO BROUGHT THE QUESTION.

v. 16 - The Pharisees sent to Him their disciples with the Herodians...

John 15:18 - "If the world hates you, keep in mind that *it hated Me first*."

John 14:6 - "I am the way, the truth and the life, no one comes to the Father, but by Me."

Romans 10:2-3 - I testify about them that they're zealous for God, but their zeal isn't based on knowledge. They ignore the righteousness that comes from God, and seek instead to establish *their own righteousness*.

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John 3:19 - This is the verdict: The Light has come into the world, but men loved the darkness rather than the Light, because their deeds were evil. Everyone who does evil *hates the Light*, and doesn't come into the Light for fear that their deeds will be exposed.

v. 16 - They sent to Him their disciples with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that You're true, and teach the way of God in truth; nor do You care about anyone, for You don't regard the person of men.

v. 17 - "Tell us, therefore, what do You think? *Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?*”

Acts 5:37 - "Judas the Galilean appeared in the days of the census and led a band of people in revolt. He was killed, and all his followers were scattered."

THE MASTER'S REPLY TO THE QUESTION

v. 18 - **But Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said, “Why do you test Me, you hypocrites? Show Me the tax money.”** So they brought Him a denarius.

v. 20 - He said to them, “Whose image and inscription is this?” They said, "Caesar's." Jesus said to them, “Give to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and give to God the things that are God's."

Genesis 1:26-27 - Then God said, "Let Us make *man* in *Our image*..." So God created *man* in *His own image*, in the *image of God* He created him; male and female He created them."

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Ephesians 5:1-2 - Imitate God in everything you do, because you're His dear children. Walk in the way of love, *just as Christ loved us* and gave Himself up for us.

2 Cor. 3:18 - We're being transformed *into His likeness* with *ever-increasing* glory.

Romans 8:29 - Those He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son.

Romans 6:13 - Don't offer any part of yourself to sin as an instrument of wickedness, but rather *offer yourselves to God* as those who've been brought from death to life; and offer *every part of yourself* to Him as an instrument of righteousness.

1. Give your mind to God.

Phil. 4:8 - Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise.

2. Give your tongue to God.

Proverbs 18:21 - Life and death are in the power of the tongue.

Ephesians 4:29 - Don't let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.

3. Give your hands and feet to God.
