ever. Amen."

### THE GOSPEL TRUTH

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"Salute one another with an holy kiss. The churches of Christ salute you." Romans 16:16

FIRST CENTURY CHURCH IN THE 21ST CENTURY

MINISTER: MELVIN J. BRYANT II

#### **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**Announcements**: Matt Johnson **Opening Prayer**: Matt Johnson **Song Leader:** Devin Bryant

Second Prayer: Melvin J. Bryant III
Lord's Table: Clarance Proctor

Melvin Bryant III

Message: Melvin J. Bryant II

**Closing Prayer**: Alex Johnson

#### Attendance

Morning Hour: 13 Bible Class: 16 Worship: 21 Wednesday: 13

**Contribution**: \$937.00

#### **Weekly Service Times**

The Morning Hour 9:00am
Bible Class 10:00am
Morning Worship 11:00am
Wed. Evening Bible Classes 7:30pm

### The Morning Hour

- Announcements
- Prayer
- Song
- 25 Minute Study
- Card Writing/Mail Outs
- Prepare for 10:00am Bible Class

**Missions:** India & Childhaven

### **PLAN OF SALVATION**

- Taught by God John 6:45
- Believe John 8:24
- Repent Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30
  (Repentance entails counting the cost)
- ★ Confess Matthew 10:32-33
- ★ Be Baptized Matthew 28:18-20
- ★ Live a FAITHFUL life until death Revelation 2:10

# Are All Men Amenable

to the "Law of Christ?

**GALATIANS 6:2** 



# ONGOING HEALTH

Lea Overton (Jeff's mother), Sebastian and Erica Suarez, Ron McCurry (shut in-visits requested), Amy Brown, Polly Tunstall (Amy's mother), Ann Phillips, Harold and Dean Reeves, Mary Brock's daughter Potts/Williams family, Kilwonia Chandler, Barbara Helton, Vera Patrick, Mary Troup, Joanie Saporito, Charlie Griffin, Patty Dale, Daniel Welker (kidney transplant), Al Gattis (COPD), Shirley Glosson (radiation), Ben Westbrooks (leukemia), Anita Berger husband Rich, Sis. Carolyn, Ashley (Sis. Erica's sister) and her family, Sis. Dean, Sis. Proctor, Anita Berger.



- The Webb's family lost their daughter Kira and is in need of continual prayers.
- **Kwame** had a successful surgery and is in need of continual prayers as he heals from it. And, for his citizenship as he has applied for it.
- **Charlie** had surgery on his foot and has asked that we keep him in prayer that his health will improve.
- Garrison Ihle, the 5 month old baby of some friends of the Johnsons had his surgery.

  Please keep him and his family in our prayers.
- **Carolyn** is still in need of our continual prayer.
- Jerry Barber was released from the hospital last week for a blood clot on his lung. He's doing much better and thanks the congregation for their prayers.
- Ann Phillips is still in need of prayer.
- Ron McCurry has requested continued prayers for his son in law.
- Mary Matthews, the aunt of Sis. Traci Bryant is being treated for cancer. Let us keep her lifted in prayer.
- **Brother Melvin** has a co-worker, Dondrea Clay who is in need of prayers as she was injured on the job.

### BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES & NEWS

September Birthdays

Sebastian - 2nd Joanie Saporito - 16th Anita Berger - 27th

Anniversaries

Melvin & Traci Bryant - 23rd

Hiram Church News

Sis. Becky will be conducting a ladies class each first Monday of the month. All women are encouraged to attend.

Local Church News

Sept. 15-19th – Lithia Springs Gospel Meeting with Robby Eversole. Sept. 15-19th – Gospel Meeting at Cedartown, Leroy Dedmon, speaker.

World Church News

Traveling

Sis. Pudgy

Hiram Church of Christ News

Our water is fixed in the back and Fellowship dinner will resume the last Sunday of each month. Please plan to stay.

# "The Amenability of All Men to the Law of Christ" 1 Corinthians 9:19-23

### By Melvin J. Bryant II

In any nation, whether you are in America, Japan, Iran or Russia, men are under some governmental law! I am willing to guarantee that you can't go into any nation and behave the way you want to (that is) commit ANY crime you desire and there not be some law and punishment for your hoodlum behavior! For instance:

- You're not going over to Russia and then choose to steal in that country and when caught, there is not going to be some type penalty for your crime! *Equally* so, you're not going to be here in the U.S.A. and commit crime and when caught, there is not going to be some penalty for your action!
- Now, in our country fornication is a crime! In Georgia, Fornication O.C.G.A. code 16-6-18 is a misdemeanor and a violator could incur a fine up to \$1000.00!
- In the state of Mississippi, Code 97-29-1, when people engage in fornication, they shall be fined in ANY sum not more than \$500.00 EACH, And imprisoned in the county jail not more than 6 months!
- *However*, under the law of Christ, Fornication is A SIN and is punishable by God where He will send one to hell for committing it according to 1 Corinthians 6:9-10!
- Now, man may STRIKE down sins like these and even change the law in Georgia, Mississippi, Florida or anywhere else on fornication, stealing and anything else, BUT; God's law has NOT changed at all since Christ Law came into effect! These things are STILL Sin in the sight of God! But here is the problem....In our nation, we are not executing evil quick enough! The Bible records in Ecclesiastes 8:11, "Because the sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil." Now, Solomon had noted in 3:16 and 4:1 that wickedness is not always punished! He mentioned that the wicked had access to the Holy Place, to change their ways, but they didn't and are praised in the city where they practiced wickedness! He said in Ecclesiastes 8:12 that the wicked man can do evil 100 TIMES and his days are prolonged by man, BUT verse 13 tells us that it WILL NOT be the case with God! ALL MEN are Amenable to the Laws of God!

#### I. AMENABLE

- A. Merriam-Webster defines "Amenable" as, one who is "liable, to be brought to account!"
- B. The Free Dictionary online defines "Amenable" as one who is, "Responsive to advice, authority or suggestion. One who is Responsible to Higher Authority Accountable!"
- C. Now there are Synonyms for the word "Amenable" which are "Obedient and Responsible!"
- D. Jesus is KING of Kings and LORD of Lords (1 Timothy 6:15; Revelation 19:16), and since this is true, are all men amenable to the laws of the King?
  - Jesus has ALL authority (Matthew 28:18-20; Luke 24:46-47).
  - ALL souls belongs to God (Ezekiel 18:4), therefore, all souls are amenable to Him.
- E. If man was NOT under the rule or commands of God, GOD could NOT punish them! (cf. Romans 4:15)! BUT since God has set up LAW in which man must obey and they CHOOSE not to, then God has every right to PUNISH mankind for going against His will!

#### II. ALL MEN ARE AMENABLE BECAUSE ALL MEN ARE REQUIRED TO REPENT

- A. "IF" you're a citizen of any nation here on earth, whether you're in the Unites States, Canada, Russia, Japan or ANYWHERE on the earth, God's LAW (which is the Higher Law of ALL laws) requires that you "Repent" and "SINCE" you're subject to Repent, you're subject to be obedient to God's Law! (see Acts 17:30)!
- B. Christ will Judge the World (see Acts 17:31).

• Christ has AUTHORITY over ALL MEN whether they want to submit to Him or not!

## III. SINCE THE WORLD IS AMENABLE TO GOD'S LAW, MAN IS REQUIRED TO OBEY ALL OF HIS LAW?!

- A. Under the Mosaic regime, the children of Israel were required to keep certain laws! *Nevertheless*, Mankind is NOT under the Mosaic law today and it should not be kept! (see Galatians 5:1-6).
  - There were some men in Acts 15:1 that came down from Judea and they taught a doctrine that was under the Mosaic regime which stated, "Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, (that is the law of Moses) you cannot be saved."
  - Now, at ONE time, that was TRUE, but ONLY for the children of Israel! That did NOT apply to the Moabites, it didn't apply to the Hivites, it didn't apply to the Amorites, the Canaanites or any other "ites" OR Nation during the Mosaic regime! (see Leviticus 12:1-3). God was speaking to ISRAEL (verse 1) NOT all of mankind then!
  - So, when those certain men came down from Judea and taught the brethren in Acts 15:1, "Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved" was teaching a LAW that: (a) Did NOT pertain to them; (b) NOR to the brethren! And; (c) NOR to ANYONE THEN OR TODAY!
  - Therefore today, Circumcision NOR Uncircumcision avails anything and when one makes an attempt to be justified by the Mosaic Law, you have fallen from Grace! (Galatians 5:4)!

### IV. WHAT MAKES A JEW TODAY?

- A. Romans 2:28-29
  - One is NOT a Jew because of his outward appearance! Just because a man wears a yarmulke does NOT make him a Jew! The same is true is a man wears a chicken suit on the side of the road does NOT make him a chicken!
  - NOR is one a Jew if he is circumcised in the flesh, although this was LAW for the children of Israel at one time (cf. Leviticus 12:3)!
  - One is a JEW from the Obedience of God's Law, (the Law of Christ Galatians 6:2 or the Royal law James 2:8) and NOT of the letter NOR requirements of the Mosaic law!
  - "Since" the world is Amenable to God's (or Christs' law), he is subject to keep the whole law! James 2:10 tells us, "For whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one point, he is guilty of all."
  - Be encouraged brethren, Until the last Amen....

Sermon Notes