

## **"How Then, Will We Live?" Part 2 "Without a Sense of Privilege!"**

**Following Up...** Have to unlock our kingdom potential for the times we are living in! **Demographics changing radically/NOW!** Influx brings change in environment! Driving out on Monday morning, 5:00 am. Light traffic going north... Two lane stream coming south... While Brazosport putting on a new face... *A child in mom's clothes and makeup!* A certain naiveté that is both attractive and easy to take advantage of!

### **Core changes ahead for our nation!**

**S.D., Georgia, N.C. "bathroom bill" overturned/business and celebrity heat!** 'The Boss,' "raising my voice in opposition to those who continue *to push us backwards...*" [dailyheadlines.net/archives/31001](http://dailyheadlines.net/archives/31001) Van Zandt: "HB2 is an evil virus spreading across the nation..." YT: "Women: decide for yourselves" **God's Not Dead 2?** Teachers answer of a student's question regarding the likeness of Jesus teaching with Ghandi's and Martin Luther King's teachings... turns into lawsuit! Dr. Joan Bowman: "I sit in on meetings just like that, right here in Texas!" It's really happening, and worse! **GO SEE THE MOVIE! Terror-filled times!** What a flood of hatred and stress from ISIS, the Taliban and Boko Haram! Russian Fly-by's/Korean armament build up! **Seduction of American Youth...** Topic we're going to open in an all adult setting, end of May!

**This is a prime time for the church... a revival time... if God's people are "prepared to give an account of the hope that is within them!"**

**Sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asks you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear..." 1Peter 3.15**

**Set God in the center of your hearts! Always be ready to give the reason why you live the way you do, in the hope you have, sharing with meekness and fear..." 1Peter 3.15**

**And it's the job of clergy to keep you updated, inspired and ready to speak up, for the times we live in!**

**How Then Will We Live? A Biblical Question...** "Seeing that everything we see will be dissolved, *what manner of person should we be* in holy lifestyles and devotion to God while looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, which will dissolve the heavens with fire and melt the elements of the earth with fervent heat?" **2Pet 3.11,12**

**Unpacking...** "Seeing then that all these things we see around us *are already being* dissolved... what sort of people should we be? ...with which of the forces at work should we align? ...shouldn't we be stepping up in the matters of holy conduct and devotion to God and His causes?"

**"Want to see them all in!" -Sam, unsaved**

**Serving the world in love? Praying thru the hard times of life without complaint? Granting forgiveness without first requiring satisfaction? Obeying despite the suffering? Carrying the burdens of those weaker? *Fulfilling the mission so others may live?* Drawing near to God and doing everything He says?**

**How Then Will We Live? Like Jesus...** "Let this mind be in you that was in Jesus, who being in the form of God, made Himself of no reputation and took on Him the form of a servant. In the likeness of men He humbled Himself and became obedient unto death, which is why God highly exalted Him with a name

above all others. Work out your salvation with fear and trembling *for God is working in you* to do His good pleasure... do it all without murmuring... to be blameless and genuine in a crooked and perverse world, shining as lights!" **Phil 2.5-ff**

**"Get this mindset in you that was in Jesus who, being God, *didn't live to make a reputation for Himself* but to be a servant. As one of us, He humbled Himself and became obedient to God for a lifetime, which is why God highly exalted Him with a name above all others. So, walk out your salvation with fear and trembling *for God is working in you to do His will...* do what you need to do without complaining to show you are a blameless and genuine follower in a bent and distorted world, illuminating the way!" Phil 2.5-ff**

**Unlike the Religious...** "Who do their good works then blow a trumpet to draw the attention and glory of men..." **Mt 6.2ff** *Praying* in public to be seen... Fasting and letting it show to be perceived as devout... "Who bind heavy burdens on others shoulders but don't lift a finger to carry them themselves..." **Mt 23.3ff** "who love the uppermost rooms at the feasts and the choice seats and the high greetings in public places..."

**But the greatest among you will be servant to all; exalt yourself and down you go. Humble yourself and you will be exalted!" Matthew 23.3ff**

**How Then Will We Live? How about humbly... without a "sense of privilege?"**

***Of course, we are a privileged people... freedoms of salvation, blessings of inheritance, benefits of grace...*** But a huge chasm between being grace-full sons and daughters and presumptuous, demanding, even tyrannical, children!

**Sense of Privilege?** Jesus didn't come to be served! Get Me this! Get Me that! *GET ME!* He didn't come to be "seen!" And that made His light brighter! He did great things and didn't blow His own horn! He didn't ask others to do anything He didn't, wouldn't, do! And He never exercised His rights, privileges, asked for "favors" or special treatment...

**Special treatment...** A right or status exercised aside from, to the exclusion of and detriment of others! "*Privilegium: law for one person!*" A special advantage, immunity or exemption based on position, title! No one gets "special immunity," a "special deal," or the exercise of "special rights..." "Of a truth, I perceive that God is no respecter of persons!" –**Peter, A10.34**

**Remembrance... is what keeps true privilege from becoming ugly presumption! That doesn't mean you can't think highly of yourself... it means you can't think that you're higher than others! "By the grace of God we are what we are and His grace bestowed on us should not be in vain... or for vanity!" 1Cor 15.10**

**What does this look like...** "Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good. Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor preferring one another..." **Romans 12.8** **This requires expressions of genuine love...** Any who live in hatred or unforgiveness should doubt their understanding of the Cross or salvation! ***Wrong sense of privilege!*** **A consciousness of God as our Father!** He ordains the adoptions, not us! He judges between brothers! ***Exclusion is the wrong sense of privilege!*** This is opposition to "self-seeking..." It requires certain courtesy... ***And acts of service...***

**How Then Will We Live? All life in God begins with Jesus trait of humility – setting aside rights, "privilege" and special treatment to serve mankind!**