INTRODUCTION
1. In this text Jesus answers the Pharisee's question that was asked in verse 17.
2. Jesus said some things belong to Caesar and some things belong to God.
3. Let us look at some things we owe Caesar or to Government.
   (1) We must obey the Laws of the Land -- Rom. 13:1.
       a. If these laws do not conflict with God's law -- Acts 5: 29.
   (2) We must pay taxes -- Rom. 13: 6 - 7.
   (3) We should pray for rulers -- I Tim. 2: 1- 2.
4. Now, let us study some things that belong to God and Christ -- we must respect ownership.

I. THE APOSTLES BELONG TO CHRIST
1. "And He ordained twelve, that they should be with Him, and that He might send them forth to preach" -- Mark 3: 14; Matt. 10:5; Matt. 28: 19 - 20.
2. John 15:16
3. I Tim. 2:7
4. John 17: 6, 9 - 10
5. His apostles have no successors -- Matt. 19:28
   a. They are His ambassadors -- I Cor. 5: 18 - 30; Matt. 18:18.
6. No man today can claim to be a successor of the Apostles.

II. ALL AUTHORITY BELONGS TO CHRIST
1. "All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth" -- Matt. 28:18 (NKJV); I Pet. 3:22.
2. "There is one lawgiver" -- James 4:12.
3. He is God's spokesman-- Heb. 1: 1- 2; Matt. 17:5.
4. He is the HEAD of the church -- Eph. 1: 22 - 23.
6. No one else has any authority:
   (1) The Pope in Rome has been given NO AUTHORITY.
   (2) Conventions of men have NO AUTHORITY.
   (3) Preachers have NO AUTHORITY -- I Cor. 4:6.
   (4) Creeds have NO AUTHORITY.

III. THE CHURCH BELONGS TO CHRIST
1. Jesus said to Peter, "And upon this rock I will build my church" -- Matt. 16:18.
2. Heb. 8:2 -- "Of the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, and not man."
3. I Tim. 3:15; John 17:10
5. Eph. 5: 25
6. I Cor. 1:2
7. The church does not belong to any man -- Rom. 16:16.

IV. GLORY BELONGS TO GOD
1. We are to GLORIFY GOD in the church -- Eph. 3:21.
2. We are to GLORIFY GOD with good works -- Matt. 5:16.
3. We are to GLORIFY GOD in the name "Christian" -- I Pet. 4:16.
4. We are to GLORIFY GOD in our body and in our spirit -- I Cor. 6:20; Rom. 12:1.
5. We are to GLORIFY GOD with one mind and one mouth -- Rom. 15:6

V. VENGEANCE BELONGS TO THE LORD
1. Heb. 10:30
2. Rom. 12:19
3. Vengeance does not belong to man

VI. THE LORD'S SUPPER BELONGS TO THE LORD.
1. It is the Lord's because he instituted it -- Matt. 28:26 - 28.
2. It is to be observed in remembrance of Christ's death -- I Cor. 11:23 - 26.
3. It is to be eaten on the first day of every week -- Acts 20:7.
4. Since the Lord's Supper belongs to the Lord, we should partake of it as He has directed.

VII. WORSHIP BELONGS TO GOD
3. Angels are not to be worshipped -- Rev. 22:8 - 9.
5. Christ has authorized five items of worship:
   (1) Teaching -- Acts 20:7; Acts 2:42
   (2) Praying -- Acts 2:42
   (3) Giving -- I Cor. 16:1 - 2
   (4) Lord's Supper -- Acts 2:42; 20:7
   (5) Singing -- Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16.

VIII. "SALVATION BELONGETH UNTO THE LORD" -- Psa. 3:8; Psa. 51:12
1. No man, or group of men, can decide what the plan of salvation will be -- for it belongs to the Lord, and He has already decided the plan -- Eph. 3:9 - 11.
2. Pardon takes place in God's mind when men meet His terms of pardon -- Isa. 55:7.
3. God's plan is simple and involves:
   (1) Hearing the gospel -- Rom. 10:17.
   (2) Believing -- Mk. 16:16; John 8:24.
   (3) Repentance -- Acts 2:38.
   (4) Confession of one's faith in Christ -- Acts 8:37.
   (5) Baptism -- Mk. 16:16; Rom. 6:3 - 4.
4. Faithful living must follow obedience to the gospel plan of salvation -- Rom. 6:4; Rev. 2:10.
5. God's plan of salvation for the child of God who sins:
   (2) Repentance, confession, and prayer.

CONCLUSION
1. One great lesson man must learn is that what belongs to God must be left alone -- man must not change the things of God -- Deut. 4: 2.
2. Do you enjoy the salvation of the Lord today?
3. Won't you obey the gospel?

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