

Good News From Chardon

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From Heaven Or From Men?

Jesus respected the question of authority. On the morning after He drove the merchants and money changers out of the temple, the Sanhedrin demanded to know, "By what authority are you doing these things? Or who is he who gave You this authority?" (Luke 20:2). They viewed the temple as their own domain, and they certainly hadn't given Jesus permission to teach there, much less to regulate what occurred on temple grounds. After all, He had not graduated from rabbinical school, so they viewed Him as a presumptuous intruder.

Jesus didn't deny the need for authority, but neither did He accept their demand for human approval. In an absolutely brilliant maneuver, Jesus changed the focus to divine authority and the Sanhedrin's total lack of fitness to judge His credentials. He asked a simple multiple-choice question: "The baptism of John – was it from heaven or from men?" (Luke 20:4).

The Sanhedrin certainly hadn't approved John's work. He had rebuked some of them, calling them a generation of vipers! (Matthew 3:7). The people, however, correctly counted John to be a prophet (thus having authority from God in heaven). Since the Sanhedrin feared the people, they refused to state their true convictions that John's authority was from men, that is, he was acting on his own. Instead, they claimed not to know, thereby confessing themselves unfit to judge Jesus' source of authority.

We should follow Jesus' example of asking not for human authority, but for divine authority. Every teaching and practice should be put to the test: "Is this from heaven or from men?" Let us teach and do what God authorizes in His word while rejecting all that lacks divine sanction!

Joe Slater of the Church of Christ in Justin, TX

GOSPEL MEETING WEEK SCHEDULE

Sunday, Sept. 17, 2023

10:00 am—Boldness by the Blood

11:00 am—The Christian Family

Afternoon—It's Great to be a Christian

Monday, Sept. 18, 2023

7:00 pm—The Church that Jesus Built

Tuesday, Sept. 19, 2023

7:00 pm—Some Cannot Be Saved

Wednesday, Sept. 20, 2023

7:00 pm—Why Make a Fuss

Thursday, Sept. 21, 2023

7:00 pm—What Difference Does it Make?

Schedule of Services

Greeting: Mark

Song Leader: Dale

Opening Hymn:

578—This Is My Father's World

Opening Prayer: Tom

Hymn:

346—Hold To God's Unchanging Hand

Scripture Reading: Ryan

Luke 20:19-26

Hymn:

28—My Jesus, I Love You

Lord's Supper: Robert

Hymn:

459—The Gloryland Way

Sermon: Mark

Invitation Hymn:

605—Just As I Am

Closing Hymn:

100—Take My Life, And Let It Be

Closing Prayer: Ray

Mark your calendar!
September 17th
Gospel Meeting / Pot Luck
Speaker: Mark Lance
from Louisiana

CALENDAR

Aug. 27—Bible study 10 am, Worship 11 am
Speaker Mark

Aug. 29—Ladies bible study at Nina's

Sept. 1—Juanita

Sept. 2—Nina

Sept. 3—Bible study 10 am, Worship 11 am
Speaker Mark. Business meeting

Sept. 4—(b) Austin

Sept. 5—David

Sept. 6—Zarna

Sept. 10—Bible study 10 am, Worship 11 am
Speaker Tom

Check bulletin board for events in the area & other news

SUNDAY: Bible Study—10:00 am, Worship—11:00 am

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From God

Luke 20:19-26

WORD LIST

ACCEPT	ANSWER	AUTHORITY
CEASAR	CHIEF	CRAFTY
DELIVER	FEARED	FEIGN
GOVERNOR	HANDS	HOUR
IMAGE	LAWFUL	LUKE
MARVEL	MASTER	PARABLE
PEACE	PENNY	PEOPLE
PERCEIVE	POWER	PRIEST
RIGHTLY	SCRIBES	SPIES
SPOKEN	TEACH	TEMP
TRIBUTE	WATCH	WORDS

U E R S F L F H S P E A C E T
W K L E C E W O P J V C V P G
T A I P I R L U I G I Z E I N
T H T G O R I R E U E C R Z D
C Y N C D E E B S H C A E T M
T L B A H D P V E A R U W A G
R T D E R A E F I S E G S R O
I H W K S D R O W L P T N E V
B G V U O N R A S A E C A W E
U I H L E V R A M R M D H O R
T R O K P P R I E S T A G P N
E G O P A R A B L E N P A K O
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I M A G E A U T H O R I T Y T

Luke 20:19-26

¹⁹ And the chief priests and the scribes the same hour sought to lay hands on him; and they feared the people: for they perceived that he had spoken this parable against them. ²⁰ And they watched him, and sent forth spies, which should feign themselves just men, that they might take hold of his words, that so they might deliver him unto the power and authority of the governor. ²¹ And they asked him, saying, Master, we know that thou sayest and teachest rightly, neither acceptest thou the person of any, but teachest the way of God truly: ²² Is it lawful for us to give tribute unto Caesar, or no? ²³ But he perceived their craftiness, and said unto them, Why tempt ye me? ²⁴ Shew me a penny. Whose image and superscription hath it? They answered and said, Caesar's. ²⁵ And he said unto them, Render therefore unto Caesar the things which be Caesar's, and unto God the things which be God's. ²⁶ And they could not take hold of his words before the people: and they marvelled at his answer, and held their peace.

PRAYER LIST

Mynda's sisters-in-law Father's health. As she travels and school starts up
Nina health issues
Mark and **Debbie** as they travel. **Mark's** heart and back. Ron's son-in-law **Bob**
Roberta, doing Bible study with Tom
Bonnie as she travels. grandsons **Devin & Dakota**
Wanda's migraines; son **Allen**, sisters **Lorraine & Joyce**. Her niece **Nikki** in bad accident
Mary and family. Mary's friend **Aubrey's** pregnancy.
Kathy, is home. Her sister and friends.
Linda's health, **Tiffany's** health & stress & family
Zarna and her family
Juanita, is at Briar Hill rehab room 100, her sister **Betty** and the rest of her family.
Ray and **Barbara** and their family.
Dale's health issues, headaches and his family. His **Mother's** breathing issue.. Brother in Christ **Darrell's** surgery. His **Aunt Rosie's** heart and lungs. Cousin with heart issues. 7 year old girl, **Lucie**, with leukemia.
Ray's new medication and his family.
Rebecca's right knee injuries & illness
Steven digestive tests & illness
Pat fell & injured her arm and is home recovering.
Rylan, 10 year old. Urgent brain surgery is home recovering
Robert's friend with cancer
Randy health issues
Brenda's sister **Linda** and sister-in-law **Linda** as they struggle with cancer. Her son **Mark** heart, granddaughter **Amanda**
Mike and **Debra** as they travel and return to Florida