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GOD'S LAW FOR CHRISTIANS SAYS: "And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as *is* the manner of some, but exhorting *one another*, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching. For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins" **(Hebrews 10:24-26 NKJV)**

TO ASSEMBLE: "TOGETHER AS A CHURCH," "IN ONE PLACE" (1 CORINTHIANS 11:18, 20)

TO SING: "SPEAKING TO ONE ANOTHER" (EPHESIANS 5:19)

TO "GREET ONE ANOTHER WITH A KISS OF LOVE" (1 PETER 5:14)

TO GIVE "ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK" (1 CORINTHIANS 16:2)

Christians may make whatever judgments that are necessary in order to obey God's Concerns, but cannot remove or ignore these concerns. Nothing in the world should have precedence over what is pleasing to God!

GOVERNMENTS ARE UNDER THE LAW OF GOD:

"Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God. Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves. For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil. Do you want to be unafraid of the authority? Do what is good, and you will have praise from the same. For he is God's minister to you for good. But if you do evil, be afraid; for he does not bear the sword in vain; for he is God's minister, an avenger to execute wrath on him who practices evil. Therefore you must be subject, not only because of wrath but also for conscience' sake. For because of this you also pay taxes, for they are God's ministers attending continually to this very thing." (Romans 13:1-6 NKJV)

American Government is ALSO under the Law Of The Land:

Amendment I

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances." (*U. S. Constitution*)

AS LONG AS CONGRESS DOESN'T MAKE IT A "LAW," PEOPLE SEEM TO THINK A GOVERNMENT AGENCY'S SUGGESTION CAN HAVE THE FORCE OF LAW AND BE ENFORCED!!! GOVERNMENT DOES NOT HAVE AUTHORITY OVER GOD'S LAW AT ANY TIME!

JESUS REMINDED PILATE, WHO WAS REPRESENTING ROMAN LAW:

"Then Pilate said to Him, 'Are You not speaking to me? Do You not know that I have power to crucify You, and power to release You?' Jesus answered, 'You could have no power at all against Me unless it had been given you from above. Therefore the one who delivered Me to you has the greater sin.' From then on Pilate sought to release Him, but the Jews cried out, saying, 'If you let this Man go, you are not Caesar's friend. Whoever makes himself a king speaks against Caesar.' (**John 19:10-12** NKJV)

THE APOSTLES REMINDED RELIGIOUS LEADERS:

"Then the captain went with the officers and brought them without violence, for they feared the people, lest they should be stoned. And when they had brought them, they set *them* before the council. And the high priest asked them, saying, 'Did we not strictly

command you not to teach in this name? And look, you have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this Man's blood on us!' But Peter and the other apostles answered and said: 'We ought to obey God rather than men.'" (**Acts 5:26-29** NKJV)

NEVER CAN MEN ORDER CHRISTIANS TO NOT WORSHIP GOD! THE ONLY DISCUSSION IS WHETHER IT IS IN A PUBLIC PLACE OR A PRIVATE HOME!

----John T. Polk II