

Seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf; for in its welfare you will have welfare. **Jeremiah 29:7**

Store In My Heart 2Timothy 4:18

The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Note where Paul expected to find safety. We often seek safety among our brethren and our possessions. Paul knew safety was only found in *"his heavenly kingdom."* He did not call for God to deliver him safely into the hands of his brethren. Or bring him through this trial safely and allow him to return home.

Seeking safety on Earth will bring disappointment. There is nothing wrong with a desire to be among brethren, or even to take advantage of the quietness and shelter we may have in our home. There is something wrong when we getting so focused on these that we lose sight of the only place where we will find safety and rest from all the evil that is around us. Heaven is our only safe place.



All Are Under Christ's Law!

Dan Henderson

"He who rejects me, and does not receive my sayings, has one who judges him; the word I spoke is what will judge him at the last day." **John 12:48**

The above verse makes very clear how we are to prepare ourselves for judgment. There is only one judge, and He has given us the law we must follow. Notice also that there are none that are excluded by the language used by the Judge of all mankind. The verse specifically mentions those that do not heed or follow the Word of the Judge. This includes all who have not given themselves to the service of our Lord.

There are many today that would try to convince us that the Law of Christ is not applicable to the non-Christian. Jesus here said the very word they have rejected will be used to judge their actions. Others teach that only a portion of the word applies to those outside the Body of Christ. They teach that one outside of Christ must only heed the portion of Christ's words that are necessary to enter the Body. To these only words which teach belief, repentance, confession, and baptism apply to the non-Christian. Words from Jesus which teach regarding Holy living are only applicable to those in Christ.

Where is such teaching in the Holy Scriptures? I cannot find it. It is certainly not found in the above verse. Jesus said *"the word that I have spoken"* will be used in judgment. One area where this idea is prominent is regarding divorce. There are a

number of 'brethren' who teach that Scripture teaching regarding divorce only applies to those who have obeyed the Gospel. They would have us believe that Jesus gave a command for all men in **Luke 13:3** *"I tell you, no, but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish."* Yet His message in **Luke 16:18** *"Everyone who divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery, and he who marries one who is divorced from a husband commits adultery"* only applies to those in the family of God. Will men be judged according to how they followed what was spoken in **Luke 3** but not what was spoken in **Luke 16**? Where is the Scripture that teaches such? There are many men which teach such, but I have yet to find a Scripture which teaches that idea. I have found the verse at the beginning of this article, and it teaches just the opposite of what these 'brethren' would have us believe. Do not be deceived. All of the Lord's Word is applicable to all of mankind. Jesus was given *"all authority" "in heaven and on earth."* **Matthew 28:18** He is *"King of kings and Lord of lords,"* **1Timothy 6:15**

"These are in accordance with the working of the strength of His might which He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. And He put all things in subjection under His feet, and gave Him as head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all." **Ephesians 1:20-23** (emp. mine DLH)

Teaching which allows men and women to remain in their sinful condition even after being buried into Christ cannot find its authority in Scripture. Scripture applies to all men and any other teaching will lead men and women to eternal torment. All must submit to the authority given to Christ by God.

(Study Carefully. Pray Diligently. Trust In The Lord For Understanding. DLH)

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For Our Information

JoBeth Henderson will have surgery for her breast cancer Monday July 6. She has to be at Baptist Hospital Little Rock by 5:30 am with surgery scheduled for 7:30 am. She will have about 7 weeks of radiation treatment once she recovers from surgery.

Ruben Keisler will have elbow surgery July 13. He has some tests upcoming preparing for that.

Tommy Robinson should see his doctor again this month.

Sunday @ 5 - **Isaiah 64** Wednesday @ 7 - **Revelation 22**

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