**Christians Relationship with the Government**

Introduction. Kim Davis is the Rowan clerk. She refuses to give marriage licenses to homosexual couples wanting to get married. This has brought a lot of response from "Christians” and “non-Christians.”

**I) Charges of Hypocrisy**

**A) Do “Christians” sometimes pick and choose their passages? .**

1. As Christians we are to , **2 Timothy 2.15.**

a. Distinction between the Law and Christ, **Rom. 8.1-2**, **Matt. 23.23-24.**

2. We are accountable to all of the Law of Christ, **James 2.8-12.**

**B) Problem of non-Christians and their hypocrisy. Micah 6.8.**

1. Often the ungodly will have unjust "balances". **Zephaniah 3.5.**

**II) Distinction Between the State and The Church.**

**A) The State (government)**

1. Ordained by God, **Romans 13.1-2.**

2. Primary duty to protect the and punish the , **Romans 13.3-4.**

3. We are to pay taxes, and give honor to whom honor is due, **Romans 13.5-7.**

4. We are to obey its laws unless it , **Acts 4.19-20; 5.29**

5. Pray for our , **1 Timothy 2.1-2a.**

6. Specifically we are to pray for **1 Timothy 2.2b.**

7. We are citizens of this country but it is not our primary citizenship, **Phil. 3.20**

**B) The church**

1. Is the of Christ, **Ephesians 1.22-23;** by God, **Ephesians 1.3ff;** Composed of the , **Acts 2.47;** Preaches the Gospel, **1 Thess. 1.8ff; e**difies the saints, **Acts 2.42, h**elps the , **Acts 4.34-35.**

**C) The Christian**

1. Is to be the salt and light of the world, **Matthew 7.13-14.**

2. To stand for the , **Jude 3.**

**D) We have to make the distinction between and compelling.**

1. **Daniel 1** and **Daniel 3**.

2. **Revelation 13.15**. Emperor worship

**III) Questions We Need To Ask Ourselvs**

**A) Are we willing to stand up for what we believe?**

**B) Would we be willing to quit our job?**

**C) Would we be willing to be ostracized?**

**D) Would we be willing to go to prison?**

**IV) Final Observation**

**A) We still have the freedom to decide who we work for, to leave or stay.**

**B) There is a push to get all resemblance of Christianity out of the government.**

**Proverbs 14.34**

Conclusion: Governments of men come and go. The one thing that stands is the kingdom of God. Our citizenship is in heaven, or is it? **Revelation 14.13.**