

# EASTERN SHORE CHURCH OF CHRIST

JULY 26, 2020



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## Elders

Sid Chupek  
Scott Kelly  
John Langham  
Jonathan Ling

## Deacons

Chad Chupek  
Tim Kenney  
Scott Lloyd

## Sunday

Bible Class 9 AM  
Worship 10 AM  
Worship 5 PM

## Wednesday

Bible Study 7 PM

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## Today's Sermon

### Overwhelming Victory

1 John 5:1-5

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. <sup>2</sup>By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. <sup>3</sup>For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. <sup>4</sup>For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. <sup>5</sup>Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

**1 John 5:1-5 ESV**

## A Note from the Elders

Due to the governor's order, and because of increasing cases of COVID, the elders have determined that we will canceling all in-person meetings until further notice. We will stream Sunday morning and ZOOM everything else.

**The following sessions are being held on Zoom:**

**Sunday:**

**Ladies Bible Class:** 5 PM with Cindy Hatcher.

Meeting ID: 226 263 641. Password: 070248

**Middle/High School Bible Class:**

5 PM with Jonathan Ling.

Meeting ID: 927 4522 5780. Password: 201073

**Adult Bible Class** 5 PM with Bryant.

Meeting ID is 455 441 168. Password: 1209.

**Tuesday:**

**Men's Bible Class** 9 AM with Bryant.

Meeting ID: 455 441 168. Password: 1209

**Saturday:**

**Ladies Monthly Bible Class**

9 AM on the 3rd Saturday of every month

Meeting ID: 868 4220 0022. Password: 912419

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PO Box 38 Daphne, AL 36526

**Communion supplies and face masks** can be picked up at the church building.

**Birthdays & Anniversaries**

- 07/28 Kent Purser
- 07/29 Mallory Jessee  
Jonathan & Susan Ling
- 07/30 Amanda Lloyd
- 08/01 Linda Farris
- 08/02 Gail Bush
- 08/04 MaeBelle Perry
- 08/06 Peter Verrett
- 08/11 Brenda Davis  
Kelsey Ribeau
- 08/13 Holland Chupek  
TR & Marvetta Clevenger  
Fred & Jackie Hicks
- 08/14 Nelda Sanford
- 08/16 Ann Christopher
- 08/18 Robert Jones
- 08/19 Cindy Hatcher
- 08/22 Tim & Patrice Kenney
- 08/23 Rick Hovater  
Jeff King
- 08/26 Robert & Linda Jones
- 08/30 Jesse Olive
- 08/31 Bob & Linda Ledford

**Please keep in your prayers:**

**Julie Doughty** having ongoing health problems (daughter of Jerry Doughty).

**Jerry Brown** is recovering from surgery on his hand.

**John & Jamie Langham** are both home recovering.

**Isaac Evans** will be having knee surgery on Tuesday.

**Jerry Davidson** is recovering in the Nashville area.

**Please remember our friends and loved ones who are fighting cancer:**

**Gus Stranch**— leukemia (great nephew of Patti Van Iderstine).

**Kristy Laster**— Liver cancer (friend of Isenhowers).

**Jeff Stewart**— Brain cancer. (friend of Jerry Doughty).

**Sharon Vandevender**- cancer (wife of Donna Neu's nephew).

**Sarah Kennedy**- breast cancer (friend of Patti Van Iderstine).

**Darnell Jackson**- breast cancer (mother of Jaqueline King).

**Melissa Ellison**— Cervical Cancer (sister of Amanda Olive).

**Betty Haynes**— Ovarian Cancer (mother of Melinda Sanford).

**James Doughty**— Cancer (brother of Jerry Doughty).

**Please keep our shut-ins in your prayers:**

**MaeBelle Perry, Lum Morrison, Elizabeth Till, Hampton and Gail Bush, James & Ann Christopher.**

# Jesus and Government

By: Bryant Evans

Christians live in two worlds, secular and spiritual. Christians live in the kingdom of God, governed by Jesus. We also live in an earthly, secular kingdom governed by whoever is in power at the moment. Tension always exists between the two kingdoms. The desires and expectations that the two kingdoms hold clash. We must carefully navigate between our two worlds.

Jesus showed us how to live perfectly in both worlds at the same time. By following his leadership, we can be faithful to the God of Heaven and to the laws of men.

## His Words

Jesus was born into God's kingdom: Israel. They were chosen by God to be his people. Still, Jesus spoke of another kingdom that was still to come ([Matthew 4:17](#); [5:19, 20](#); [6:10, 33](#); [Luke 11:2](#); [13:29](#); [19:11](#); [John 3:3,5](#); [18:36](#)).

Jesus also acknowledged the earthly kingdom of Rome. Jesus said, "*render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's*" ([Matthew 22:21](#)), thus acknowledging both the legitimacy of the Roman government and the requirement for Christians to obey it. His apostle Paul would voice the same command in Romans "let every person be subject to the governing authorities" ([Romans 13:1ff](#)). To Titus, Paul said, "*Remind them to be submissive to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work*" ([Titus 3:1](#)).

## His Actions

Jesus applied his words to his actions. The kingdom of Judea, the remnant of Israel, was corrupt, vile and ungodly. Her king lived in open sin. Still, Jesus obeyed the Israelite rulers. When the Israelite religious leader, Annas, questioned Jesus, he submitted and answered him ([John 18:19-24](#)).

In his arrest, Jesus declared that he could call "*twelve legions of angels*" to deliver him. But he did not. ([Matthew 26:53](#)). Even as he hung on the cross, Jesus railed not against the Jews or the Romans.

His apostle Paul voiced his submission to Rome as he faced a death penalty. He responded to the governor that he would not refuse to die if he had done some wrong ([Acts 25:11](#)). We believe Paul would later die by execution.

## His Non-Actions

There was plenty wrong with governments of the first century. Rome, like the Greeks before, was thoroughly pagan. Recall the picture of Athens, where Paul called the city "*full of idols*" ([Acts 17:16](#)). Rome worshipped anything. They even had an altar to the unknown God ([Acts 17:23](#)). Their worship was so twisted as to encourage intercourse between worshipper and priest. Some idol temples had male and female prostitutes who served their false gods. Soon, Rome would even demand worship of the Emperors. Meanwhile, a puppet family ruled the Jews. The Herodian Dynasty included every imaginable sin. Herod the Great was a known mass murderer ([Matthew 2:1-18](#)).

But that Jesus never embroiled himself in the politics of the day. The politics of Herod, Annas, and Caesar were not the focus of his wrath. He rebuked people for their sins, not their politics. His emphasis was to follow Him as the Savior.

Jesus led no boycotts. Jesus did not complain of high taxes. Jesus led no revolt against the troops of the Empire. He did not demand a letter campaign against Herod's crazed behavior. Even when Rome was systematically executing Christians, there was no revolt. The business of the kingdom of God consumed Jesus. The zeal of God's house consumed Jesus ([Psalm 69:9](#); [Luke 2:17](#)).

We have opportunities to do good by being salt in the world. We can affect the direction of government through elections. But we must never speak more of the kingdom of men than of the kingdom of God. Like Jesus, be consumed with the Lord's work.

