

Sunday January 10<sup>th</sup> 2010  
Matthew 13 Parables – Part Five  
The Parable of the Mustard Seed

1). Mt 13:31 *Another parable He put forth to them, saying: "The kingdom of heaven is like [the proclamation and offer of the Kingdom of the heavens has become like and continues like] a mustard seed, which a man took and sowed in his field, 32 "which indeed is the least of all the seeds; but when it is grown it is greater than the herbs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and nest in its branches."*

2). Now as we remember that the word ‘parable’ means to draw alongside that which has gone before, we will realize that the parable of the mustard seed gives us additional information, a commentary, on the parable of the wheat and the tares, which in itself gave us commentary on the fourth part of the previous parable, those Christians who receive the word of the Kingdom on good ground in the parable of the Sower.

3). In the parable of the wheat and the tares we learned that Satan had ‘sown’ individual Christians with a contrary message to that of the word of the Kingdom, in amongst those Christians who had heard and understood the word and were as a result overcoming the world, the flesh and the devil and were now producing fruit. And he did this in an attempt to stop these Christians in their fruit production.

a). What we now see in the parable of the mustard seed is the consequence of the action taken by the tares at the beginning of the dispensation; that which happened to the ‘church’ because of their contrary message.

4). Hard though it is to imagine today, at the beginning of the Church, at the start of this dispensation, the word of the Kingdom was the message of the hour. It was universally preached and taught and understood resulting in Christians producing the fruit of the Kingdom. Here are some examples -

a). Ac 1:3 *to whom He also presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs, being seen by them during forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God.*

b). Ac 8:12 *But when they believed Philip as he preached the things concerning the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, both men and women were baptized.*

c). Ac 20:25 *"And indeed, now I know that you all, among whom I have gone preaching the kingdom of God, will see my face no more.*

d). Ac 28:23 ¶ *So when they had appointed him a day, many came to him at his lodging, to whom he explained and solemnly testified of the kingdom of God, persuading them concerning Jesus from both the Law of Moses and the Prophets, from morning till evening.*

e). Ac 28:30 ¶ *Then Paul dwelt two whole years in his own rented house, and received all who came to him, 31 preaching the kingdom of God and teaching the things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ with all confidence, no one forbidding him.*

f). The word of the Kingdom is the same message referred to in our scriptures as 'preaching the Kingdom of God'; it is the same message that Paul refers to as 'my gospel' in Romans 16:25; 'our gospel' in 2 Corinthians 4:3 and 'the gospel of the glory of Christ' in 2 Corinthians 4:4.

g). This was the message preached first to the Jews and then to the Gentiles once they had heard and received the gospel of grace.

5). To counter this, as we have already seen, Satan sowed tares in the midst of those responding positively to this message, and scripture is full of warnings from the very beginning of the dispensation concerning these tares who are identified in the scriptures as false teachers or apostates –

a). 1Ti 4:1 ¶ *Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, 2 speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron, 3 forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from foods which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth.*

b). Ac 20:29 *"For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. 30 "Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves. 31 "Therefore watch, and remember that for three years I did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears.*

c). 2Pe 2:1 ¶ *But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them, and bring on themselves swift destruction. 2 And many will follow their destructive ways, because of whom the way of truth will be blasphemed.*

d). Jude 1:4 *For certain men have crept in unnoticed, who long ago were marked out for this condemnation, ungodly men, who turn the grace of our God into lewdness and deny the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ.....16 These*

are grumblers, complainers, walking according to their own lusts; and they mouth great swelling words, flattering people to gain advantage. 17 But you, beloved, remember the words which were spoken before by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ: 18 how they told you that there would be mockers in the last time who would walk according to their own ungodly lusts. 19 These are sensual persons, who cause divisions, not having the Spirit.

e). 2Ti 2:15 *Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. 16 But shun profane and idle babblings, for they will increase to more ungodliness. 17 And their message will spread like cancer. Hymenaeus and Philetus are of this sort, 18 who have strayed concerning the truth, saying that the resurrection is already past; and they overthrow the faith of some.*

f). 2Pe 2:12 *But these, like natural brute beasts made to be caught and destroyed, speak evil of the things they do not understand, and will utterly perish in their own corruption, 13 and will receive the wages of unrighteousness, as those who count it pleasure to carouse in the daytime. They are spots and blemishes, carousing in their own deceptions while they feast with you, 14 having eyes full of adultery and that cannot cease from sin, enticing unstable souls. They have a heart trained in covetous practices, and are accursed children. 15 They have forsaken the right way and gone astray, following the way of Balaam the son of Beor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness; 16 but he was rebuked for his iniquity: a dumb donkey speaking with a man's voice restrained the madness of the prophet. 17 These are wells without water, clouds carried by a tempest, for whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever. 18 For when they speak great swelling words of emptiness, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through lewdness, the ones who have actually escaped from those who live in error. 19 While they promise them liberty, they themselves are slaves of corruption; for by whom a person is overcome, by him also he is brought into bondage. 20 For if, after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and overcome, the latter end is worse for them than the beginning. 21 For it would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than having known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered to them.*

6). The word ‘apostate’ itself literally means to stand away from and we would realize that you can’t stand away from something you have not already stood with. And this is exactly what we find recorded in scripture – a standing away from the word of the Kingdom, ‘departing from the faith’ – a standing away from the truth concerning Christ’s return after 6 days, 6000 years – that which is the very

foundation for God's dealing with a fallen creation set out in Genesis Chapter 1 - 2Pe 3:1 ¶ *Beloved, I now write to you this second epistle (in both of which I stir up your pure minds by way of reminder), 2 that you may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us, the apostles of the Lord and Savior, 3 ¶ knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, 4 and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation."*

a). We should note that a denial of the literal return of Christ after 6 days denies the coming of a literal 7<sup>th</sup> day -thereby denying the events of the Judgment Seat of Christ with its blessings on the one hand and its age lasting separation on the other. It denies the Judgment of God in relation to sin and the Christian beyond salvation by grace and denies the salvation of the soul. The destructive results of such a message are enormous.

b). What we will realize then is that at the start of the dispensation there were those who had received and understood the word of the Kingdom and then had deliberately and intentionally turned away from it to pursue their own ends, for their own personal gain.

c). Such a situation does not exist in the 'church' today in a general sense. Those who actively reject the word of the Kingdom today are not apostates as they have never understood the word of the Kingdom in the first place. They are rather the outcome of what was started by the apostates and in this sense the result of their actions is just as destructive as the apostates at the beginning.

d). We should note however that those folks such as ourselves who have heard and understood the word could be apostates in the true sense of the word if we were to deliberately choose to turn our backs on the word of the Kingdom in order to pursue our own agenda for our own ends.

7). It is the destructive result of the message of the original apostates that the parable of the mustard seed lays out for us.

a). Now that symbolized in the mustard seed is not an individual, but rather a collection of individuals – that which we would call the Church – the body of Christ – the one new man.

b). At the beginning of the dispensation when the word of the Kingdom was universally taught – hearing and acting upon the word of the Kingdom brought about a proper germination of the seed that caused it to grow in the way it was supposed to.

c). Ac 2:44 *Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common, 45 and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as*

*anyone had need. 46 So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, 47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.*

d). These Christians are seen moving from immaturity to maturity in relation to the word of the Kingdom resulting in their producing fruit. And had this normal and natural growth continued the mustard plant was destined to be ‘greater than all the herbs’ - Eph 4:11 *And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, 12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, 13 till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; 14 that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, 15 but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head--Christ-- 16 from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.*

e). But because of the work of the tares, the apostates, the false teachers, the plant began to grow unnaturally becoming a tree – something it was never supposed to be [in the natural a bush from a mustard seed grows between one and three feet tall – never into a tree].

f). Not only did this unnatural growth result in barrenness, but it also provided a home for ‘the birds of the air’ – the same birds seen in the parable of the Sower, - Mt 13:4 *"And as he sowed, some seed fell by the wayside; and the birds came and devoured them.*

The same powers of darkness, seen here devouring Christians.

g). Let’s remember what we see in - 1Ti 4:1 ¶ *Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons,*

h). In other words the contrary message of Satanic origin brought by the apostates gradually found acceptance and adherents within the Body of Christ, so that these ‘sons of the wicked one’ not only had a safe place to stay within the church, but having drawn disciples away after themselves, found themselves leading, directing and establishing ‘the church’ on a completely wrong foundation – one in keeping with the desires of Satan – that which would stop the production of fruit.

i). As the tares, the apostates, the false teachers, continued they reproduced after their own kind producing teachers who continued, developed and added to

their destructive heresies, leading to the situation we are now in after 2000 years of their work where their corrupted message is now the message of the hour and the word of the Kingdom is hardly to be found – and where it is found it is mostly rejected, attacked and reviled.

8). This then is the picture given to us by Christ of the history of the church as it would be in this dispensation before the church was even brought into existence. Then Christ again outlines this same history of the church to the Apostle John, recorded in the Book of Revelation, given to him in the early years of the dispensation when the church is now in existence. And what we find is exactly the same picture presented from a slightly different perspective.

a). In the Book of Revelation the church of Ephesus is used to picture the church at the beginning of the dispensation - Re 2:1 ¶ *"To the angel of the church of Ephesus write, 'These things says He who holds the seven stars in His right hand, who walks in the midst of the seven golden lampstands: 2 "I know your works, your labor, your patience, and that you cannot bear those who are evil. And you have tested those who say they are apostles and are not, and have found them liars; 3 "and you have persevered and have patience, and have labored for My name's sake and have not become weary. 4 "Nevertheless I have this against you, that you have left your first love. 5 "Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works, or else I will come to you quickly and remove your lampstand from its place--unless you repent. 6 "But this you have, that you hate the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.7 "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give to eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God."*

b). And we see with the church of Ephesus that they left their first love, the appearing of the Lord Jesus Christ, the word of the Kingdom surrounding Christ's return.

c). And then following this action of Christians leaving their first love to its conclusion we come to the church of Laodicea which provides a picture for us of the church at large as it would be at the end of this dispensation – the very place where we now find ourselves - Re 3:14 ¶ *"And to the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write, 'These things says the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God: 15 "I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. 16 "So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth. 17 "Because you say, 'I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing' --and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked-- 18 "I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that*

*you may be clothed, that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see. 19 "As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and repent. 20 "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me. 21 "To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne. 22 "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.""*

9). And so, here at the end of the dispensation, we find the church at large completely lukewarm with respect to the word of the Kingdom.

a). The destructive heresies of the apostates, the tares, the false teachers, introduced at the beginning of the dispensation, are pictured in the church of Ephesus leaving its first love – the very thing Paul had warned them about – Ac 20:29 *"For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. 30 "Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves.*

b). And the final outcome of the perpetuation of those destructive heresies is the nauseating lukewarmness to the highest calling God could give, pictured in the church of Laodicea.

10). However, just as at Christ's first coming there were individuals within the nation of Israel who heard the word of the Kingdom, understood it and produced fruit, so it is now within Christendom. Christ continues to knock on the door of His church and those individuals who hear His voice, open the door and let Him in abide with Him and dine with Him on the meat and strong meat of the word of the Kingdom.

11). Now the fact that in our parable the mustard seed became a tree is not an insignificant detail because a tree in scripture is used as a symbol for a national power within the present system of rulership under Satan.

a). The first use of this symbolism is in the oldest known parable which we find in Judges Chapter 9, where trees are seen symbolizing nations which had sought to elect a king to reign over them - Jg 9:8 *"The trees once went forth to anoint a king over them. And they said to the olive tree, 'Reign over us!' 9 But the olive tree said to them, 'Should I cease giving my oil, With which they honor God and men, And go to sway over trees?' 10 "Then the trees said to the fig tree, 'You come and reign over us!' 11 But the fig tree said to them, 'Should I cease my sweetness and my good fruit, And go to sway over trees?' 12 "Then the trees said*

to the vine, 'You come and reign over us!' 13 But the vine said to them, 'Should I cease my new wine, Which cheers both God and men, And go to sway over trees?' 14 "Then all the trees said to the bramble, 'You come and reign over us!' 15 And the bramble said to the trees, 'If in truth you anoint me as king over you, Then come and take shelter in my shade; But if not, let fire come out of the bramble And devour the cedars of Lebanon!'

b). We find the same symbolism in Daniel Chapter 4 where a tree is used to symbolize the kingdom of Babylon personified in Nebuchadnezzar - Da 4:20 *The tree that you saw, which grew and became strong, whose height reached to the heavens and which could be seen by all the earth, 21 whose leaves were lovely and its fruit abundant, in which was food for all, under which the beasts of the field dwelt, and in whose branches the birds of the heaven had their home- 22 it is you, O king, who have grown and become strong; for your greatness has grown and reaches to the heavens, and your dominion to the end of the earth.*

c) And although not under the present system of rulership under Satan Israel is symbolized by a fig tree in - Joe 1:7 *He has laid waste My vine, And ruined My fig tree; He has stripped it bare and thrown it away; Its branches are made white.*

d). A prophetic statement concerning that nation echoed by the Lord in – Mt 21:19 *And seeing a fig tree by the road, He came to it and found nothing on it but leaves, and said to it, "Let no fruit grow on you ever again [for the age]." Immediately the fig tree withered away.*

e). Now it is true that the Church is a new nation – nation = Greek – ‘ethnos’ =literally a new people group – but this new people group was not to become a national power, as power of this sort over the affairs of the earth is reserved for Christians in the age to come, not within this present time as part of the present world system operating under the ‘ruler of this age’ – Satan.

f). However, becoming a national power within the present world system is exactly what happened – history bearing out the authenticity of the scriptures.

12). But before we enter into the historical account let us set in place some scriptural foundation that will help us better understand what took place.

a). The first generation of Israel on their way to the land promised to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, had through the intervention of the Lord on their behalf inflicted incredible defeats on Sihon, king of the Amorites and Og, the king of Bashan. As a result of this their moving into the land, defeating their enemies and establishing the Theocratic Kingdom seemed inevitable.

b). Nu 22:1 ¶ *Then the children of Israel moved, and camped in the plains of Moab on the side of the Jordan across from Jericho. 2 Now Balak the son of Zippor saw all that Israel had done to the Amorites. 3 And Moab was exceedingly*

*afraid of the people because they were many, and Moab was sick with dread because of the children of Israel. 4 So Moab said to the elders of Midian, "Now this company will lick up everything around us, as an ox licks up the grass of the field." And Balak the son of Zippor was king of the Moabites at that time. 5 Then he sent messengers to Balaam the son of Beor at Pethor, which is near the River in the land of the sons of his people, to call him, saying: "Look, a people has come from Egypt. See, they cover the face of the earth, and are settling next to me!*

*6 "Therefore please come at once, curse this people for me, for they are too mighty for me. Perhaps I shall be able to defeat them and drive them out of the land, for I know that he whom you bless is blessed, and he whom you curse is cursed."*

c). So in order to try and stop Israel's progress, Balak sent for the prophet Balaam, whom he would pay, to pronounce a curse on Israel – but every time Balaam tried to speak a curse the Lord opened his mouth with a blessing instead.

d). This direct approach didn't work, so Balaam instructed Balak in another way to bring about Israel's downfall so that he wouldn't lose the payment promised him - Nu 25:1 ¶ *Now Israel remained in Acacia Grove, and the people began to commit harlotry with the women of Moab. 2 They invited the people to the sacrifices of their gods, and the people ate and bowed down to their gods. 3 So Israel was joined to Baal of Peor, and the anger of the LORD was aroused against Israel.*

e). And we find commentary on this event in - Re 2:14 *"But I have a few things against you, because you have there those who hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balak to put a stumbling block before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed to idols, and to commit sexual immorality.*

f). So what we see here is Balaam's solution for stopping Israel fulfilling God's purpose for them – it was not the destruction of Israel through a curse but the assimilation of Israel into the Gentile world system that surrounded them. And according to our scripture this is something he consciously and deliberately taught Balak to do.

g). And isn't it interesting that the scripture we have just looked at is spoken by Christ to the Church at Smyrna when He is pronouncing judgment at His Judgment Seat – providing His own commentary on the history of the Church during this dispensation – pointing to those in the Church who 'hold the doctrine of Balaam'.

h). And then scripture speaking about the tares, the apostates, the false teachers, who caused the unnatural growth in the Church says - 2Pe 2:15 *They have forsaken the right way and gone astray, following the way of Balaam the son of Beor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness;*

i). Jude 1:11 *Woe to them! For they have gone in the way of Cain, have run greedily in the error of Balaam for profit, and perished in the rebellion of Korah.*

j). What we are seeing then is exactly the same tactic that Balaam used to bring about the overthrow of Israel being employed against the Church. Not destruction but assimilation within the world system under Satan for the purpose of personal gain.

13). History tells us that the early years of the Church were marked by an intense and brutal persecution at the hands of the Roman Empire. But this persecution rather than bringing about the destruction of the Church only served to fuel its growth. A Christian living at the time of this persecution whose name is Tertullian, recorded what is now a famous saying, ‘the blood of the martyrs is the seed of the church...’

a). The Romans were emperor worshippers thus making religion and the state one entity.

b). Christians were monotheistic and looked to a King other than Caesar and a Kingdom other than Rome – consequently Christianity was considered treasonous and was classified as an illegal religion.

c). This persecution lasted several centuries, but despite Satan’s best efforts, it did not bring about the destruction of the Church. Also during this time however, the tares, the apostates, the false teachers, following the way of Balaam, teaching a corrupted message concerning the 7<sup>th</sup> Day, the word of the Kingdom, because a crop was being produced, gradually and progressively broke down the barriers separating Christianity and the Roman Empire until around the end of the 4<sup>th</sup> century AD these barriers no longer existed bringing about a merger of Church and state.

14). At the beginning of the 4<sup>th</sup> century the Roman Emperor, Constantine, stopped the persecution of Christians and he, himself, at some point converted to Christianity, setting the stage for what happened next.

a). In the year 325 AD, Theodosius I [‘Giver of God’] established the creed of the council of Nicaea as the universal norm for Christian orthodoxy and in 380AD he issued a decree that made Christianity the exclusive state religion, and in the year 395 AD Christianity was finally recognized as the official and only religion of the Roman Empire.

b). At this point Christianity found itself completely enmeshed within a Gentile world power in the sphere of governmental authority over which Satan exercises control, with the leader of that Gentile world power setting the direction

and belief system for the Church, completely out of line with God's plans and purposes for the new creation in Christ.

c). So let's put all this together so that we can see that this is exactly what Christ foretold in the parable of the mustard seed – the church through a corruption of the word of the Kingdom, grew in a way it was never supposed to, becoming a tree, a national power – in complete union with Gentile world power within the realm of Satan.

15). We can look at the excesses of the Roman Catholic Church, which during the Dark Ages completely controlled the Kingdoms of Europe. And even today has the Vatican as a city state within the borders of Italy.

a). And despite the reformation the protestant church finds itself in the same situation. Witness the UK where the monarch became and still is, the head of the church in England, whose bishops sit in the upper house of Parliament. This assimilation into Gentile world power within the present system of rulership is a situation from which the church has never recovered.

b). Down to today Christians can still be found involving themselves with activities associated with the tree of the parable of the mustard tree. They can be seen everywhere involving themselves in the present system of rulership in all sorts of different ways, attempting to exert some kind of power in the present Kingdom under Satan – But this is not the day when Christians are to rule and reign. That Day still lies ahead of us when Christ will take the Kingdom, ascend His throne and set up His Millennial Reign with His bride at His side.

c). Let us be clear about the Gentile nations – every nation in the world apart from Israel and the Church are Gentile nations – and these Gentile nations cannot ever be a Christian nation. As soon as a Gentile, you and I, become a Christian we are no longer a Gentile but part of the new creation, part of the new nation made up of all Christians everywhere regardless of their geographical location, part of the one new man - 2Co 5:16 ¶ *Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him thus no longer. 17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.*

d). We will remember that Abraham left the land of his birth to go to the land of his calling – as did Rebekah, as did Ruth.

e). But, we will also remember Orpah who turns back to her own land and Lot's wife who looks back to it.

f). Lu 9:62 *But Jesus said to him, "No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God."*

g). Let me put this as clearly as possible – if we want political power and influence now in this age we can have it, but we won't find ourselves ascending the throne with Christ in the age to come if we do.

16). Let us be perfectly clear on what scripture teaches in relation to this – look at the words of Christ Himself - Joh 18:36 *Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight, so that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now My kingdom is not from here."*

a). This really is clear enough – but let's go on - 2Ti 2:4 *No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier.5 And also if anyone competes in athletics, he is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules.*

b). Eph 6:12 *For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.*

c). Ro 12:2 *And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.*

d). Col 3:2 *Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.*

e). Col 1:16 *For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.*

17). Please remember - 1Co 7:31b....*For the form of this world[age] is passing away.*

a). We can know quite clearly what the Word teaches about the outcome of the present world system. Scripture is very clear about the coming Tribulation and there is nothing a Christian can do within the present system of government that can change that.

b) But for those who have heeded the apostate message that the Kingdom is here now and that it is the church's responsibility to usher in the Kingdom in its fullness by involving themselves in every political sphere bringing about some type of utopia – we can see their motivation.

c). The reality is that at the Judgment Seat they will find these works associated with the present system of rulership burned up in the fire, producing nothing of value for the coming Kingdom of Christ, leaving them without a reward 1Co 3:15 *If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.*

d). Ga 6:7 *Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.*