

THE CHRISTIAN AND SELF-DEFENSE Pt.1 **(The Biblical Doctrine of Self-Defense)**

A. The Examination of Jesus Christ's COMMAND to BUY A SWORD. (Luke 22:35-38)

1. The *context* of this passage is _____ meeting with His _____ in the Upper Room on the _____. (Luke 22)
 - What did they lack when trusting God to provide in the past? (Luke 22:35)

2. The *contrast* ("But now") that is highlighted will involve Jesus' _____ to His disciples and _____ faithful provisions through _____ when they previously went preaching the Gospel of the kingdom to a basically _____ (Luke 22:35; 10:1-12; Matt.10) and Christ's _____ to His disciples now in light of His _____ and _____ to Him and His disciples (Luke 22:36 -37)
 - What chronologically has transpired in Christ's ministry to Israel that is critical to keep in mind prior to this?
 - What is the point of 22:37 and its reference to Isaiah 53:12?
 - What else would Jesus Christ tell His disciples in the Upper Room Discourse that are not recorded in this passage but in John 13-17?

3. The *commands* our Lord gave His disciples in light of His pending death were: "But now, he who has a _____, let him _____ it, and likewise a _____; and he who has no _____, let him _____ and _____ one. (Luke 22:36)
 - What is the significance of the word "sword" in this passage?
 - What was the significance of one's "garment" in that day?

4. The *clarification* of these instructions is that these provisions are for _____ and _____. (Luke 22:38)
 - What was all this not designed for?
 - How does this apply to us?

B. The BIBLICAL JUSTIFICATION For The PROPER USE of VIOLENT FORCE.

1. The reality of conflict in the angelic realm is due to _____ (Isa.14:12-15; Ez.28:12-17; Rev.12:7-9), and overflowed toward man in the _____. (Gen.3:1-5)

- What does this mean? (John 8:44)

2. The reality of man's inherently _____ and predisposition to _____ [legitimate and illegitimately] is evidenced everywhere on the planet throughout history until Jesus Christ _____. (Gen.3:16; 4:8-15; Mark 7:21, 24:6-8; Gal. 5:21; James 4:1-3; 2 Thess.3:1-3; Rev.19:10ff)

- What can you learn from the history of weapons?
- What are believers warned not to suffer for? (1 Peter 4:15)
- What principle is taught throughout the Scripture that you need to come to grips with?

3. The reality of man's sinful nature acting _____, along with a _____, prompted God to _____ the world of Noah's day and to start again. (Gen.6-7)

- What can you learn from this?

4. To address these past issues, God established _____ with the right of _____ for _____ to restrain and punish evil doers. (Gen.9:1-17)

- Does this violate or contradict the later God-given prohibition, "Thou shall not kill"? (Ex.20:13)
- Can capital punishment be supported throughout the Scriptures?

5. God later established the divine institution of _____ at the Tower of Babel to thwart globalism with its lack of balance of power. (Gen. 11:1ff)

- What, however, does this result in from time to time? (Gen.14:1-24)
- What can you learn about war from the Scriptures?
- If there is a scriptural place for capital punishment and justified war, is there ever a legitimate place for personal self-defense in a fallen world?