

I. Another trick

- A. Elaborate, feigned respect
- B. What are they talking about?
- C. If you lived in a country conquered by the Romans ...
- D. So Jesus is being asked to condemn himself, one way or another
- E. Jesus' answer

II. Give to Caesar the things that are Caesar's

- A. Jesus is telling us to give to our rulers that which bears their image and inscription
- B. Pay your taxes
- C. Do not hide behind your historic and constitutional rights
- D. Why? Why should we pay money to Caesar at his demand?

III. Give to God the things which are God's

- A. What is God's? That which bears his image and inscription.
- B. The image of God
 - i. man was made in the image of God! (Genesis 1:26-27; 5:1; 1 Corinthians 11:7)
 - ii. Jesus is the image of God the Father (2 Corinthians 4:4; Colossians 1:15)
 - iii. salvation means that we are being conformed to the image of Christ and of God (Romans 8:29; 2 Corinthians 3:18; Colossians 3:10)
 - iv. our resurrection: from being in the image of mortal Adam to that of immortal Christ (1 Corinthians 15:49)
 - v. to be "in the image of" someone is to be their child (Genesis 5:1,3; 9:6)
 - vi. (of idols) to worship an image is to worship whatever it represents (Hosea 13:2; Isaiah 40:19-20; Ezekiel 7:20; 16:17)
- C. Render to God what is his: *people*
- D. To worship, love, and serve God is to be authentically human
- E. Our rebellion against God obscures that image (Romans 1:21-23)
- F. This crookedness of heart has *practical* and *intellectual* effects

IV. The image of the invisible God

- A. Jesus Christ has broken into this broken world (Hebrews 10:1; Luke 1:33)
- B. Refuse to allow anyone or anything else to claim you as theirs.
- C. Give to God those under your care, starting with your children.
- D. Look to Jesus to see what genuine human life looks like.
- E. Women: do not forget that you are made in the image of God.
- F. Men: do not forget that you are the image and glory of God.
- G. Be reconciled to God, repeatedly.
- H. Look forward to the day when you will bear the immortal image of Jesus Christ.