

2X's BONUS!

Bonus 1-Thoughts tied to Wed night lesson-As we think about issues like theonomy, eschatology, and Christians in politics let us remember a few things:

1. Theological _____ (prioritizing issues based on urgency)

-what are _____ tier theological issues (worthy of _____ break in fellowship)

-what are second tier _____ issues-(worthy of dividing congregations)

-what are _____ tier theological issues (important-because matters of _____ but not worthy of division)

We do not want to be given to the error of _____. The error of schism is creating division in the church where divisions should not be created. A person is guilty of being schismatic when they make third tier issues into second or even first tier issues. As the old saying goes "In essential _____, in non-essentials _____, and in all things _____"

2. In thinking about Romans 13 let us remember the _____ context (not talking primarily about those in civil leadership but the historical context of those in the church at Rome)

-What was a Jewish zealot? Was it a popular idea at this time?

-How were Christians treated in the Roman empire at this time?

-How were Jewish people treated in the Roman empire at this time?

-What was the growing mood among the Jewish nation?

Romans 13 came to a people in the midst of a growing _____ spirit among the people. Romans 13 calls the saints to put their _____ in the sovereign God and not in the revolutionary plans of man.

Bonus 2-What should be the attitude and thoughts of Christians when leaders in the church fall?

1. All _____ must be renounced because it is pride that leads to such falls (James 4:10)

-Our pride that seeks to elevate us over other _____

-Our pride that seeks to elevate us over _____ (both in terms of what it says and how we view it)-We do not _____ the Word-the Word must _____ us

2. The ministry that was performed by the fallen minister is not to be ruled as _____

-Philippians 1:15-17

-Mark 6:7-13

The Word of God _____ the Word of God even if has been delivered by a sinner
_____ controversy of the 4th century-what about the ministry done by those who
lapsed? Was what they did/do during their ministry invalid?

“The baptism of Christ cannot be rendered void by any perversity on the part of man...”-
Augustine

3. Trust in the Lord’s sovereign _____ of His church

The Lord always does what is _____ not merely for the individual but also what is best for
the church. Even those things which are painful are for the _____ of the body of
Christ.

*“The angel ‘troubled the waters,’ John 5:4, and then it cured those that stepped in. It is
Christ’s manner to trouble our souls first, and then to come with healing in His wings.”*-
Sibbes

*“When the waters of sanctification are troubled and muddy,. Let us run to the witness of
blood. God seems to walk sometimes contrary to himself; He seems to discourage, when
secretly He doth encourage...”* Sibbes

“It is good for me that I was afflicted, that I might learn your statutes.” (Psalm 119:71) While
this is true of the individual saint, it also is true for the church as a whole. It is often times
through adversity that our _____ is strengthened. How?

-To take our _____ away from men and to gaze only on the Lord Jesus Christ
(Jeremiah 17:5-9)

-To provide a _____ for us to guard our heart above all things (Jeremiah
17:10)

-Of how Satan and sin seek our _____ (2 Corinthians 2:11)

-To teach us to walk by _____ (Psalm 145:17)-Do we believe this?