

Why Me? Why choose Jesus?

Friends, if you're sitting on the fence then this document is for you. In Matthew 11:28 Jesus says, "come unto Me, all ye who are heavy laden and I will give you rest". Jesus offers us peace and rest from our daily toil. He offers us love, compassion and tenderness. He imparts strength when required and His guardian angels are <u>ever</u> in attendance, protecting and guiding. I would like to point out the two very vast differences in the character of the <u>two</u> rulers we have to choose between. There can <u>no</u> longer be any 'sitting on the fence', there is <u>no</u> no-man's land, everyone <u>must now</u> choose their leader. Jesus and heaven or Satan and hell. If Jesus <u>isn't</u> chosen, well friend you have joined Satan's ranks by default. To not be <u>with Jesus</u>, is to be against Jesus.

At the moment <u>both</u> teams are pressing for your vote. Jesus with arms open wide is pleading for you to 'come unto Him'. He offers salvation and a blessed life of peace and happiness in a perfect world. Satan, on the other hand uses deceit, and he is trying to get you to join his army rank and fight against God for his (Satan's) own selfish purpose. And Satan only offers empty promises - there is <u>no</u> salvation, no hope and <u>no</u> <u>life</u>.

Friends let's take a quick trip down memory lane. Let's look at <u>both</u> sides. The past has more than enough evidence to be able to accurately paint a portrait of <u>both</u> governments, a picture of what each government stands for and what to expect under each rule. Hopefully this will help you make a decision of who's team you want to bat for, and \underline{I} pray you choose Jesus' team and join me as we head for the promised land.

Let's start with the King - Jesus:-

Who is Jesus? According to man, the definition of Jesus in the dictionary states:-

"The central figure of the christian religion"

According to the Bible the angelic choir heralding the birth of Jesus said in:-

Luke 2:11 "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

The angels here acknowledge Jesus to be the Saviour and Christ the Lord.

John 20:31 "But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name."

Here Jesus is acknowledged as Christ, the Son of God.

John 10:11 "I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep."

Here Jesus is portrayed as a shepherd.

The dictionary definition of a shepherd is:-

"Give guidance to (someone), especially on spiritual matters."

Jesus <u>is</u> our shepherd guiding and leading us and as the 'Good Shepherd' <u>never</u> leaves His sheep, so Jesus will <u>never</u> leave us.

Both definitions seem to agree that Jesus <u>is</u> the leader of the christians, so who are the 'christians' and what is the foundation of God's government?

Reference to 'Christians' can be found in:-

Acts 11:26 "And when he had found him, he brought him unto Antioch. And it came to pass, that a whole year they assembled themselves with the church, and taught much people. And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch."

Here the word 'Christian' is introduced and it announces that followers of Christ are Christians. The term 'Christians' today covers a variety of denominations, but it basically means a follower of Christ.

Let's have a quick look at the basis of God's government:-

Psalm 89:14 "Justice and judgment *are* the habitation of thy throne: mercy and truth shall go before thy face."

Psalm 97:2 "...righteousness and judgment are the habitation of his throne."

According to the dictionary the term 'habitation' means, "A house or home". Heaven is Jesus' home.

Having established who Jesus is, what defines a christian and the basis for the government of God, let's put it all together to establish a picture of the Kingdom of God.

Jesus <u>is</u> the rightful ruler, He created the world. There are a few Bible verses that prove Jesus created the world. Let's start with the very first book in the Bible, the very first chapter and the very first verse:-

Genesis 1:1 "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth."

Friends it doesn't get much plainer than that.

Psalm 146:6 "Which made heaven, and earth, the sea, and all that therein is..."

John 1:1,3 "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God...All things were made by Him; and without him was not any thing made that was made."

Jesus established His law, His government. In the beginning before any world was created, God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit established their kingdom, their government, their rule. This was passed on to Adam and then down the line, but when Israel entered Egypt they lost to a large degree the precepts of God's law. Once out of Egypt Jesus returned to them the main precepts, the ten commandments. Other laws were established that were significant to the Israelites (eg, the sacrificial system). Moving down the line Jesus worked with the disciples passing on the principles of heaven's government, but initially these laws were founded before the world began.

Psalm 119:152 "Concerning thy testimonies, I have known of old that thou hast founded them for ever."

And He sent His Holy Spirit to guide, lead and council.

John 14:16 "And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you for ever."

The dictionary states that a 'comforter' is. "A person or thing that provides consolation", "he is friend, comforter, and guardian".

John 14:26 "But the Comforter, *which* is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in My name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you."

Jesus' law is a foundation of love, kindness, compassion, mercy and above all forgiveness.

Exodus 34:6,7 "And the LORD passed by before him, and proclaimed, The LORD, The LORD God, merciful and gracious, long suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth, Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear *the guilty*;..."

In this world of sin, all have sinned, but Jesus offers forgiveness and salvation in His blood from the cross. His blood paved the way for our salvation, what a God of love. He loved us so much He died in our stead. His nail scarred hands are ever open wide offering love, compassion, kindness and salvation.

God's government is founded for happiness, peace and wellbeing for its citizens. Peace and happiness is paramount, heaven <u>is</u> promised and He has even made each and every one of us a mansion. We may be, right now, abiding on a usurped planet, we may be living in the devil's playground, but <u>all</u> earthly kingdoms do fall and Satan's is <u>no</u> exception.

Jesus <u>will</u> come, Satan's reign <u>will</u> end and Jesus <u>will</u> lead His people to their heavenly home. Though stuck in this for a little while longer Jesus has kept His promise of love and protection, His guardian angels have been with us from the beginning of time and are still with us today. Friend, take a good look at the kingdom of God, open your Bibles and read for yourself the precious gems it contains. Jesus' reign <u>is</u> for the benefit of His subjects, their happiness is paramount to Him. Now that, friends, is a God of love and a kingdom I want to be a subject of.

But fair, is fair, let's look at the other side. The kingdom of darkness, death and despair.

Satan's government:-

Originally he was first in command in heaven, but he rebelled against the government of God and was dispelled from heaven.

Ezekiel 28:14,15 "Thou *art* the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee <u>so</u>: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. Thou *wast* perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee."

Isaiah 14:12-15 "How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! *how* art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit."

In his deception he (Satan) managed to take a third of the heavenly host with him.

Revelation 12:7-9 "And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceive the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him."

So we see here Satan's <u>first</u> move was deception. His (Satan's) second move was to fight, to fight against Jesus, the government Jesus stood for, the government of heaven.

Satan, starting with Adam and Eve, then went on to destroy everything heaven stood for. Man was his especial target and he stopped at nothing to destroy the human race. So well did he succeed that only a few, short generations later, God was forced to wipe most of the human race out.

Genesis 6:5-8 "And GOD saw that the wickedness of man *was* great in the earth, and *that* every imagination of the thoughts of his heart *was* only evil continually. And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his

heart. And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them. But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD." Genesis 9:8,9 "And God spake unto Noah, and to his sons with him, saying, And I, behold, I establish my covenant with you, and with your seed after you;"

At the cross, Satan showed his true nature when he murdered the Son of God. The evil people who hung Jesus on the cross were merely pawns in the devil's hands. It is very important which master you choose, behind every person who has chosen Satan is a demon, screaming obscenities. Friend, it is a fearful thing to be under Satan's control.

Fast forward to today, you only have to look around you to see the results of Satan's reign. Satan has driven people over the edge of sanity, he uses his chosen poisons (drugs, alcohol etc) to ruin everyone he can tempt to use it. Human life has no value to him, he kills and maims <u>all</u> possible and he laughs at his victory and scoffs at his victims.

While Jesus has spent His time preparing a beautiful home for us, Satan has spent his time destroying everything Jesus has created.

Friend, you have to choose whose side you want to join. The creator or the destroyer.

Here friends is a table so you can see at a glance the vast differences between the two rulers.

God	Bible Verse	Satan	Bible Verse
Creator	Colossians 1:15-16 Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature. For by him all things were created, in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones or dominions or principalities, or powers: all things were created by Him	Created	Ezekiel 28:14,15 Thou <i>art</i> the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee <i>so</i> : Thou was on the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. Thou <i>wast</i> perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.

Life	John 14:6 I am the way, the truth, and the <u>life</u>	Murderer	John 8:44the devil, He was a murderer from the beginning,
Truth	John 14:6 I am the way, the truth, and the life	Liar	John 8:44and abode <u>not</u> in the <u>truth</u> for he is a <u>liar</u> , and the father of it.
Healer	Exodus 15:26I <i>am</i> the Lord that <u>healeth</u> thee.	Power of death	Hebrews 2:14 had the <u>power of death</u> , that is, the devil;
King	Revelation 19:16 And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.	Assumed king	Luke 4:6,7 And the devil said unto him, All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it. If thou therefore wilt worship me, all shall be thine. Isaiah 14:14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High

Government principles:	Exodus 34:6 The LORD, The LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth. Isaiah 9:6 the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace	Government principles:	Revelation 12:10the accuser of our brethren which accused them before our God day and night 1st Peter 5:8your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: Genesis 3:1; Now the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field Ephesians 6:11wiles of the devil, Ephesians 6:12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places
		Government principles:	Revelation 2:10the devil shall cast <i>some</i> of you into prison Matthew 4:1to be tempted of the devil Daniel 7:25and shall wear out the saints of the Most High
Throne in heaven	Revelation 4:2throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne. Psalms 11:4the LORD's throne is in heaven	Resides on earth	Job 2:2 And the LORD said unto Satan, From whence comest thou? And Satan answered the LORD, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.

Prince of Peace	Isaiah 9:6and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.	Enraged, makes war	Revelation 12:17 And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war
Worthy of worship	Revelation 4:11 Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power Psalms 99:9 Exalt the Lord our God, and worship at his holy hill Psalms 29:2 Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.	Wants to bargain for worship	Matthew 4:9And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me.
Loving	John 15:9 As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love. 1st John 4:8for God is love.	Fierce/Cruel	1st Peter 5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

Shepherd Psalm 23:1-6 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.		False prophets (Satans) are ravening wolves	Matthew 7:15 Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. 1st Peter 5:8because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour 1st Kings 22:17 And he said, I saw all Israel scattered upon the hills, as sheep that have not a shepherd
Compassionate	Matthew 9:36He was moved with compassion Matthew 20:34Jesus had compassion on them	No Compassion	Psalms 106:37,38 Yea, they <u>sacrificed</u> their sons and their daughters unto devils, And <u>shed</u> innocent <u>blood</u> , <i>even</i> the blood of their sons and of their daughters, whom they <u>sacrificed</u> unto the idols of Canaan: and the land was <u>polluted</u> with <u>blood</u> .

Kind	Ephesians 2:7 That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us Mark 10:14Suffer the little children to come unto me	Cruel	Acts 19:16 And the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, and overcame them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded Revelation 12:4 and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born,
Humble	John 13:4,5 He riseth from supper, and laid aside his garments; and took a towel, and girded himself. After that he poureth water into a bason, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded	Proud	Isaiah 14:13,14I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throneI will sit also upon the mount of the congregationI will be like the most High.
Jesus died to save from sin	1st Peter 2:24 Who His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree 1st Corinthians 15:3Christ died for our sin	Satan tempter (tempts people into sin)	Matthew 4:1 Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. 1st Thessalonians 3:5lest by some means the tempter have tempted you

Jesus sent disciples to teach good news	Matthew 28:19,20 <u>Go</u> ye therefore, and <u>teach</u> all nations <u>teaching</u> them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you	Satan killed many of them	Acts 7:59And they stoned Stephen Acts 12:2 And he killed James the brother of John John 21:18 when thou shalt be old, thou shalt stretch forth thy hands, and another shall gird thee, and carry thee whither thou wouldest not. EyeWitnesstoHistory.comAs many of the religious sect that could be found were rounded up and put to death in the most horrific manner for the amusement of the citizens of Rome In their very deaths they were made the subjects of sport
Law of God is perfect	Psalm 19:7 The <u>law</u> of the Lord is <u>perfect</u> Psalms 119:165 Great <u>peace</u> have they which love thy law	Satan's law brings death, destruction, against God's law	Genesis 6:5 And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth Genesis 6:11 The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. Examples: Christians burnt at the stake, put in prison, exiled; moral laws altered

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Jesus created a perfect world	Genesis 1:31 And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good Deuteronomy 32;4 He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he.	Satan has brought in ruin and destruction	Some disasters 2018: Santa Barbara Thomas Fire; Montecito Mudslides; Windstorm Friederike; Hualien Earthquake; Oaxaca Earthquake; Papua New Guinea Earthquake; New England Bomb Cyclone; Cyclone Josie (Fiji); India Dust Storms; Subtropical Storm Alberto; Mt Kilevea Eruption; Japan Flooding and Mudslides; Californian Wildfires; Tropical Storm Lane (Hawaii); Super Typhoon Mangkhut; Hurricane Florence; Indonesia Earthquake and Tsunami; Hurricane Michael; California Fires; Indonesia Tsunami (Just to name a few)
Jesus will come again	John 14:3I will come again Revelation 1:7Behold, he cometh with clouds Luke 21:27Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.	Satans rule will end	Revelation 20:1,2 And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan,

Reign with God 1000 years	Revelation 20:4,6 and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand yearsbut they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.	Earth desolate; Satan wanders in desolate earth.	Jeremiah 4:23-26 I beheld the earth, and, lo, <i>it</i> was without form, and void; and the heavens, and they had no light. I beheld the mountains, and, lo, they trembled, and all the hills moved lightly. I beheld, and, lo, there was no man, and all the birds of the heavens were fled. I beheld, and, lo, the fruitful place was a wilderness, and all the cities thereof were broken down at the presence of the Lord, and by his fierce anger
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Jesus comes 3rd time. Makes new heaven and new earth.

Revelation 21:1,2,5

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. Vs5 ... Behold, I make all things new...

Revelation 22:1-3

And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, *and* yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him:

Wicked dead raised.

Satan and followers go into eternal fire

Revelation 20:5 ...But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished...

Matthew 13:42

And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.

Matthew 25:41

...Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:

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