

## WELCOME TO GOD'S BEAUTIFUL ALTERNATIVE

If you've had enough of the heartache, hardship, and hate of a world at war with God and you're ready to absolutely THRIVE in the life-giving, eternity-changing calling your Designer has designed you to fulfill, you're right where God wants you to be! We are a community of imperfect people sincerely pursuing God's absolute best for ourselves and everyone around us. That means if there is anything we can do to help you take your next step in following Christ and finding His calling on your one and only life, we are right next to you at whatever cost. If you've got questions, or want to speak to a pastor, or would like to ask for prayer, grab that pen you got with this handout and fill out one of those CONNECT CARDS that was along for the ride. Other than that, we sincerely hope you have an incredible morning marked by a life-changing encounter with the risen and reigning King Jesus Christ.

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## EVERYONE WANTS TO BUILD SOMETHING GREAT

The problem is finding the right opportunity. Fortunately, we've got a gaggle of life-changing, eternity-shaping options for you. When you serve with One Missoula Church, you help other people rise to become all that God made them to be. Here are a couple key areas we can multiply your time, energy, and willingness to help others:

- **KidsMin (birth-5<sup>th</sup> grade)** – bring love, joy, and biblical wisdom to young lives
  - **Host & Greeter Team** – MASSIVELY important opportunity to help people know they are not only welcome, but WANTED here
  - **Event Team** – help us put together anything from special events to simple hangouts so that we can make connections, deepen friendships, and make memories
  - **Production Team** – leverage lighting, screen, computer, and sound systems to make the eternity-shaping message of Christ accessible to all
  - **Worship Band** – sing or play guitar, bass, drums, and keys with others while building the church and pointing one another to Christ
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## START OR JOIN A DISCOVERY BIBLE STUDY

Connect with others, get to know God, and introduce friends, family, or coworkers to Christ in a Discovery Bible Study. We can help you begin one of your own, or help you plug in to a group if you're not quite ready to facilitate on your own. Let us know how to get in touch with you via the Connect Card, by emailing info@onemissoulachurch.com, or giving us a call at 406-370-4844.

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# ONE+ TWISTING SCRIPTURE FOR POLITICAL GAIN

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**Charity, mercy, and benevolence are commandments from King Jesus directed at individuals, families, and churches to voluntarily and willfully obey or disobey VOLUNTARILY. (Remember that whole obedient from the heart thing in Romans 6:17?) Whenever these roles are co-opted by state government, the result is negligence and abuse.**

*Matthew 25:31-46* – "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne.<sup>32</sup> Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.<sup>33</sup> And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left.<sup>34</sup> Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.'<sup>35</sup> For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me,<sup>36</sup> I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.'<sup>37</sup> Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink?'<sup>38</sup> And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you?'<sup>39</sup> And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?'<sup>40</sup> And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'<sup>41</sup> "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.'<sup>42</sup> For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink,<sup>43</sup> I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.'<sup>44</sup> Then they also will answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?'<sup>45</sup> Then he will answer them, saying, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.'<sup>46</sup> And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

**Worshippers of the messiah state are abusing and misusing Bible passages about charity, benevolence, and mercy like Matthew 25:31-46 to mislead distracted Christians just like Hitler abused and misused Romans 13:1-7 to gain compliance from German Christians in the 1930's**

*Romans 13:1-7* – Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God.<sup>2</sup> Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment.<sup>3</sup> For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval,<sup>4</sup> for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer.<sup>5</sup> Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience.<sup>6</sup> For because of this you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing.<sup>7</sup> Pay to all what is owed to them:

taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.

Here's a sampling of times when God blessed dissidents for defying governing authorities:

- Egyptian midwives Shiphrah and Puah defied Pharaoh to save Israelite babies from slaughter. God gave them families as a result. (*Exodus 1:8-21*)
- Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego defied King Nebuchadnezzar's command to fall down and worship his golden statue. Yahweh saved them from the fiery furnace, and they were elevated to higher political office (*Daniel 3:1-30*)
- Daniel refused to pray to King Darius and openly prayed to Yahweh instead. Yahweh saved him from the lion's den (*Daniel 6:1-28*)
- Paul (God's writer of *Romans 13:1-7*) escaped the governor of Damascus under King Aretas when they and the Jews wanted to seize and kill him (*Acts 9:25, 2 Corinthians 11:32-33*)

Our commitment to Scripture interpreting Scripture means that we harmonize the mosaic of Scripture rather than pit various passages against each other

*Hosea 8:1-4* - Set the trumpet to your lips! One like a vulture is over the house of the LORD, because they have transgressed my covenant and rebelled against my law. <sup>2</sup> To me they cry, "My God, we-Israel-know you." <sup>3</sup> Israel has spurned the good; the enemy shall pursue him. <sup>4</sup> They made kings, but not through me. They set up princes, but I knew it not. With their silver and gold they made idols for their own destruction.

*Proverbs 8:15-16* - By me kings reign, and rulers decree what is just; <sup>16</sup> by me princes rule, and nobles, all who govern justly.

When faced with politicians and their worshippers twisting and distorting God's Word for political gain, disciples of Jesus need to remember that there is only one worthy and true King who died to purchase forgiveness and salvation for His citizenry on the way to the throne.

*James 4:12a* - There is only one lawgiver and judge, he who is able to save and to destroy.

*Acts 5:27-29* - And when they had brought them, they set them before the council. And the high priest questioned them, <sup>28</sup> saying, "We strictly charged you not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you intend to bring this man's blood upon us." <sup>29</sup> But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men"



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