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SERMON OUTLINE -- JANUARY 16, 2022

WE MUST OBEY GOD RATHER THAN MAN

(Acts 5:29)

INTRODUCTION: *Today – not an easy sermon:*

Isaiah 62:1 –

“For Zion’s Sake I will not keep silent...”

I. AS CHRISTIANS WE HAVE A BIG DECISION

A. Obey our government as good citizens (Romans 13:1-7)

– OR –

B. Obey God rather than man (Acts 5:29)

II. THESE DAYS OUR GOVERNMENT MAKES THIS DECISION VERY DIFFICULT

A. There is growing hostility to Christianity by government and media

B. There are (at least) 3 “hot button” issues today

1. Sexuality and the LGBTQ agenda (Bill C-4)

(Genesis 1:26-27; 2:21-25; Romans 1:18-25; John 2:1-11)

2. Abortion (Jeremiah 1:4-5; Psalm 139:14; Luke 1:39-42)

3. Euthanasia: murder on demand (Job 1:20-22; Luke 23:46)

(Bill C-7)

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III. HOW CAN WE BE GOOD CITIZENS AND FAITHFUL CHRISTIANS?

- A. We keep informed re: these (and other issues)
- B. We pray for our leaders (1 Timothy 2:1-3)
- C. We write to our leaders
- D. We care for individuals experiencing these issues by use of Law & Gospel (1 John 4:13)

IV. WHAT IS THE HEART OF GOD IN THESE ISSUES?

- A. Genesis 3:9 – He searches for those hiding
- B. Luke 15:20 – He runs to the lost child
- C. John 8:10-11 – He corrects but does not condemn
- D. Luke 19:5 – He seeks out those rejected by others

CONCLUSION: *God's love – hate the sin but love the sinner*

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