

# **Backing Out of the Minefield of Incorporation**

*Subtitle:*

The Lordship of Christ vs the Lordship of Caesar

*No man can serve two (opposing) masters...*

***You cannot serve God and the commercial (corporate) state (i. e., mammon).***

*Christ at Matthew 6:24*

Written Under Authority of Our Sovereign Lord and Saviour,

**Yeshua Christ Jesus**

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## Preface

In consideration of the likelihood that this work will find its way into the hands of some who've never heard of the seizure of **the church at Salem**, I believe it will be helpful to first provide a little background to the information here to understand why this expository essay, bearing this rather unusual title, had to be written.

In early 2005, after a protracted 5 year confrontation with officials starting at the local city level and eventually leading all the way up to The White House, our local community *ekklesia*, **the church at Salem**, was seized under court order by armed agents of Salem County Sheriff, John B. Cooksey and the New Jersey State Police Counter Terrorism Division. Both my wife and I were arrested on criminal charges and later released to be left on the streets of Salem homeless for the first time in 35 years of our marriage. Further, the coordinated efforts of those who attacked us made sure the story never got more than local news coverage and was always colored to make us look like a fringe group of antigovernment religious fanatics. Consequently, few ever learned the truth about what was really happening there at Salem during those difficult years.

After the seizure, we were able to create our website ([www.thechurchatSalem.info](http://www.thechurchatSalem.info)) and produce a 3 hour documentary DVD to tell our unique story to the world. That story being simply that **the church at Salem**, had become the first church in the history of post 911 America to be seized under court order for simply refusing to incorporate Christ under the state. The full significance of what this means can only be understood in the realization that almost every single church group and denomination in America, *by its own choosing*, is organized and controlled under the state as a 501 (c) (3) "religious corporation" - i.e., the *official* American State Church.

Although this stark reality has become acceptable to the majority of churchgoers here in America who are willing to embrace a counterfeit Christ, it is certainly not acceptable to those of us who clearly understand the simple message found at Luke 16:13 that no servant can serve two opposing masters. And so, if you are one of the millions who are currently caught in Satan's snare of corporate religion yet truly desire *to come out from among them*, then this critical exposé is for YOU.

In accordance with the Scriptures, this information is given away free of charge. Any cash gifts you may wish to make toward the furtherance of this work and ministry will be greatly appreciated and can be arranged by contacting **the church at Salem in exile** at [WilliamRaymond@thechurchatSalem.info](mailto:WilliamRaymond@thechurchatSalem.info).

*William, who would a fellowship turn to for help in UN-Inc-ing? Do you know? Please advise... Blessings! RH*

This long overdue exposition came about in response to the above question I received from Brother Ron Hyre at MessiahFellowshipOnline.com. Since I get question like this occasionally I believe it is now time to address this subject which most often is referred to as un-incorporating a church. In the purest sense of what we're talking about and hope to accomplish here, the subtitle, The Lordship of Christ vs The Lordship of Caesar, lends a fuller dimension and will help us better understand the fuller effect and purpose of what we will be discussing here. For this reason I will be referring to our subject and it's **two step process** using that and several other terms depending on whichever at the time may be better suited.

And as for who a fellowship would turn to for help in a matter of this nature, Brother Ron... I think you found us.

### **Un-incorporating and Much More**

In the past I have been somewhat reluctant to address this subject as a step-by-step instructional primer for several reasons. The least of which among them not being because, in it's totality, the goal and process here is much more than just getting a divorce from Caesar or un-incorporating. That is, considering it is your desire as the pastor or leader of your fellowship to understand the *whole* process from a correct biblical perspective: a process for which, as I mentioned, there are actually two main steps. Although, on it's face, the subject of un-incorporating may appear to be a purely legal one, that is not the case. That is, not unless you lose control of the process once you have *laid the venue* and allow Caesar to pull you back into the secular civil venue where His holy *ekklesia* (church) is commanded to **never** voluntarily go (I Corinthians chapter 6). Later we'll talk more about laying the venue and explain what that critical process means.

Certainly, there are provisions in secular law for dissolving a common corporation which almost any lawyer could handle for you, if that's all you want to do. But for the purposes intended by anyone I have ever dealt with on this subject, simply dissolving a corporation is not adequate. And of greater concern is the fact that any procedure a lawyer or paralegal would utilize to that end would constitute a *minimum contact* - a fatal error in law resulting in the exact opposite of the intended purpose. However, if, on the other hand, it is your intent to break your unholy union with Caesar in a totally clean and complete manner (**step 1**) and also to *live, move and have your being in the Christ's holy ekklesia* (**step 2**), then there is a better and higher way via His Kingdom - a way as the Scriptures state, *against such there is no (opposing) law*. That "better and higher way" is the subject and purpose of this essay.

I'm not going to spend much time here discussing the fundamental laws - and yes, they are spiritual *laws* not suggestions - which mandate *no servant can serve two opposing masters*, and that the body of Christ shall *be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers*. Anybody who

knows the first and last books of the Bible knows that; and certainly, anyone who ever received an email from **the church at Salem** - especially those conflicted (compromised) souls who struggle in vain to ignore the still small voice of His Spirit every time they open one of my missives, they all know it *very* well.

Likewise, I don't plan to spend any time here referencing [case law citations](#) or The First Amendment which you can find at our website and should learn well enough to quote critical portions of. If you are reading this as the one who'll be taking charge of the process for your church I have to assume you already know that you have every right via the aforesaid to break your unholy union with the Beast state, and, more importantly, that you have a clear Divine Command to, "*come out from among them and be ye separate*".

Instead, I'm simply going to share with you, as a lawful ambassador of Christ Jesus, some basic realities about repentance and walking steadfastly in the truth of Christ once you have begun the process of repenting. For repentance is the key that opens the door to a sacred place you must first enter before shaking free of Caesar's shackles.

Those who have incorporated Christ - *for He and His body are one* - have literally elevated another master above Him and committed a most egregious offense and transgression against their Creator which must be repented of. And so, as I've said, repentance is the first step that must be taken in the process. While I might expect anybody here reading this to have a wider biblical understanding of what it means to repent, just the same, I would like to take a few minutes to say some things 101 style, about it.

Unfortunately, like so many other Bible words, to *repent* has come to mean something much less in the minds of most churchgoers than it's biblical definition teaches us. In order to repent about anything one must realize and admit that they had a wrong understanding in the first place about that thing and that they are now ready to make a mental commitment to think differently - generally, in the opposite direction - about it. That's the easy half of repentance. And notice I didn't call it the act of repentance, signifying the other half of the process, which simply means, until you actually *do* something to validate and confirm your change of heart and mind, you haven't yet completely repented. Thus, anyone who has completely repented will act differently and nobody will have to wonder whether or not they truly repented. Their repentance will be obvious.

Sadly, I can count only on one hand all the "believers" I know personally who bear any clear and unmistakable evidence that they have truly repented of their natural inclination to serve two opposing masters or that they clearly understand Christ's command to *come out from among them and be ye separate*. Nearly every single churchgoer I know personally, by their own choosing, falls squarely into this *doubleminded man* category that Brother James warns us about. To these spiritually blinded souls, Christ and Caesar are seen as one. To them, pledging their allegiance to his flag is just as sacred an act as "doing their daily devotions". And, in many cases, these rebellious ones will even go so far as to showcase, side by side together, the two flags of

their opposing masters, never seeing the blatant idolatry clearly displayed right there before their very eyes! And as bad as that is, even worse, there is a breed among them who will leave their families and loved ones to invade foreign lands to kill others - *others for whom Christ died* - simply because Caesar commanded them to do it!

Consequently, the latest military suicide statistics indicate a staggering rate of more than 22 souls a day or 1 soul every 65 minutes according to CNN with other major sources putting those numbers even higher. Add to that number all the souls killed by these tortured G.I.s who eventually kill themselves for the sheer mental anguish of what they've done - many drugged by military doctors *literally* out of their mind - and the numbers are simply mind-boggling.

But I'm starting to digress, so let's get back on subject. What I really want to discuss here is the process of *coming out from among them* as both a logistical and spiritual process. And so from this point on I will be addressing the subject in this manner.

### **The True Nature of a Caesarian Divorce**

In the most basic and simplest terms, what we're talking about here in Step 1 is getting a divorce - a divorce from the state. This comparison should help you understand better the process of what will be happening and what you should be prepared to deal with when you inform Caesar you no longer wish to be his whore. Sorry folks... there's one of those nasty Bible words you might not like too much. Just the same, I can't think of any better analogy to paint this picture for your clear understanding than that. Just remember, in the same manner as there is often one member of the marriage who will fight the divorce tooth and nail, Caesar is probably not going to be a happy camper when he gets your "divorce papers", so be prepared for a fight.

Despite the divorce analogy, one of the first things the Lord taught me about church incorporation was that breaking your corporate covenant with the Beast is *not* in reality a legal process, but is rather specifically (an act): the *basis* and *result* of you pursuing your God-given right to repent of your transgressions against the Creator, Christ Jesus, whose lordship so far you've rejected, but now are lawfully and officially proclaiming as the higher and superseding Law over you and your local body. And so before pursuing either step 1 or 2 **you must repent**.

This is the true nature of what you are doing when you "un-incorporate" in this two step manner. You are repenting (turning) from your old unholy union with the state and telling the world you now stand - a new creature in Christ - as a newly created *ekklesia*, apart from all the other 501 (c) (3) counterfeit state churches; and are now firmly Established within the *actual* and *literal* Lordship (upon the solid foundation) of Christ Jesus.

Still, not everybody's going to understand this prevailing reality. No doubt, there will be lawyers, whose advise, if you are foolish enough to accept, will tell you there are certain legal procedures necessary to follow in order to dissolve a corporation or start a church. Concerning the dealings of one natural man with another, that may well be true. However, as pertaining to matters of the

Kingdom and His holy *ekklesia*, any lawyer who tells you this is simply lying - a necessary skill set all lawyers by virtue of their damnable profession must master in order to ascend to the various temples of higher worship on behalf of their Beast state master.

And don't expect anything different from one self-fashioning themselves as a "Christian lawyer" - a total oxymoron no more valid than "Christian prostitute" - both imaginary concepts that could only exist in a Superman Bizarro alternate universe where everything is completely backwards. And in case you think I'm being too hard on lawyers, just remember it was Jesus who called them "*serpents*", "*generation of vipers*", "*whited sepulchers*" all pretty and clean on the outside but full of rotting stench and corruption on the inside. And as the trade of prostitution, neither has the dirty nature of lawyering changed any over the past 2000 years. *Woe unto you, lawyers! For ye laid men with burdens grievous to be borne, and ye yourselves touch not the burdens with one of your fingers. Woe unto you, lawyers! for ye have taken away the key of knowledge: ye enter not in yourselves, and them that were entering in ye hindered.* Jesus at Luke 11:46 & 52.

Just the same, let me make this point clear: The love and grace of our Heavenly Father is so all sufficient that even a lawyer can become transformed by the power of the indwelling Christ *if, and only if*, they have a will to repent. OK, enough lawyer slamming... back on subject.

### **The Clean Little Secret**

What the lawyers will fail to tell you every time is *the clean little secret* I'm going to share with you now. And, because you don't need a lawyer - and, in fact, will throw a wrench into the whole works if you hire one - this biblical, Kingdom approach to the dilemma of church incorporation is infinitely better in every way.

It is a time honored principle in law that the Kingdom of God and His Higher Laws shall supersede all the lower laws of the lower venues of the natural man. If you visit our website, specifically the page titled [\*De diversis regulis juris antiqui\*](#), you will find there a collection of maxims and words and phrases of interest to the Christ's *ekklesia* which will probably shock you to discover actually exists. Clearly stated within the language of these maxims you will find the supremacy of God's Word and his Kingdom proclaimed to be the higher and prevailing authority among men. This is the godly heritage of Western Law which the spirit of Satan through it's many surrogates have all been attempting to erase from the slate of modern culture for many years now. All that notwithstanding, once you begin the learning process of these essential principles and the scriptures they uphold, you can then begin to lay the *new* solid foundation for your local community *ekklesia* as mentioned earlier. This is Step 2 of the process and the most important.

At Isaiah 9:6 & 7 it is written, *For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and 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. Of the increase of His government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon His Kingdom,*

*to order it, and to Establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth ever for ever. The zeal of the Lord of host will perform this.*

It is clear from these scriptures that the government of the Kingdom of God in Christ Jesus shall be *upon His shoulder* - His unified, bound together body - which is His holy (church) *ekklesia*. It is also clear that His government is a timeless one and not of human origin. Contrary to popular myth held by those within the so-called Christian Patriot movement, there is simply no divine call *to His holy church* found here at Isaiah or anywhere else later in the New Testament for “patriotic believers” (another oxymoron) to “take back America”. Such nationalistic divine favoritism ended with Israel and the old covenant. Instead, those of us who are chosen of our Lord to fulfill His higher Calling and desire to sojourn more *truly* in Him have a Holy Mandate via Isaiah 9 *et al* such as II Corinthians 6:17, Revelation 18:4, to come out from the world and all its various (lower) kingdoms, whether they be political, legal, religious, social, educational or any other.

While the precepts upon which America was founded may be noble and perhaps even the highest among men, they are still of human origin and therefore should not be a distraction to those of us who labor for the Higher calling of His Holy Name and Kingdom. For in the same manner as Christ, who is our Holy example, teaches us, we too *must be about our Father’s business*. As for those laboring to “take back America”, again as our Lord said... *let the dead bury their dead*.

And so now you have a construction project ahead: you have an *ekklesia* to build. You won’t have to go to the bank for a loan, but you will have to count the costs. Actually, our Lord has already constructed the prototype which others before you have followed successfully. Thus, all you will have to do is establish your own local community franchise. What this means is that you must come together with others of your local body to establish, on the foundation of Scripture, your christian traditions, customs and usage (i.e., the procedural law) for your new church. What you will find in the Book of Acts and elsewhere throughout the New Testament, and at **the church at Salem** website also, will be essential information as the Spirit of God will surely honor your efforts to build your new *ekklesia* upon the solid foundation of Christ Jesus alone.

As you form your new ecclesiastical government in this fashion you will learn essential protocol and things such as the critical difference between a *constitution* and a *charter*, and why it is a fatal error for an *ekklesia* to recognize a constitution. Also, you will learn over time how to write and issue forth all the necessary Lawful processes you will need from time to time. This will accomplish what is called *laying the venue* - which among other things lets Caesar know that the rules of engagement and, indeed, the entire process, are now officially within the Righteous and Holy Venue of the Christ’s *ekklesia*. Remember, you no longer move in the secular civil venue of Caesar and must never, *under any circumstances*, backslide down into those lower chambers.

Moving within your newly discovered Venue will be relatively simple. The real challenge however will come when Caesar shows up for the first time, *now as a foreign belligerent*, to

commit various actions of trespass against your Sovereign Christ Jesus. And **right there** is perhaps the most critical realization you must indelibly fix into your thinking. Never forget, it's *His* church you are Establishing... not yours! When you, as His duly appointed representative, are persecuted and attacked, it is actually Christ Himself they are attacking, not you. *And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto Me. Matthew 25:40*

Since the governments of men are intrinsically evil and totally corrupt, the Beast will likely become hostile in any number of ways when it perceives a threat to its power. Despite everything you have done correctly you may be ignored, persecuted, shunned and ridiculed or perhaps even worse. To wit, at this present time (mid 2014) Kathy and I remain in exile after having everything we spent 35 years of our lives to acquire robbed by the state at gun point; and still we remain alienated from many friends and family. Yet for His grace and mercy we are still alive and serving Him. And so I say to you, beware! Due to the prevailing and out of control police state which is now the new Amerika, you must be ever vigilant and prepared for *anything*.

In this regard, first, be content to know that your labors in Christ for the advancement of His Kingdom, whatever the outcome may be, will forever stand as a faithful witness and testimony to the truth in Christ, and that possibly this may be all you will ever accomplish for your efforts. I don't mean to throw a damper on your expectations here but you should not be fooled into thinking that establishing the *true* church of Christ in your locality is going to be a cakewalk. Lessons rightly learned from the early church surly teach us that.

At our [website](#) we tell about the protocol we developed and used to lay to rest Guildford Manor Family Ministries, the forerunner of **the church at Salem**. After all the founding members of that extra-biblical body met to repent and effectively disavow it in leu of a true New Testament model of His holy *ekklesia*, we then immediately Established **the church at Salem**.

Even though both bodies from their beginnings were specifically declared non-statutory, non-incorporated and solely based on the *actual* and *literal* Lordship of Jesus the Christ, we were unlawfully persecuted and attacked by government minions at all levels; city, county, state and federal. Yet, regardless of what happened to us at Salem, I am confident our protocol according to our christian traditions, customs and usage was biblically sound, procedurally correct and, for the most part, what I would do again today 10 years later if my Lord called me to do so.

A quick side story here to make my point: Shortly after **the church at Salem** was seized in 2005, I spoke with a pastor, somewhere up in New England, as I recall, who was doing basically the same thing we had done at Salem. He told me all he did was visit the local authorities where he introduced himself as pastor so-and-so. He told them he had just purchased (with cash) a house and land and would be Establishing a non-incorporated church there. He told them they should thus designate the church as non-incorporated and in accordance with The First Amendment, mark this land on their tax roles as "non-taxable" - again, all basically the same things we did at

Salem but without our formal protocol. He said the clerk simply told him "alright", marked their records accordingly, said good bye and he walked out never to have a problem thereafter.

Why didn't that happen to us at Salem? How come we didn't draw the easy straw like they did? Why did we have to endure - and still continue enduring, albeit to a lessening degree as time goes by - all the pain, loss and heartache we suffered? I simply can't tell you. Yet in the final analysis, it really doesn't matter. What I did finally come to understand after asking myself that question many times, was that Kathy and I were personally chosen and highly honored of our Lord to answer His Call at Salem. I don't know why, but by His grace and favor, we were called and equipped to do that job. And by His grace and mercy, we passed the test. We had to do *what we had to do* at Salem and that's all there is to it! We played our part and so did everyone else in that grand travesty who played theirs; some for good, some for evil. And, one day soon, we will all give an accounting before God Almighty for the parts each, by our own free will, chose.

Consequently, the message here is simply, *life is like a box of chocolates - you never know what your gonna get*. Sorry, I couldn't resist that... but it's true! While by the Providence of God you may get a gift, as I like to call it, more than likely you're going to encounter resistance like we did at Salem. And so whatever His will turns out to be in your unique case, you must be resolved to accept it. As I said earlier, before building you must all sit down together and count the cost.

Just the same, whatever men may do to you, the prevailing reality and *clean little secret* is simply that once you have crossed the border over into the Kingdom of Christ Jesus and, from there, begun to Execute His Lawful Lordship over the process, you are *positionally* in Christ and are effectively untouchable in Him. As His appointed representative, you are in full control of the process and are now effectively *hid with Christ in God* (Colossians 3:3), no longer subject to the rudiments of this world (Colossians 2:20). Maintaining that reality when the sheriff and his Beast state Counter Terrorism Forces are breaking down your door - should it ever come to that - will be your biggest challenge. What we're talking about here is spiritual warfare of the highest order and should never be thought of in any lesser terms.

### **Your New Local Community *Ekklesia* (literally, your new identity in Christ)**

Although I have presented the "un-incorporating" process here as having two distinct and separate steps, please do not get the impression they are necessarily sequential; they're not. Actually, I can't think of any reason why both should not be done together in the same manner as we did at Salem. However, Establishing your new local community *ekklesia* (step 2), is more important and should probably be your priority. Either way, I can think of no better scriptures to explain the fuller significance of what is occurring here than II Corinthians 5:17-20.

*Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to Himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; To wit, that God was in Christ,*

*reconciling the world unto Himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. Now then we are **ambassadors for Christ**, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.*

In time, should you hear His Divine Call and accept His Appointment to strive for the masteries of the worthy office of **ambassador for Christ**, all the rights and recognitions of the sovereign under the law of nations (*jus gentium*) which are afforded any national ambassador will be yours. In fact, the very model for those international provisions are drawn from the Original and Organic Law of Scripture. That being the case, how could they not extend to you - an ambassador for the Creator/Sovereign Himself, Yeshua, Jesus the Christ?

And although there are no colleges of men where you can *study to show yourself approved*, nor will there be any graduation ceremony afterwards to confer upon you the right to display letters behind your name, just the same, your delegated Authority will be of Christ, of which there is none higher. Those who walk in the reality of His Presence will recognize that Authority; those who walk in the traditions of men, unless He opens their eyes, won't. Likewise, friends and family will probably never see it. Again, the life of Jesus speaks to us here as an example.

When I first heard and learn about these things 15 years ago, I literally rediscovered my first love excitement for the Lord Jesus and the *true* things of His *true* Kingdom which the (religious) traditions of men had robbed from me and made "of none effect". Almost everybody except my wonderful, faithful wife thought I was crazy then and today, 15 years later, most still think I am. When it came to spiritual matters, nothing I did made any sense to anybody. Over the years, not much has changed in that regard, but again, over the years, I've just learned to live with that reality. Once again, look at Jesus: Because He dared to show men the Kingdom of God while condemning their (humanistic) traditions, even His own friends and family declared Him to be "*beside Himself*". And so, I think I'm in pretty good company.

One of the "crazy" things I did - *a common New Testament practice* - that confused all the churchgoers perhaps more than anything, was to begin using my given christian name, William Raymond, without my family appellation attached. Boy!... did that ever throw a lot of people into a mental tailspin! Again, I'm not going to get into a lesson on identification here other than to say that identifying *literally* in Christ in this manner will provide a special (cover) layer of protection from Caesar one could never achieve otherwise. Since my awakening from the spiritual matrix, this has proved to be one of the most important and meaningful things I've ever done to demonstrate my intent to sojourn *in Christ*, in and for His Kingdom.

*Now it's up to you...*

If you have carefully and prayerfully read everything here and feel the Lord Jesus is calling you to *come out from among them* in the manner prescribed herein, please let me know. While there is so much more to this lifelong process than we could ever cover in a format like this, I will be happy and honored to assist you and your local body in your transition with whatever information or help I can, by the grace of God, provide.

Meanwhile, I cannot stress enough how important and beneficial it will be for you to study the New Testament - especially The Acts of the Apostles - and to do as much research at **the church at Salem** website as you can. There, you will find information ranging from how to write an Ecclesiastical Venue Writ of Habeas Corpus to reflections on the correct capitalization of words.

Please bear in mind that due to the loss of our iWeb template, which occurred during our computer crash in 2010, we have not been able to access or edit any of the files there. Because of this, there is some outdated information on the Greeting Page such as the last recorded visitor in late 2010 and the appeal concerning our transportation issues which, all praise and thanks be to the Father, He has resolved for us most wonderfully. Concerning our website, I am confident the problems there will also be repaired soon so that we will once again be able to update and edit what is there as necessary.

May the Lord Jesus add His blessings to everything I have faithfully labored for here on behalf of His glorious Kingdom, and for His holy body, the saints in Light scattered abroad who seek now on this side of eternity the spiritual shelter of His holy, local community *ekklisia*.

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