

***Nurturing Faith...
Every Day in Every Way***

October 22, 2017

Twentieth Sunday of Pentecost

Isaiah 45:1-7

Psalms 96:1-9 [10-13]

I Thessalonians 1:1-10

Matthew 22:15-22



The Pharisees Plot Against Jesus. *Objects: A coin with a picture of your president, king, queen, etc.*

Has anyone ever asked you a question that there just wasn't any way to answer it without getting yourself into trouble?

Here is an example of that kind of question:

• Do you still pick on your little brother? You are either going to admit that you used to pick on your brother or that you still pick on him.

In our Bible lesson today, the religious leaders called the Pharisees came up with a plot to trick Jesus into saying something that would discredit Jesus among his followers.

The people in Jesus' day were required to pay taxes to the Roman government. That was not very popular with the people. The plan was to go to Jesus and ask him his opinion about paying the taxes.

So, they asked him, "Teacher, tell us what you think about this: Is it right to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" They were actually trying to trick Jesus, because they knew if he said, "Yes," the people would be angry. But if he said, "No," he would get into trouble with the Roman authorities.

Jesus saw right through their plan and he did a very wise thing. He asked them for a coin, then he said, "Whose picture is on this coin?" They answered, "It is Caesar." Caesar was the Roman ruler and all taxes had to be paid to him. Jesus then said to them, "Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and give to God what belongs to God."

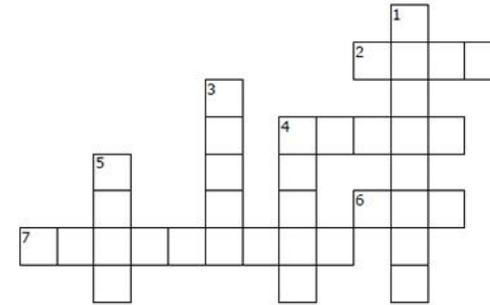
The Bible says that we were created by God and that we were created in the image of God. If we are created by God, and we were created in His image, we must belong to Him. That means we must give ourselves to Him!

Dear Lord God, help us to give you what is yours. Help us to spend our hours in acts of love and our days in doing acts of kindness. May we always obey you and give you the praise that is due. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

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Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia. Shine like stars in the world; holding fast to the word of life. Alleluia. (Phil. 2:15, 16)

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

2. A usually flat piece of metal used for money.
4. A statement that agrees with fact or reality.
6. To give someone money in return for something.
7. A religious group who were strict followers of the law.

DOWN

1. A picture of a person -- usually showing the face.
3. The details of how something is going to be accomplished.
4. Money paid to the government.
5. A situation from which it is difficult or impossible to escape.

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| TAXES | TRAP | PORTRAIT | PLANS |
| TRUTH | PAY | PHARISEES | COIN |

AUTUMN PLACEMATS: Give the child a piece of large construction paper to use as a placemat. Let the child draw or collect outside leaves to place on their colored placemat. Help the child to write their name and these words from our lesson - WHAT DO WE OWE GOD? WE OWE HIM OUR ALL! Cover the placemat with clear contact paper so the child can use their placemat to decorate their table during the Fall season.



"GIVE TO CAESAR WHAT IS CAESAR'S,
AND TO GOD WHAT IS GOD'S."
MATTHEW 22:21

