

Illegal Immigrants and God's Immigration System - Part 1

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I was motivated to write this current article after reading a post in my Facebook news feed where a user accused other Facebook members of lacking compassion, simply because they had the audacity to refer to ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS as illegals. What?! Well, now just wait a minute there folks! Excuse me, but what else are we supposed to call such individuals who purposely and knowingly choose to disrespect and break our laws, and who enter our country without the proper paperwork

and the proper government authorization, if not ILLEGALS? It makes me shake my head! Oh, wait! I know what we should do! Let's refer to them by a more politically correct term. You know, something like "undocumented immigrants". After all, this term has a much nicer ring to it, don't you think? It also kind of conceals the fact -- not really, unless one is just plain stupid -- that they ILLEGALLY snuck into our country.

My friends, what a complete load of nonsense! Such persons are NOT immigrants. Real immigrants follow a very specific, government-designed, legal procedure for entering a nation so that they can eventually reside there permanently. Well, in case a person has simply been sleeping under a rock for the past number of years, these individuals who the liberals want to call "undocumented immigrants" did NOT do that. Many of them are simply illegal fences-hoppers. Now, to be fair and balanced in my opinion here, I will recognize that some of these people did enter our country the proper, legal way.

However, then what did some of them do after that? They blew their government-approved temporary legal status, when for whatever their reasons, they chose to overstay their visas. Thus, no matter how you look at it, the end result is that they are still in our country ILLEGALLY. Maybe they were afraid that their visas would not be renewed. Who knows. But that is life, my friends. Sometimes you win, while at other times you lose. It is entirely up to the immigration officials to determine whether or not a person continues to meet the requirements to remain within the country legally. If not, then as a temporary guest in our country, it's that individual's legal responsibility to leave immediately. It is NOT their right to intentionally break the law so that they can remain longer. It is just as simple as that.

We see so many liberals whining and complaining about how unloving and lacking in compassion Conservatives are. "Oh what meanies! Just look at how they treat those poor people! They have no mercy whatsoever! They certainly aren't acting in a very Christian manner!" I say "Hogwash!". The ILLEGALS fully understood the risk they were taking when they snuck into our country ILLEGALLY. They knew full well that they might get caught. They knew in their hearts that what they were doing was flat out WRONG! Some of them even paid the money-hungry "coyotes" thousands of dollars to sneak them into the USA. Likewise, some of them dragged along their young children to commit the same illegal act with them.

Okay, you liberals want to talk about love and compassion? Tell me something then. How is dragging your very own kids into a dangerous and illegal situation an act of love? In fact, some of those parents have sent their own children ahead completely ALONE! Sadly, some of them were raped or experienced other terrible things. So again, before you liberals try to preach to us Conservatives about love and compassion, I suggest that you look more closely at the actual facts, instead of spinning your false narratives in order to garner sympathy.

So despite knowing full well that what they were doing was wrong and illegal, they chose to do it anyway. They broke the law on purpose. They rolled the dice and they took the chance. That is not our fault, so please don't try to pin it on us Conservatives. Whatever happens to them is THEIR own fault, plain and simple, so let's call a spade a spade, and stop all of this nonsensical, liberal whitewashing of the facts, shall we?

Sadly, as some of my readers will already know, a number of the attempts to enter the United States illegally have ended in terrible tragedy when sealed trucks have been discovered which are filled with the bloated bodies of hopeful people, who in many cases died from either a lack of oxygen and/or from heat exposure. And yet the greedy "coyotes" still got paid. Horrific!

You know, my friends, as I have mentioned a number of times before, while all of these liberals and Democrats whine and complain about how the Trump administration has taken very strong, decisive steps to curb and to in fact stop illegal entry into our nation, I really have to wonder how many of these same liberal cry babies have ever attempted to enter another country -- particularly Mexico -- illegally. Do any of you delusional liberals really think that Mexico -- or any other country for that matter -- would allow this? Not in your life! As far as I know, the United States of America is the only country that has such porous, open borders. It is really quite ridiculous -- not to mention dangerous -- and the liberals who support such lax policies are just as ridiculous!

You know, over fifty years ago, I first visited Mexico as an American tourist on a standard Mexican tourist visa. I have shared the story before concerning how when I first arrived

there, even though I had studied Spanish in high school for three years, and excelled at it, I could hardly understand a word that was spoken to me. This was due to the simple fact that while I had the language theory in my head -- in other words, how to conjugate verbs, the different word genders, etc. -- I had no real-world experience with native Mexicans who actually spoke Mexican Spanish. In other words, my ears were not accustomed to hearing it, because learning Spanish from an American Spanish teacher who has an American accent is simply not the same.

By the way, for those of my readers who may be wondering why I refer to it as Mexican Spanish, and not just simply as the Spanish language, it is because as many knowledgeable and well-traveled people know, not all Spanish in the world is the same. There are distinct differences depending on which country you happen to be in. Were you aware of this point?

In fact, each country has its own LOCALIZED version of the ORIGINAL Spanish language which comes from Spain. In other words, Castilian. Furthermore, it might interest some of my readers to know that from the perspective of Spaniards, all other versions of Spanish are a corruption and a perversion of their language, just as British people view other forms of English -- including American English -- as a corruption of their language. It simply is not trim and proper.

To a large extent, even though I am an American myself, I would have to agree. This is even more true now than it was when I was a youth growing up in Pennsylvania six decades ago. Today, due to the influences of rap music -- which I really do NOT like -- so-called "gangsta talk", etc., our American English language has become an unrecognizable and confusing monstrosity. At least to me. It's become a rude, crude language which I find rather disgusting. Some of it sounds very low-class and uneducated. I don't think I would even be able to fully understand people who talk like that. It would be similar to a foreign language to me.

But returning to my previous comments concerning my original experiences in Mexico back during the 1970s and early 1980s, while I did initially experience some culture shock, through perseverance and constant integration with Mexican society on a daily basis, I eventually mastered Mexican Spanish, and I was able to both speak, read and write it to such a fluent degree, that even though I looked very American, some of my acquaintances at the time thought that I might be from South

America. You see, there are some light-skinned, fair-haired people in some South American countries. Not all Latinos -- as they are called -- possess a lot of melanin in their skin pigmentation.

Well, in the end, I enjoyed my time in Mexico so much, that during a six-year period, I chose to remain in the country, and I only returned to the USA-Mexico border to renew my tourist visa every six months. Yes, my friends, I lived in Mexico legally, unlike the ILLEGALS who sneak into our own country. Furthermore, even after I left Mexico, I remained on the Tex-Mex border for another full three years before beginning a new adventure thousands of miles away in Japan. As I have mentioned before, that oriental adventure was the result of being captivated by a 1980 television mini-series called "Shogun" which starred Richard Chamberlain and famed Japanese actor Toshiro Mifune in the lead roles.

But let me tell you, my friends, Mexico was a lot different back then. I mean that it was a lot safer for foreigners, at least as far as I can tell. Drug cartels existed back then as well, of course, but apparently, they did not yet possess as much political power and influence as they seem to have today. Today, they are very aggressive and violent towards foreigners, particularly towards American "Gringos". That takes us back to my previous point. In my view, I think an American would have to be crazy to even try to sneak into Mexico illegally. If you should get caught, you could spend literally years rotting away in some Mexican prison cell, with violent people who do not like you at all.

Worse yet, based on different new reports I have read over the years, the impression I have received is that highway violence being committed against American tourists -- and this includes robbery, kidnapping and even beheadings -- by members of the Mexican drug cartels has risen to a rather dangerous level. Personally, as a result, I don't recommend that any Americans visit Mexico as tourists, at least not if you intend to travel Mexican highways with your RV rig. You could be walking into your own death trap. So beware!

Besides everything I have already shared with you in this article, let me likewise mention the unimaginable amount of dangerous and illegal drugs which flow across the US-Mexico border at various points, probably every single day. Let me also remind you of the many dangerous and violent crimes which have been committed by some ILLEGALS, including rape

and murder. Given these facts, personally, I fully support strong American border security in all its forms. This, of course, includes the border wall, the construction of which the foolish Biden administration brought to a halt. To make matters worse, President Biden even tried to get rid of the border wall construction materials which had been purchased during President Trump's first term in office, by selling it at a cheap price. That was nothing short of shameful, and a very traitorous act, in my view.

As I was writing this article today, it occurred to me what a rather interesting subject walls actually are. Boring you say? Not really if you actually stop to think about it. We use walls for so many different things and for such a great variety of purposes. Generally-speaking, we often use walls to divide and separate different things, to control the flow of different things, to keep things inside or outside of a particular area, to mark ownership of a place, to designate a certain area for some particular function, etc. There are also many different types of walls as well. It really is a rather fascinating subject.

We use dikes, dams, canals and breakwaters to either control the flow of water, or to prevent it from entering a certain area. We construct a wall to enclose our garden and home and to say "This is my property." Our houses and so many other edifices use walls to keep out the elements such as rain, wind, snow, hail and sleet. Walls also prevent outside heat from entering a place, while at the same time retaining the cool air from our air conditioners. Even a roof is a type of wall if you stop to think about it. We likewise use fences of different kinds to divide and mark a territory, to retain livestock within a certain place, and for a wide variety of other things. We also use walls to keep people out, and to protect our personal, private living spaces which are our homes. Walls of a spacecraft are used to protect astronauts from a certain death, just as the walls of a submarine are what keep sailors safe. Walls allow us to enjoy the water in our swimming pools. Even a bathtub is actually a sort of retaining wall. So as you can see, walls are interesting. I am sure you can think of even more useful purposes for walls.

You know, what is odd about the current liberal mentality, is that historically-speaking, and Biblically-speaking as well, walled cities were the norm for literally thousands of years. The logic was simple. As a leader, if you want to keep your people safe from plunder, rape, murder and other

forms of violence, and if you want to keep a more powerful invader out, you build a wall -- or even multiple walls -- around your town or city. There is really nothing difficult to understand about this. It is simply common sense, right?

Furthermore, as I point out in the in-depth 25-part series entitled "Vespasian, Titus and the Fall of Jerusalem", aside from being situated in a location which was very difficult for invaders to reach due to the rugged and steep terrain, first century Jerusalem was protected by three great walls which were constructed of massive limestone blocks, each of which weighed several tons or more. In fact, it took Roman general Titus and his legions about four months to breach all three of the walls before they were finally able to conquer and destroy Jerusalem and the temple complex, exactly as had been prophesied by Jesus himself in the Gospels.

Many of my Christian readers will also be familiar with the walled city of Jericho which was located near the eastern border of Canaan, and which was overtaken by Joshua and the Israelite army. Some of my older readers will no doubt be familiar with the old popular song regarding the same thing. It was sung by Black and White artists alike including Elvis Presley, Bing Crosby and Pete Seeger, to name a few. Even my dad used to sometimes sing the song when I was a boy.

Likewise, if you take the time to conduct a search of the Old Testament of the King James Bible, you will discover that there are almost two dozen verses where the phrase "fenced cities" is found. Based on the original Hebrew words which are used in the verses, these were in fact fortified cities, or basically fortresses, which had a defensive wall around them, as well as high towers to watch for any approaching enemies. My friends, these ancient defensive walls were so vitally important that they could mean the very difference between life or death, and freedom or subjugation. That is to say, slavery.

Jerusalem was the same way and likewise had multiple towers -- such as the very famous Tower of Antonia -- which Roman general Titus had destroyed for the most part. Please refer to the aforementioned series for more details. In addition to the city of Jerusalem itself, during the first century BC, Judean king Herod the Great built the rather famous hilltop fortress of Masada, the ruins of which still exist today. I discuss it in my article called "The Fall of Masada", which you will find listed at the end of this same article.

Turning our attention to the New Testament of the King James Bible, as I point out in my three-part series entitled "What About the Wall?", as well as in the three-part series called "New Jerusalem: Heavenly City and Mountain of the Lord's House", the Book of Revelation clearly informs us that God's wonderful Heavenly City -- that is to say, New Jerusalem -- is also surrounded by a massive wall that is approximately two hundred feet in height, as we can easily determine by the following group of Bible verses:

"And had a wall great and high, and had twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and names written thereon, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel: On the east three gates; on the north three gates; on the south three gates; and on the west three gates. And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. And he that talked with me had a golden reed to measure the city, and the gates thereof, and the wall thereof. And the city lieth foursquare, and the length is as large as the breadth: and he measured the city with the reed, twelve thousand furlongs. The length and the breadth and the height of it are equal. And he measured the wall thereof, an hundred and forty and four cubits, according to the measure of a man, that is, of the angel."

Revelation 21:12-17, KJV

So as you can obviously see, even God Himself is in favor of building walls. But exactly what is the previous group of verses describing? In plain words, it is a security system designed to protect all of God's saved children within from the evil and wicked people who are outside of the walls of New Jerusalem. Furthermore, please notice that each of the four walls has three gates in it. What is the purpose of a gate? Obviously, it is to set something off from something else, and/or to control traffic. In this case, of course, these twelve gates are for controlling the flow of people into the City of God. Their specific purpose is likewise to keep out the riffraff and the unworthy. Again, this truth is made evident, not only by certain verses which we find in the Book of Revelation itself, but in other New Testament verses, including in some of Jesus' very own Parables, as we see here:

"Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city. For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and

whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie . . . And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life."

Revelation 22:14-15, 27, KJV

So, thus far we have this extremely high, massive wall which surrounds the Heavenly City on all four sides. The wall has a total of twelve gates. John writes that each of the gates is also manned by a great Angel who is obviously controlling the flow of traffic, and checking everyone's credentials in order to determine if they really have a right to enter into New Jerusalem. If you think that those Angelic Border Guards are not armed, then please think again. Let me remind you of what happened after the First Pair -- that is to say, Adam and Eve -- were ousted from the wonderful Garden of Eden due to their yielding to their pride and knowingly BREAKING THE LAW:

"So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life."

Genesis 3:24, KJV

By the way, for those of you who may be wondering, depending on which cubit is used, this beautiful, foursquare Heavenly City is about 1,500 miles long on each of its four sides, or about half the size of the United States of America. This is because a cubit was the length of a man's forearm. However, it varied from culture to culture due to genetics, and thus could be from 18 to 21 inches in length. While a difference of three inches may not seem like much, when we're looking at a length of 1,500 miles, it does add up.

But wait just one minute here, friends! Don't all of these verses sound very similar to an earthly border which has both border guards and a very specific immigration system? It is rather obvious, isn't it? In fact, it sounds rather similar to America's very own ICE -- U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement -- as well as the CBP -- U.S. Customs and Border Protection -- who are posted at every American port of entry. So what we see occurring in Heaven is very much like what a wise, security-minded nation does here on Earth as well. I see no difference. Do you? So why do all of the liberals whine and complain, and why do they want to open the floodgates to questionable and dangerous folks

from other countries of the world? It is utter madness!

As I explain in my article entitled "What is Meant by Outer Darkness in the Bible?", according to my understanding of the Scriptures, while the Heavenly City is filled with the light of God the Father and the Lamb, who is Jesus Christ, outside of it in some place exists total darkness. I don't believe that this darkness fills the entire Earth, because this is in fact the New Earth, and there are a lot of saved peoples and nations who are living upon it. However, it is rather clear that somewhere there is this terrible, great darkness. And do you know exactly who is destined for that awful place of torment? The very same wicked people who we saw mentioned in the previous group of Bible verses. They are deceivers and liars and worse. Consider the following set of Bible verses which confirms this particular point:

"But the children of the kingdom [or unbelieving Jews] shall be cast out into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

Matthew 8:12, KJV

"Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

Matthew 22:13, KJV

"And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

Matthew 25:30, KJV

I mentioned a few moments ago that the great Angels who are stationed at each of the twelve gates of New Jerusalem serve as heavenly border guards. Their job is to control all of the traffic which is flowing into and out of God's City of Light, and to check visitors' credentials. Wow! Credentials! You mean similar to passports and visas? That is precisely right! If a person does not have the right credentials, and if their paperwork is not in order with everything properly signed and stamped, they simply CANNOT pass through the port of entry. In this case, it is the twelve gates that are made from pearls, as we see by the following Bible verse:

"And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; every several gate was of one pearl: and the street of the city was pure gold, as it were transparent glass."

Revelation 21:21, KJV

So exactly what are the credentials of which I speak? Well, if you are a Bible-believing Christian, then I am sure that you already know the answer to this important question. But for anyone who may not be that familiar with the Bible, the simple answer is that the passport is faith in Jesus Christ. He is in fact your ticket, your visa and your passport to Heaven. Without faith in His loving Sacrifice for your sins, in God's eyes, you remain a total stranger and a foreigner without proper documentation, and you will NOT be allowed to enter New Jerusalem. As Jesus himself and the Apostles said and taught, Jesus is the only way, the only door, the only strait gate, the only name, and the only mediator between God and man, as we see by the following set of Bible verses:

". . . I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

John 14:6, KJV

"Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep. All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them. I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture."

John 10:7-9, KJV

"Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able. When once the master of the house is risen up, and hath shut to the door, and ye begin to stand without, and to knock at the door, saying, Lord, Lord, open unto us; and he shall answer and say unto you, I know you not whence ye are:"

Luke 13:24-25, KJV

"Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."

Acts 4:12, KJV

"For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;"

1 Timothy 2:5, KJV

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Strangers Foreigners And Aliens To God, Depart From Me I Never Knew You, Adopted Sons Of God Through Faith In Christ, Divine Agreement, Without The Shedding Of Blood There Is No Remission Of Our Sins, We Are Bought With A Price, Our Visa Is Stamped With Approval, Sealed By The Holy Spirit Of God, Wedding Garment Robe Of Righteousness Garment Of Salvation, Only One Legal Way To Enter Heaven And Only One Legal Way To Enter The USA, Will You Blame God For Having A Strict Policy Regarding Heavenly Immigration?, Be Slow To Speak Before God, Possible Motivations, Increase In Despicable Violence Against ICE Officers, Instigators Aiding And Abetting Illegal Aliens, Shameful Democratic Governors And Mayors: Fire Them All Now!, Do Illegal Aliens Have Rights And Are They Protected By U.S. Laws?, The Absurdity Of American Citizenship In Light Of The Current Circumstances, Closing Remarks, Suggested Reading List

Continuing our discussion from part one, now if you, as an unbeliever, think that you can break God's Laws, and somehow still sneak into the Heavenly City in some other way like an illegal border crosser, think again, my friend, because you are in for a very major and rude awakening! As I explained a moment ago, the simple fact of the matter is that if you are so foolish as to reject Jesus Christ, God will view you as an ILLEGAL. You are a STRANGER, a FOREIGNER and an ALIEN to God, and you won't be allowed to enter into the holy city, New Jerusalem. Despite your much pleading, God will tell you to depart from Him, because you are none of His, and He does not know you. This awful truth is revealed in the following group of Bible verses:

"And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity."

Matthew 7:23, KJV

"Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:"

Matthew 25:41, KJV

"But he shall say, I tell you, I know you not whence ye are; depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity. There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when ye shall see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrust out."

Luke 13:27-28, KJV

I truly hope that the previous verses will be enough to wake up any unbelievers who may possibly be reading this article. However, once you accept Jesus, you will then automatically acquire a brand new status. You are no longer a rejected STRANGER and a FOREIGNER to God. You in fact become a member of God's very own household, and you are adopted as His son or daughter due to your abiding faith in Jesus Christ. As a result, you WILL be given admittance to the Heavenly City of Light. All of these wonderful truths are made quite evident by the following group of Bible verses. Enjoy them!:

"Wherefore remember, that ye being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands; That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world: But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ . . . Now therefore YE ARE NO MORE STRANGERS AND FOREIGNERS, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God; And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit."

Ephesians 2:11-13, 19-22, KJV

"Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, THE LORD KNOWETH THEM THAT ARE HIS. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity."

2 Timothy 2:19, KJV

"For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus."

Galatians 3:26, KJV

"But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:"

John 1:12, KJV

"Having predestinated us UNTO THE ADOPTION OF CHILDREN BY JESUS CHRIST to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,"

Ephesians 1:5, KJV

"But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, To redeem them that were under the law, that WE MIGHT RECEIVE THE ADOPTION OF SONS. And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father."

Galatians 4:4-6, KJV

"For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but YE HAVE RECEIVED THE SPIRIT OF ADOPTION, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that WE ARE THE CHILDREN OF GOD: And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together . . . For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, WAITING FOR THE ADOPTION, to wit, the redemption of our body."

Romans 8:15-17, 22-23, KJV

"And Jesus answering said unto them, The children of this world marry, and are given in marriage: But they which shall be accounted worthy to obtain that world, and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry, nor are given in marriage: Neither can they die any more: for they are equal unto the angels; and are the children of God, being the children of the resurrection."

Luke 20:34-36, KJV

Oh my, but aren't those verses inspiring?! Let me bring to your attention that in the previous group of verses we find

the phrase "having this seal". Exactly what is that phrase talking about? Well, in my personal view, it actually has several different meanings which are all applicable to our current discussion. For example, as I explain in my article entitled "Backsliding, Divine Chastisement and the Divine Agreement", a very long time ago, God the Father and Jesus Christ made a Holy Agreement between themselves. It in fact concerned you and I, and our eternal destiny. I am sure that some of you can already see where I am going with this line of thought.

Obviously, I am referring to the fact that Jesus willingly chose to die for our sins, so that we can be forgiven, and thus be redeemed, saved, and inherit Eternal Life. Just as ancient kings often used signet rings to approve, authorize and seal agreements and letters, this Divine Agreement was also symbolically sealed by God the Father. Jesus in fact had His Father's full approval to do what He was about to do for humanity. That is to say, die on a Roman cross.

You see, as I fully explain in my three-part series entitled "The Blood Atonement: In Jesus' Own Words" -- which you will find listed at the end of this same article -- in accordance with Divine Law, Jesus had to shed His own blood in order to seal the deal with His Father. He had to pay that ransom for our souls; and by so doing, we in fact became His purchased possessions. We became His adopted children. I don't want to go too deeply into details here, because this subject is amply covered in other articles. So, for now, following are some verses which describe how Jesus shed His blood and thus paid the price to free us from the penalty of sin:

"But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building; Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us. For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh: How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance. For where a

testament is, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator. For a testament is of force after men are dead: otherwise it is of no strength at all while the testator liveth. Whereupon neither the first testament was dedicated without blood. For when Moses had spoken every precept to all the people according to the law, he took the blood of calves and of goats, with water, and scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book, and all the people, Saying, This is the blood of the testament which God hath enjoined unto you. Moreover he sprinkled with blood both the tabernacle, and all the vessels of the ministry. And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and WITHOUT SHEDDING OF BLOOD IS NO REMISSION."

Hebrews 9:11-22, KJV

"Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to GIVE HIS LIFE A RANSOM FOR MANY."

Matthew 20:28, KJV

"For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to GIVE HIS LIFE A RANSOM FOR MANY."

Mark 10:45, KJV

"Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, WHICH HE HATH PURCHASED WITH HIS OWN BLOOD."

Acts 20:28, KJV

"What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For YE ARE BOUGHT WITH A PRICE: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's."

1 Corinthians 6:19-20, KJV

"YE ARE BOUGHT WITH A PRICE; be not ye the servants of men."

1 Corinthians 7:23, KJV

"WHO GAVE HIMSELF A RANSOM FOR ALL, to be testified in due time."

1 Timothy 2:6, KJV

So everything I just explained to you is one way in which we can understand the phrase "having this seal". However, there is a second way to understand it as well, and it is in fact directly tied to the first way. How so? Well, because we've accepted Jesus Christ by faith, we too have been sealed by

God's Holy Spirit. Earlier, I spoke to you about passports, visas, credentials and paperwork, right? Well, once we have accepted Christ as our Lord and Savior, we are approved by God, and our symbolic visa is stamped, so that we're granted permission to enter the Holy City of Light, New Jerusalem. We will NOT be rejected or ordered to turn around. Why not?

Because as we read in the previous verse "The Lord knoweth them that are his." That's why! As we've already discussed, God now recognizes us as His adopted sons and daughters. We are no longer strangers and foreigners to Him. We are in fact sealed for eternity, and absolutely nothing and nobody can ever take that away from us! We will all joyfully enter into the presence of our Lord and Savior someday! I discuss this same subject in the series called "Are You Saved and Sealed and Healed and Filled?", if you would like to take the time to read it. Following is a group of Bible verses which mention the Seal of God which is reserved for those people who accept Jesus Christ:

"He that hath received his testimony hath set to his seal that God is true."

John 3:33, KJV

"Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed."

John 6:27, KJV

"Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts."

2 Corinthians 1:22, KJV

"In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory."

Ephesians 1:13-14, KJV

"And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption."

Ephesians 4:30, KJV

"And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to

the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads."

Revelation 7:2-3, KJV

"And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but only those men which have not the seal of God in their foreheads."

Revelation 9:4, KJV

Sadly, in contrast to the previous wonderful and inspiring scenario, in Matthew 22, one foolish individual did in fact suppose that he could somehow sneak into the wedding feast without wearing the proper attire. However, to his own shock and embarrassment, the foolish intruder was caught without a wedding garment. As a result, the Lord informs us that the man was tied up, and promptly cast out of the feast and into outer darkness OUTSIDE of the city walls. In Jesus' parable, the wedding garment represents the robe of righteousness -- also known as the garment of salvation -- which we obtain when we place our faith in Jesus Christ as our only Lord and Savior. We are in essence clothed in the righteousness of Christ, because we have no righteousness of our own. Please consider the following group of verses which verify these particular points:

"Then saith he to his servants, The wedding is ready, but they which were bidden were not worthy. Go ye therefore into the highways, and as many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage. So those servants went out into the highways, and gathered together all as many as they found, both bad and good: and the wedding was furnished with guests. And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment: And he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless. Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

Matthew 22:8-13, KJV

"I put on righteousness, and it clothed me: my judgment was as a robe and a diadem."

Job 29:14, KJV

"I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels."

Isaiah 61:10, KJV

"He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels . . . I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see."

Revelation 3:5, 18, KJV

"And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held: And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth? And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellowservants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled."

Revelation 6:9-11, KJV

"After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands . . . And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they? And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."

Revelation 7:9, 13-14, KJV

"Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints. And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper

of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God."

Revelation 19:7-9, KJV

As we have already clearly established, and as we also read earlier in the previous verses which are likewise found in the Book of Revelation, it is the people who are saved and "which are written in the Lamb's book of life", who alone will be permitted to enter into God's amazing and wonderful City of Light -- known as New Jerusalem -- by way of those twelve pearly gates. Either we enter the Heavenly City the LEGAL way through accepting Jesus, or else we simply do not enter at all. In similar fashion, either a person enters our country the LEGAL way by having their paperwork in proper order, or else they do not enter at all. It is as simple as that. Should they choose to go the ILLEGAL route, then as I mentioned earlier, they will get what they deserve if they are caught, due to their own stupidity. They cannot blame ICE or CBP for that, or the president, or anyone else. They gambled and lost.

I must say, it is very interesting what we find in the Bible when we actually read it in its proper context, and as it is really meant to be understood. But don't tell that to any of the "let-everyone-in" liberals. They might just blow a fuse!

So to those of you who have been condemning President Trump and his administration for rounding up and deporting the most dangerous of the illegal elements, are you likewise going to accuse God of not being compassionate and loving because He also has a very strong immigration system in place? Are you going to point your accusatory finger at Him and blame Him for maintaining a strict policy regarding admission to His wonderful Kingdom? My gosh! Can you even imagine an arrogant and haughty fool approaching God and saying "It is not fair, God! How come You made Jesus the only way? Why can't I just get into Heaven some other way? Aren't there actually many paths like Oprah Winfrey often says?" Well, for anyone who even thinks that they can get away with doing something like that, I ask you to seriously consider the following group of Bible verses:

"Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thine heart be hasty to utter any thing before God: for God is in heaven, and thou upon earth: therefore let thy words be few."

Ecclesiastes 5:2, KJV

"Nay but, O man, who art thou that repliest against God?
Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it, Why hast
thou made me thus?"

Romans 9:20, KJV

"Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to
hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath . . . If any man among
you seem to be religious, and bridled his tongue, but
deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain."

James 1:19, 26, KJV

"For he that will love life, and see good days, let him
refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak
no guile:"

1 Peter 3:10, KJV

"For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words
thou shalt be condemned."

Matthew 12:37, KJV

"A fool uttereth all his mind: but a wise man keepeth it in
till afterwards."

Proverbs 29:11, KJV

"He that hideth hatred with lying lips, and he that uttereth
a slander, is a fool. In the multitude of words there
wanteth not sin: but he that refraineth his lips is wise."

Proverbs 10:18-19, KJV

"Put away from thee a froward mouth, and perverse lips put
far from thee."

Proverbs 4:24, KJV

"Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart,
be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my
redeemer."

Psalms 19:14, KJV

So again, if you are not going to judge and condemn God due
the admission policies He has set in place for His righteous
and holy Kingdom, then why do you condemn those government
authorities who are simply following our Heavenly Father's
very own example by maintaining a strong border? Aren't you
being hypocritical? Or maybe it is because you like all of
that cheap labor where you can legally get away with giving
all the ILLEGALS part-time work with minimum wages, and with
zero benefits such as health and dental. Or perhaps you just

want to increase your Democratic base by handing out so many freebies so that the ILLEGALS will be sure to vote for you in local elections. How about it?

On a related note, as some of you will already know, due to the Trump administration's hard push to remove dangerous and criminal illegal alien elements from within the U.S., there has been -- according to ICE -- a 300% uptick in the level of violence being committed against ICE officers. Yet these people are simply trying to lawfully fulfill the president's immigration enforcement agenda, which he views as a national security priority. These incidents have occurred in various areas of the country. But what really makes my jaw drop is that this rise in violence against ICE officers is not only being supported and encouraged by certain governors and city mayors, but it is being instigated at least in part by some immigrant advocates who deliver know-your-rights briefings to the ILLEGAL ALIENS.

What?! Is not aiding and abetting ILLEGAL ALIENS a crime in itself? Yet, sadly, this is occurring in a number of blue states -- the so-called sanctuary states -- where state and local officials are actually protecting ILLEGAL ALIENS from ICE officers. My friends, there is something seriously wrong when not only are liberals advising ILLEGAL ALIENS regarding how to avoid being detected and captured by the immigration officers, but they are also outright protecting them from ICE by refusing to reveal their location. That governors and mayors are encouraging this kind of activity is downright shameful and disgraceful! I say kick them all out of office!

I read about one incident where several ILLEGAL ALIENS in a car were stopped by immigration officers. The illegal aliens then demanded that the ICE officers present a search warrant before they would exit the vehicle. The situation got rough, and the ILLEGALS were eventually dragged out of the car. I am not a lawyer, and I know extremely little regarding U.S. immigration laws. But I am having a hard time understanding how aliens who are in this country ILLEGALLY, can even use American law against immigration officers who are simply trying to enforce laws which were made to protect American citizens from all manner of danger and threats originating from such ILLEGAL ALIENS.

This is just really messed up in my view! Why should ILLEGAL ALIENS even have any rights at all when they are knowingly breaking U.S. laws, and are NOT bona fide American citizens?

If they have the same rights and privileges as we do, then does it not make being an American citizen rather pointless and meaningless? If they can work at American jobs, benefit from various American public assistance programs, receive free health care, even vote in local elections, then folks, I really just don't get it! What is the advantage of even being a natural-born American citizen who obeys the laws, works hard at our jobs, pays our taxes, etc., while those ILLEGALS enjoy the very same things? Well, as an American citizen, I dare you to try going down to Mexico and seeing if you can do the exact same things. Have fun with that!

With these thoughts, I will bring this article to a close. It is my hope that you've found it informative and enlightening, and I pray that it has been a blessing in your life as well. If you have an account with Facebook, Twitter, Tumblr or with any other social network, I would really appreciate if you'd take the time to click or tap on the corresponding link that is found on this page. Thanks so much, and may God bless you abundantly!

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