

Thinking about our text

"Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's" is not a call for the separation of life into spiritual and secular divisions. It is a call for a reevaluation of the meaning of life itself. Jesus came to wean people away from the spirit of power and awaken them to the power of the spirit.

Jesus wanted to **wake people up** to the reality that there was so much more available to them than they had ever dreamed – more love, more joy, more righteousness through a restored and renewed relationship with God. The only power the church needs to concern itself with is the power of God to grant forgiveness and healing to a broken world through Jesus Christ.

Perhaps we need to be awakened to the reality Jesus wants us to understand. Perhaps you could ask yourself these questions to help:

- How do you understand this "...render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's"?
- What does God have available to you, through Christ Jesus, that's more than you ever dreamed was possible?

May God's mercy, freely available to us through Christ Jesus, wake us all up to the reality which God has in store for us who "so live" by grace through faith!



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Matthew 22:21