

SERMON FOR OCTOBER 19, 2014

The First Chinese Church of Christ in Hawai'i
United Church of Christ

Scripture: Matthew 22:15-22

Message: **"Our Whole World Belongs to God!"**

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GATHERING IN THE WORD OF GOD HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Matthew 22:15-22 The Voice (VOICE)

¹⁵ At that, the Pharisees left. They determined to trap this Jesus with His own words—*hang Him by His own rope, you might say*. ¹⁶ They sent a batch of students to Him, along with a group that was loyal to Herod.

Students: Teacher, we know You are a man of integrity and You tell the truth about the way of God. We know You don't cotton to public opinion. ¹⁷ *And that is why we trust You and want You to settle something for us: should we, God's chosen people, pay taxes to Caesar or not?*

¹⁸ Jesus knew these men were out to trap Him.

Jesus: You hypocrites! Why do you show up here with such a transparent trick? ¹⁹ Bring Me a coin you would use to pay tax.

Someone handed Him a denarius. ²⁰ *Jesus fingered the coin.*

Jesus: Of whom is this a portrait, and who owns this inscription?

Students: ²¹ Caesar.

Jesus: Well then, render to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's.

²² And those *who had come hoping to trick Jesus* were confounded and amazed. And they left Him and went away.

DOING THE WORD OF GOD

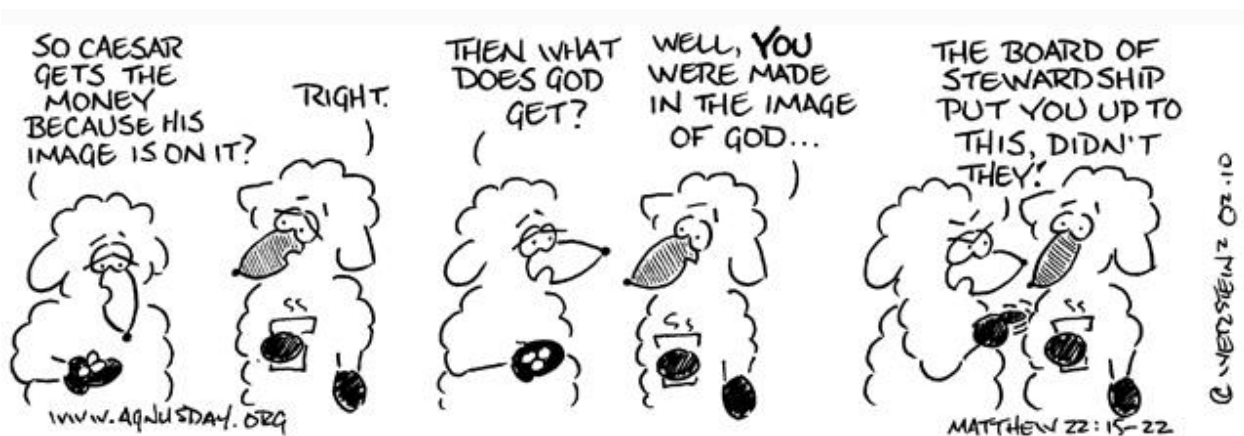
So what is God's word for us this morning?

1. ONE: WE ARE GOD'S CHILD!

**2. TWO: GIVE TO GOD WHAT BELONGS TO GOD
THEN GOD IS REVEALED IN OUR
NEIGHBORHOODS AND WORD!**

**3. THREE: GOD IS STAMPED ON OUR HEARTS SO
GIVE GOD ALL THE IMPORTANT STUFF!**

SENDING IN THE WORD OF GOD



DOESN'T IT ALL BELONG TO GOD?

YES.



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EVEN CAESAR'S AUTHORITY BELONGS TO GOD. EVERY VOCATION IS FROM GOD.



SOME JUST HIDE IT WELL.



MATTHEW 22:15-22

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