

THE CHRISTIAN AND SELF DEFENSE

RECONCILING LAW AND CONSCIENCE



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- **MT 12:29 NKJV; "OR HOW CAN ONE ENTER A STRONG MAN'S HOUSE AND PLUNDER HIS GOODS, UNLESS HE FIRST BINDS THE STRONG MAN? AND THEN HE WILL PLUNDER HIS HOUSE.**
- **LU 11:21, 22 NKJV; "WHEN A STRONG MAN, FULLY ARMED, GUARDS HIS OWN PALACE, HIS GOODS ARE IN PEACE. 22 "BUT WHEN A STRONGER THAN HE COMES UPON HIM AND OVERCOMES HIM, HE TAKES FROM HIM ALL HIS ARMOR IN WHICH HE TRUSTED, AND DIVIDES HIS SPOILS.**

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- **PRINCIPLES OF SELF DEFENSE**
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- **PRINCIPLES OF SELF DEFENSE**
- **SELF-DEFENSE IS DEFINED AS THE RIGHT TO PREVENT SUFFERING FORCE OR VIOLENCE THROUGH THE USE OF A SUFFICIENT LEVEL OF COUNTERACTING FORCE OR VIOLENCE. (CRIMINAL.FINDLAW.COM)**
- **THE PROTECTION OF ONE'S PERSON OR PROPERTY AGAINST SOME INJURY ATTEMPTED BY ANOTHER. (LEGAL-DICTIONARY.THEFREEDICTIONARY.COM)**
- **THE CLAIM OF SELF DEFENSE MUST PROVE THAT SELF DEFENSE IS JUSTIFIED. GOVERNED BY LAW AND CIRCUMSTANCE.**
- **THE CHRISTIAN MUST FIRST ABIDE BY GOD'S LAW**

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- **JOH 10:39 NKJV; THEREFORE THEY SOUGHT AGAIN TO SEIZE HIM, BUT HE ESCAPED OUT OF THEIR HAND.**

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- **BIBLICAL REFERENCES**

- **LU 22:35-38 NKJV; AND HE SAID TO THEM, "WHEN I SENT YOU WITHOUT MONEY BAG, KNAPSACK, AND SANDALS, DID YOU LACK ANYTHING?" SO THEY SAID, "NOTHING." 36 THEN HE SAID TO THEM, "BUT NOW, HE WHO HAS A MONEY BAG, LET HIM TAKE IT, AND LIKEWISE A KNAPSACK; AND HE WHO HAS NO SWORD, LET HIM SELL HIS GARMENT AND BUY ONE. 37 "FOR I SAY TO YOU THAT THIS WHICH IS WRITTEN MUST STILL BE ACCOMPLISHED IN ME: 'AND HE WAS NUMBERED WITH THE TRANSGRESSORS.' FOR THE THINGS CONCERNING ME HAVE AN END." 38 SO THEY SAID, "LORD, LOOK, HERE ARE TWO SWORDS." AND HE SAID TO THEM, "IT IS ENOUGH."**

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- **BIBLICAL REFERENCES**

- **JOH 18:10 NKJV; THEN SIMON PETER, HAVING A SWORD, DREW IT AND STRUCK THE HIGH PRIEST'S SERVANT, AND CUT OFF HIS RIGHT EAR. THE SERVANT'S NAME WAS MALCHUS.**

- **THUS FAR:**

- **DEFENSE OF HOME AND PROPERTY**
- **ESCAPE FROM ATTEMPT ON LIFE**
- **DISCIPLES ARMED WITH SWORDS**
- **PETER STRIKES MALCHUS IN DEFENSE OF ANOTHER**

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- **GOD'S LAW**
- **VENGEANCE BELONGS TO GOD**
- **RO 12:19-21 NKJV; BELOVED, DO NOT AVENGE YOURSELVES, BUT RATHER GIVE PLACE TO WRATH; FOR IT IS WRITTEN, "VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY," SAYS THE LORD. 20 THEREFORE "IF YOUR ENEMY IS HUNGRY, FEED HIM; IF HE IS THIRSTY, GIVE HIM A DRINK; FOR IN SO DOING YOU WILL HEAP COALS OF FIRE ON HIS HEAD." 21 DO NOT BE OVERCOME BY EVIL, BUT OVERCOME EVIL WITH GOOD.**
- **HEB 10:30, 31 NKJV; FOR WE KNOW HIM WHO SAID, "VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY," SAYS THE LORD. AND AGAIN, "THE LORD WILL JUDGE HIS PEOPLE." 31 IT IS A FEARFUL THING TO FALL INTO THE HANDS OF THE LIVING GOD.**

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- **GOD'S LAW**
- **PEACEMAKING COMMANDED**
- **MT 5:9 NKJV; BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS, FOR THEY SHALL BE CALLED SONS OF GOD.**
- **RO 12:17, 18 NKJV; REPAY NO ONE EVIL FOR EVIL. HAVE REGARD FOR GOOD THINGS IN THE SIGHT OF ALL MEN. 18 IF IT IS POSSIBLE, AS MUCH AS DEPENDS ON YOU, LIVE PEACEABLY WITH ALL MEN.**
- **2CO 13:11 NKJV; FINALLY, BRETHREN, FAREWELL. BECOME COMPLETE. BE OF GOOD COMFORT, BE OF ONE MIND, LIVE IN PEACE; AND THE GOD OF LOVE AND PEACE WILL BE WITH YOU.**

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- **GOD'S LAW**
- **MURDER FORBIDDEN**
- **JAS 2:11 NKJV; FOR HE WHO SAID, "DO NOT COMMIT ADULTERY," ALSO SAID, "DO NOT MURDER." NOW IF YOU DO NOT COMMIT ADULTERY, BUT YOU DO MURDER, YOU HAVE BECOME A TRANSGRESSOR OF THE LAW.**
- **1JO 3:15 NKJV; WHOEVER HATES HIS BROTHER IS A MURDERER, AND YOU KNOW THAT NO MURDERER HAS ETERNAL LIFE ABIDING IN HIM.**

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- **CIVIL LAW**
- **CIVIL LAW IS GOD'S LAW**
- **RO 13:1-5 NKJV; LET EVERY SOUL BE SUBJECT TO THE GOVERNING AUTHORITIES. FOR THERE IS NO AUTHORITY EXCEPT FROM GOD, AND THE AUTHORITIES THAT EXIST ARE APPOINTED BY GOD. 2 THEREFORE WHOEVER RESISTS THE AUTHORITY RESISTS THE ORDINANCE OF GOD, AND THOSE WHO RESIST WILL BRING JUDGMENT ON THEMSELVES. 3 FOR RULERS ARE NOT A TERROR TO GOOD WORKS, BUT TO EVIL. DO YOU WANT TO BE UNAFRAID OF THE AUTHORITY? DO WHAT IS GOOD, AND YOU WILL HAVE PRAISE FROM THE SAME. 4 FOR HE IS GOD'S MINISTER TO YOU FOR GOOD. BUT IF YOU DO EVIL, BE AFRAID; FOR HE DOES NOT BEAR THE SWORD IN VAIN; FOR HE IS GOD'S MINISTER, AN AVENGER TO EXECUTE WRATH ON HIM WHO PRACTICES EVIL. 5 THEREFORE YOU MUST BE SUBJECT, NOT ONLY BECAUSE OF WRATH BUT ALSO FOR CONSCIENCE' SAKE.**

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- **CIVIL LAW**
- **MURDER FORBIDDEN**
 - **MANSLAUGHTER**
 - **PREMEDITATED**
- **CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS**
 - **REPRESENTATIVE REPUBLIC**
 - **RIGHTS RESERVED TO CITIZENS**
 - **RIGHT TO LIFE**
 - **RIGHT TO KEEP AND BEAR ARMS**

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- **CIVIL LAW**
- **CASTLE DOCTRINE**
 - **HOME**
 - **PROPERTY**
 - **CAR**
- **SELF DEFENSE MUST BE JUSTIFIED**
- **FORCE MUST BE IN PROPORTION TO THREAT**

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- **APPLICATION**
- **BIBLE SPEAKS OF DEFENSE OF HOME AS A MATTER OF FACT**
- **A COUPLE DISCIPLES CARRIED SWORDS AS A PRACTICE**
- **WHAT DO WE LEARN FROM PETER AND MALCHUS?**
 - **APPEARS TO BE A TEXTBOOK EXAMPLE OF DEFENSE OF AN INNOCENT MAN**

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- **APPLICATION**
- **PETER AND MALCHUS**
- **LU 22:47-50 NKJV; AND WHILE HE WAS STILL SPEAKING, BEHOLD, A MULTITUDE; AND HE WHO WAS CALLED JUDAS, ONE OF THE TWELVE, WENT BEFORE THEM AND DREW NEAR TO JESUS TO KISS HIM. 48 BUT JESUS SAID TO HIM, "JUDAS, ARE YOU BETRAYING THE SON OF MAN WITH A KISS?" 49 WHEN THOSE AROUND HIM SAW WHAT WAS GOING TO HAPPEN, THEY SAID TO HIM, "LORD, SHALL WE STRIKE WITH THE SWORD?" 50 AND ONE OF THEM STRUCK THE SERVANT OF THE HIGH PRIEST AND CUT OFF HIS RIGHT EAR.**

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- **APPLICATION**
- **PETER AND MALCHUS**
- **LU 22:51-54 NKJV; BUT JESUS ANSWERED AND SAID, "PERMIT EVEN THIS." AND HE TOUCHED HIS EAR AND HEALED HIM. 52 THEN JESUS SAID TO THE CHIEF PRIESTS, CAPTAINS OF THE TEMPLE, AND THE ELDERS WHO HAD COME TO HIM, "HAVE YOU COME OUT, AS AGAINST A ROBBER, WITH SWORDS AND CLUBS? 53 "WHEN I WAS WITH YOU DAILY IN THE TEMPLE, YOU DID NOT TRY TO SEIZE ME. BUT THIS IS YOUR HOUR, AND THE POWER OF DARKNESS." 54 ¶ HAVING ARRESTED HIM, THEY LED HIM AND BROUGHT HIM INTO THE HIGH PRIEST'S HOUSE. BUT PETER FOLLOWED AT A DISTANCE.**

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- **APPLICATION**
- **PETER AND MALCHUS**
- **MT 26:52-54 NKJV; BUT JESUS SAID TO HIM, "PUT YOUR SWORD IN ITS PLACE, FOR ALL WHO TAKE THE SWORD WILL PERISH BY THE SWORD. 53 "OR DO YOU THINK THAT I CANNOT NOW PRAY TO MY FATHER, AND HE WILL PROVIDE ME WITH MORE THAN TWELVE LEGIONS OF ANGELS? 54 "HOW THEN COULD THE SCRIPTURES BE FULFILLED, THAT IT MUST HAPPEN THUS?"**

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- **APPLICATION**
- **PETER AND MALCHUS**
- **PETER'S DEFENSE OF JESUS APPEARED TO BE LAWFUL**
- **BUT, IT WAS NOT EXPEDIENT**
 - **OPPOSED TO GOD'S PLAN**
 - **IMPLICATIONS OF CIVIL REACTION FAR REACHING**

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- **APPLICATION**
- **EXPEDIENCY**
- **1CO 6:12 NKJV; ALL THINGS ARE LAWFUL FOR ME, BUT ALL THINGS ARE NOT HELPFUL. ALL THINGS ARE LAWFUL FOR ME, BUT I WILL NOT BE BROUGHT UNDER THE POWER OF ANY.**
- **1CO 10:23, 24 NKJV; ALL THINGS ARE LAWFUL FOR ME, BUT NOT ALL THINGS ARE HELPFUL; ALL THINGS ARE LAWFUL FOR ME, BUT NOT ALL THINGS EDIFY. 24 LET NO ONE SEEK HIS OWN, BUT EACH ONE THE OTHER'S WELL-BEING.**

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- **APPLICATION**
- **WE ARE BLESSED TO LIVE IN A COUNTRY IN WHICH THE RIGHT OF SELF DEFENSE EXISTS**
- **THE EXERCISE OF SELF DEFENSE IS A VERY COMPLICATED MORAL AND LEGAL ISSUE**
- **CIRCUMSTANCE AND CONSCIENCE WILL DETERMINE OUTCOME**
- **YOU MAY ACT IN ACCORDANCE TO LAW, YOU MAY PRESERVE LIFE, YOU MAY BE VINDICATED**
- **THERE WILL BE MORAL, LEGAL, CIVIL AND EMOTIONAL CONSEQUENCES**
- **I CANNOT ADVISE YOU OTHER THAN TO KNOW GOD'S LAW, CIVIL LAW AND ACT IN GOOD CONSCIENCE**

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- **APPLICATION**
- **JAS 2:12, 13 NKJV; SO SPEAK AND SO DO AS THOSE WHO WILL BE JUDGED BY THE LAW OF LIBERTY. FOR JUDGMENT IS WITHOUT MERCY TO THE ONE WHO HAS SHOWN NO MERCY. MERCY TRIUMPHS OVER JUDGMENT.**
- **SELF DEFENSE IS LAWFUL BUT MAY NOT BE EXPEDIENT**
- **THE MOST IMPORTANT COMPONENT IS YOUR RELATIONSHIP BEFORE GOD AT THE PRESENT**