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Who Is Responsible?

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As we look back over the years of our lives, regardless of how old we are, we have seen drastic changes. With all this change, we feel less secure. It is probably true that many of us are wondering when “they” are going to fix these problems. Question: What are “we” doing to influence these problems to get better? Well, I am only one person. What can one person do? Well, you can be the “committee of one” to do what one can. By the way, that is not to do nothing.

First you need to arm yourself. Eph 6:13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

Notice this said “whole armor,” not just part of the “armor of God.” What does that mean? That means we cannot just pick and choose what part of the Gospel we want to follow and ignore the rest.

First, to be in God’s army you must be one of the children of God. 1 John 3:10 “In this the children of God and the children of the devil are manifest...”

Children of God, implies a family. How do you get into this family? The normal way to get into a family is either to be born into it or to be adopted by the head of the family. John 3:3 “Jesus answered and said to him, ‘Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.’”

John 3:5 “Jesus answered, ‘Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.’”

Acts 2:38 “Then Peter said to them, ‘Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.’” Peter tells them to be

baptized (water) and they would receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. This seems too simple to misunderstand.

Col 1:24 “...for the sake of His body, which is the church...”

Acts 2:47 “And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.”

Now, let’s put this together. You have to be born again of water. Baptism in water satisfies this. The church is His body. Then He adds you to the church which is His body so you have now been born again into His family. Now you must put on the whole armor of God, the Gospel, through study of the Bible. You are now in a position to start doing your part as a “committee of one” to be a part of the “they” to work to make things like they used to be in the “good old days.”

Now, that you are well equipped to work on the present problems, there are some things you need to focus on.

You must be consistent in our conduct as a child of God. James 2:10 “For whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one point, he is guilty of all.” James says if you only keep the part of the law you agree with, you are guilty of disobeying all of the Law. If the general public sees you as a hypocrite, you lose influence and the ability to do our part in fixing things and getting them back to the better ways.

There is not a specific list of things necessary to accomplish this job, but these things will equip us to be ready when we see an opportunity to help make things better. Are you ready to be a part of those “who are responsible”?