

Church and State — Civil Affairs

See “Church Government” p. 698 in International Standard Bible Encyclopedia

Jn 18:36-37 means no disciple of His who is “of the truth” can or will be a civil official and cannot be without involving the church with the state. No one who is “of the truth” will involve himself in civil affairs, since they hear His voice as Paul said in 2 Tim 2:4, “No soldier entangles himself in civil affairs...”

Christianity down through the centuries has fornicated with the state, as John Calvin in Geneva, Switzerland, proving herself to be the Harlot.

If rulers and judges become disciples, Lk 14:33 still means everything, even their civil career.

You can see that Christianity, when connected to the state, can execute those whom she would otherwise murder if she could get away with it (Jn 16:1-3), and be justified — justified by the god they deem as the Father of their Jesus. Nevertheless, Jn 8:44-47 applies to them, because they can make no claim to Jn 18:36-37 (1 Jn 4:5-6).