

## **REFUSING TO HONOR GOD...?**

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If one refuses to do as one is told, many times it does not make a bit of difference.

But if you refuse, what then? Let us take a minute and apply that line to a few questions which come to mind.

- 1) What if one refuses to believe in Christ? (Mark 16:16)
- 2) What if one refuses to confess Christ? (Matt.10:32,33)
- 3) What if one refuses to repent of sins? (Acts 2:38)
- 4) What if one refuses to be baptized? (Acts 22:16)
- 5) What if one refuses to assemble with the saints? (Heb.10:25)
- 6) What if one refuses \_\_\_\_\_

In our nation (United States Of America) one has many freedoms and has the right to refuse many things of which many have given of themselves sacrificially. Once, while visiting people in a neighborhood I saw a man sitting on his porch smoking a cigarette and drinking a beer. I approached him with a Church brochure in hand and said, "Hello, I am Hoyt Allen, minister of the Jackson Church Of Christ, just down the road." However, before I could say anything else, the man said, "I fought in the Korean War, and no body is going to tell me that I can't smoke or drink." I thanked him for his service and making it possible for me to preach the gospel and told him that I was always available if he wanted to talk at any time.

This man was exercising his right to honor God by refusing to worship his Creator, and being supportive of the church for which Jesus died. **Free-Will**, that is the name of the "Game Of Life", but eventually there will be a Judgment Day.

**Plainly, don't get short changed.** Let's be ready to meet our Maker. The Bible (in Acts) teaches that to avoid hell and gain heaven - one must:

- 1) Believe In Jesus As Savior (16:31)
- 2) Repent Of Sins (17:30)
- 3) Confess Christ Audibly (8:37)
- 4) Be Baptized In Water (2:38)
- 5) Live A Christian Life (14:22)
- 6) Be Active In the Church (2:47)

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