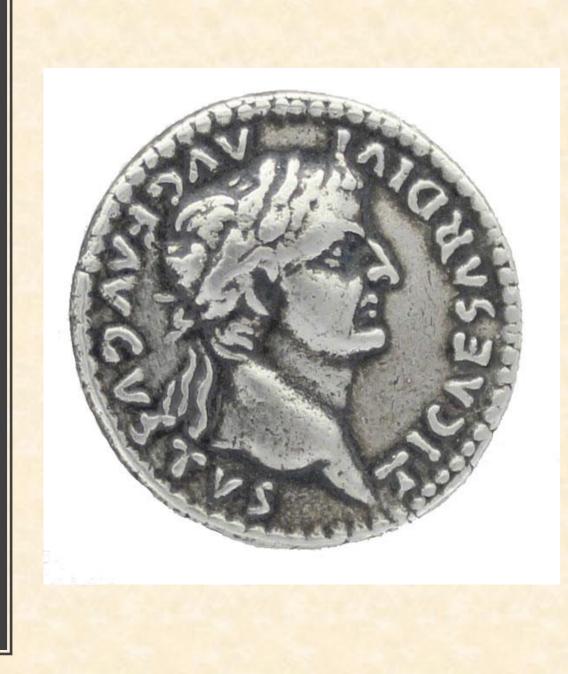
RENDER TO CAESAR



<u>Greater Context</u> There is <u>something greater</u> than all these <u>earthly things.</u>

Who's **image** is on the **coin**? – Question Who has God's image? – **Hidden Question**

We bear the image of God! So, we belong to God! <u>Give/render</u> to <u>Caesar</u>, Caesar's Property <u>Give/render</u> to <u>God</u>, God's Property Are you worn out from your day to day activities and obligations. Perhaps, you are giving to Caesar without first giving to God?

So what do we do with this?

So what? God paid the highest price for us.

... You were bought at a price (I Corinthians 6:20) You were bought at a price ... (I Corinthians 7:23) He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? (Romans 8:32)



So what? God paid the highest price for us. Our first allegiance is to the kingdom of God.

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. (Matthew 6:21)

But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. (Matthew 6:33) Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. (Colossians 3:1)

So what?

- 1. God **paid** the **highest price** for us.
- 2. Our <u>first allegiance</u> is to the <u>kingdom</u> of God.
- We <u>work</u> in Caesar's <u>world</u>, but <u>live</u> in God's <u>kingdom</u>.

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is-his good, pleasing and perfect will. (Romans 12:2)

As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. (I Peter 1:14)

They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. (John 17:16)

