Greetings from the Gayman Family!

Greetings from the Gayman family! We want all of you Christian Israelites to know we appreciate every one of you, and we would like to take this opportunity to give you a special hello. All of us are very busy this summer in the Church office and traveling to various parts of the country, one of our favorite activities! We are excited to meet new people and renew old acquaintances, and we thank Yahweh that He enables us to meet you.

Most of you know that our three older children are married and have children. Doug, our eldest, is married and has two children, Jessica (2) and Joe Paul (1). Robin, our eldest daughter, is married and has one son, Jordan (18 mos.) and one on the way. Tim, our second son, is married and has one son, Jacob. Tim and his wife, Sarah, currently live near Ft. Wayne, Indiana, while both Doug and Robin and their families live near the Church here.

The other three children are still at home. Julie, 20, is a senior at Missouri Southern State College in Joplin. She will graduate in May, 1988, with a B.S.E. degree in English. Dana, 16, is a junior in high school and our outdoor girl. She especially loves to spend time with her horse, but she is also a great letter writer for all you pen pals out there. Finally, there's Jonathon. He is almost six now, and his current hobbies are bicycle riding and playing with his puppy, Charlemagne. Jonathon is also busy with first grade school work, learning to read and do arithmetic.

Deloris and I spend our time in the office and on the road. We extend to all of you our love and greetings, and again, we thank all of you for your support and prayers.

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Are Christians Under Authority?

The first sin in the Garden of Eden was an act of rebellion against God's AUTHORITY to establish rules of life. Eve sinned in trying to be "as gods, knowing good and evil." She was seeking to be as the ultimate uncreated authority, God. God, the creator of Eve, is the only uncreated being in the universe, and the only being not under authority. He is the AUTHORITY. The rest of us, His creation, are under His authority by and through authorities representing Him in the life of the Christian. Adam, an ordained authority over Eve, allowed her to walk out from under his protective cover. She was as a chick away from the hen, therefore, was beguiled.

Authorities are ordained by God. Governments are authorities. The government of the family, the church and the state are God's ordained governmental authority. The parents govern the children in the family, the church governs the family in spiritual matters and the state governs the family in matters of legislation, judicial and executive matters relative to proper functioning of the country. The family is the training ground for all of society.

According to ***Vine's Expository Dictionary of Old and New Testament Words***, authority is the right to exercise power or the power of rule or government, the power of one whose will and commands must be obeyed by others. By illustration, parents have power of authority over their children; children are expected by Yahweh to obey them (Eph. 6:1). Teaching obedience to God's Law is the thrust of the family. As parents expect children to obey them, God expects parents to obey their authorities. Authorities are Yahweh's representatives. They stand in his place. Just as an Ambassador represents one country to another, the authority represents God to those under authority. When attempts are made to circumvent authority, deny authority or rebel then sin has been committed. "For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft (I Sam. 15:23)."

The purpose of authority in the life of the Christian is to mold the character of the Christian. God works through the authority to shape character. Character can only be perfected through obedience to authority. "Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for the is unprofitable for you (Heb. 13:17)." To resist authority without a scriptural defense is to disobey God.

Obedience to authority is an act of self government. Self government is the consumate of Christian living. It is self denial. Self denial is coming under the authority of Jesus Christ (Mt. 16:24). Yahweh is the one who appoints the authorities over Christians, both good and evil (Dan. 2:21). It is easier to obey a good ruler; difficult an evil one. Yet the scriptures teach only obedience to authority. There is not one scripture that teaches disobedience. "Let as many servants as are under the yoke count their own master worthy of all honor, that the name of God and his doctrine be not blasphemed (I Tim. 6:1)."

Authority may be good, evil or more likely both of these. Obedience is required at all times until that authority asks disobedience to God's Law. At that point the authority is outside the Law of God; is in rebellion. At this point: "We ought to obey God rather than man (Acts 5:28)." It is not God's will that Christians disobey God's Law (Eccl. 12:13). His law is always obeyed. Obedience to authority according to scripture is pleasing to Yahweh. If authority is oppressive then there is sin to be dealt with personally and nationally. Unrighteous authority will be judged. One of the best examples of this is found in Isaiah chapter 10. Study this to see the sovereignty of God in judging authority in rebellion. Christians are not at liberty to obey God and unscripturely disobey authority. This is incongruent, hypocritical and double minded (James 1:8). Yahweh works decently and in order (I Cor. 14:40). Authority plays a vital role in God's order.

God is sovereign, anoints all that are in position of authority, and controls their hearts. Did he control the heart of Pharaoh (Ex. 7:3)? Answer: "YES" "Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God (Romans 13:1)" "The king's heart is in the hand of Yahweh, as the rivers of water: he turneth it whithersoever he will (Pro. 21:1)" There is not a king, prince, president or prime minister, today, outside the sovereignty of God. All are fulfilling his will to bring Israel from covenant breaking to covenant keeping.

Denial of God's sovereignty results in the failure to respect authority in government. This is prideful and