

The Message

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Utopia Versus Christian Hope

Romans 8:18



The Truth

¹⁸For I consider **the sufferings** of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that shall be revealed in us. ¹⁹For the earnest expectation of the **creation eagerly waits for the revealing** of the sons of God. ²⁰For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope; ²¹because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. ²²For we knew that the whole creation groans and labors with **birth pangs** together until now. ²³Not only that, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body. ²⁴For **we were saved in this hope**, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees?



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What Is Utopianism?

Utopia is a name for an ideal community; an ideal city or state created by man.

God's way is with birth pangs that give birth to the revealed Sons of God.



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The Womb of the Morning

Your people shall be volunteers in the day of
Your power; In the beauties of holiness, from
the womb of the morning . . . (Psalm 110:3).



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The City of Destruction

Cain built the first city.

The Tower of Babel.

We see it again in Babylon.

Hail Caesar



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**The City of God
versus
the City of Man**



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Caesar/Barabbas

The same beast with two horns



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This Beast had Seven Heads:

- 1. Julius Caesar**
- 2. Augustus Caesar**
- 3. Tiberius Caesar**
- 4. Caligula Caesar**
- 5. Claudius Caesar**
- 6. Nero Caesar**
- 7. Galba Caesar**



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Socialism and Liberation Theology are Utopian Hopes

Envy is when you want something that belongs to someone else.

Those who practice envy will not inherit the kingdom of God (Galatians 5:21).

Thou shalt not covet.



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The Ruler in Government is God's Minister

Romans 13:1 Let every soul be subjected to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God. ²Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves. ³For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil. Do you want to be afraid of the authority? Do what is good, and you will have praise from the same. ⁴For **he is God's minister** to you for good. But if you do evil, be afraid; for he does not bear the sword in vain; for **he is God's minister**, an avenger to execute wrath on him who practices evil.”



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Liberals and Conservatives

Liberals favor socialism, abortion, and gay marriage.
Liberals like socialism, big government, and taxes.
That is utopianism. “Hail Caesar.”

Conservatives oppose those things and favor small government, low taxes, free enterprise, and traditional values.



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