

# SONSHIP AND CITIZENSHIP

## Do material and spiritual reality conflict?

One of Jesus' famous teachings is: "Give to Caesar the things which are Caesar's, and to God the things which are God's." Caesar was a ruler of the Roman Empire during Jesus' time, and Jesus meant to clarify that unless a ruler were to demand Godly worship, "there cannot be any disagreement between these two requirements, the one being material and the other spiritual." [178:1.3 (1929.4)]



## What is Sonship and citizenship?

Sonship refers to our place in the family of God. Just like we acquired citizenship in a particular country by being born there, we acquire sonship with God once we are "born of the spirit"; once we have accepted the invitation to be a part of God's family and spiritual kingdom. At school, you may have homework assignments and other obligations to your teachers and fellow students. At home, you may also have household chores and other commitments to maintain your family relationships. But school and home are not in conflict, just as sonship with God and citizenship in your country co-exist.

## Crossword

Answer key is on our website

**Down**

1. Our place in the family of God
3. Jobs you have to do
4. Group that is closely connected
5. A governing body

**Across**

2. A place to learn
6. Acquired by birth into a country
7. Learning you do at home

## Why is this important?

As we become more sensitive to spirit leadings and seek to understand what God wants us to do, it may be helpful to remember that God will never ask us to deny the realities and duties of our country and earthly government in order to be a part of his spiritual kingdom.

## What do you owe school & home? To God?