

## **A Great Day in the Kingdom – February 18, 2022**

There is a recent ad from the state of Georgia addressing the current rise in “road rage”. You may have seen it. It features a man driving a pick-up down the street and a car pulls out of a driveway. The man swerves his truck. He then stops in front of the car in order to block it. The pick-up truck driver then gets out and slaps the hood of the car he had managed to avoid. The man yells, “Get out!” He is loaded for bear and ready to fight.

The driver finally exits his car, in response to the aggression and low and behold, it is heavy-weight champ, Evander Holyfield. Suddenly, the aggressor is dwarfed and must address the reality of a huge mistake. The ad cuts off, but the point is made.

While understanding the concept of not really knowing who is behind the wheel, I believe they are missing the point. Why couldn't the ad show Love, understanding, grace and even patience? The incentive for us all in Christendom is that God's will for us is to offer peace.

Our Holy Scripture mentions “Love” well over five-hundred times. This overarching theme is not an option for any of us. God demands it. Christ commands it. We are called to live it.

**1 John 4:16, And we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them.**

Our incentive is misguided, if earthly consequence is all we have. Our Kingdom incentive should be love and understanding, no matter who is offending us. Now, let's be clear. Your pastor will always be a Marine. None of us are called to be defenseless, but we could be less aggressive to one another. This restraint and initiative is always pleasing in God's sight.

Have you ever been in traffic and someone does something that seems ridiculous or inconsiderate? As you drive by, you notice they are elderly. Grace comes easier, in that light. You and I know that they can't help it or just don't have the awareness. What if all of God's people received that amount of consideration from us? Would road rage exist?

When we live in Christ our Savior, Christ lives in us.

*PRAYER: Heavenly Father, help me to Love as Jesus Loves. Help me to live as Jesus does. Help me to live your will. In the name of the risen Christ Jesus, I pray. AMEN!*