

AN ALLEGORY OF ALLEGIANCE

Before there were cities or states or countries, there was a Creator. This Creator brought into being the universe and all that is in it. His last creation was His greatest, the human being. The Creator then placed human life over all other life to be a steward of His creation. At this time, only Right and Truth and Good existed in the world. And, *“God saw all that he had made, and it was very good”* ([Genesis 1:31](#)).

In the place where the Creator fashioned the first man and woman, He prohibited only one act. Yet this first couple deliberately disobeyed this one command. As a consequence, they were sent away from the peaceful, perfect world in which they had been placed. Now there existed not only Right, Truth, and Good, but also Wrong, Lies, and Evil ([Genesis 4:7](#)).

People began increasing in number. Eventually, they created organizations in the form of governments. Most governments created laws with the intent of prioritizing Right, Truth, and Good. These laws were designed to help people live in harmony as in the beginning when only the Author of Good governed ([1 Peter 2:13–14](#)).

Over time, conflict arose as “certain people” sought to prioritize human laws over the Creator’s laws. They created a belief system in government as the supreme authority in an effort to make people submit to government over God. Religious freedom was then challenged when all people had to choose between the laws of government in opposition to the laws of God ... even though the Bible says, *“Woe to those who make unjust laws”* ([Isaiah 10:1](#)).

In this belief system, unjust laws advocated that there are no moral absolutes—no absolute Truth, no absolute Wrong. Government without God asserted that all truth is relative and merely subject to interpretation.

Thus, everyone could decide any matter based on their own beliefs. However, the Word of God gave this additional warning, *"Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter"* ([Isaiah 5:20](#)).

Yet God provided the way to restore people to what He originally created them to be. The Word of God states that absolute Right and Wrong does exist. Thus, everyone can know what is Right ... and what is Wrong. The God of the Bible even reveals, *"I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds"* ([Hebrews 10:16](#)).

But the Bible presents this predicament, *"We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all"* ([Isaiah 53:6](#)). Undeniably, all wayward sheep need a shepherd.

Therefore, the Bible presents the solution. The way God provided for complete restoration is through the Good Shepherd, who said, *"I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me"* ([John 14:6](#)).

Those who accept the Good Shepherd will be saved and restored and follow His voice of truth. For He said, *"Everyone on the side of truth listens to me"* ([John 18:37](#)).

This is the Good Shepherd who laid down His life for the sheep ([John 10:11](#)). This is the Good Shepherd whose name is Jesus.