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**“Do We Really Surrender All?”**

 When one personally considers the word “surrender,” it may very well mean something entirely different to those not looking through “our “eyes. Let’s consider some synonyms that may give us a little more insight to how people might perceive the word surrender; *relinquish*, *resign,* *renunciation*, *quit*, *give up*, *submit*, *concede*, *yield*, *part with*, to *hand over, throw in the towel (Boxer jargon)* … etc.

Surrender defined: To give up possession of, or power over; yield to another on demand or compulsion… To give up or abandon… To give oneself up to another’s power or control, especially as a prisoner, yield… [[1]](#footnote-1)

**What does this mean for us?**

**Obvious Signs Do Tell The Season**

 When worldlings (non-believers) consider the word *surrender* may be viewed as being negative or cowardly. Of course, when one puts an “I” before the word surrender, it changes the contextual meaning completely.

 As God’s “remnant people” we see the word “surrendering” in a humble context. The choice of submitting our will to the will of Christ, is not negative or cowardly! There is divine power in the submission of the complete will to God.

“Beloved I beg you as sojourners, and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul, having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by your good works which they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation Therefore *submit* yourselves to every ordinance of man for the *Lord’s sake*, whether to the king as supreme, or to governors, as to those who are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and for the praise of those who do good. For this is the *will of God,* that by doing good you may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men.”

I Peter 2:11-15 NKJV (Italics supplied)

*Jesus Surrendered All* to our Heavenly Father’s will, to purchase our Salvation. What does that tell us about being a transforming influence in our community? Please take time to mediate on the words of the Advent Hymn # 309 “I Surrender All,” and see if it truly exemplifies “our” Christian characters.

1. Webster’s New World Dictionary, (College Ed.) Cleveland & New York,

 The World Publishing CO., 1964, p. 1468. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)