

# GOD & GOVERNMENT

A BIBLICAL LOOK AT GOD'S DESIGN FOR GOVERNMENT

# GOD ORDAINED VARIOUS “GOVERNMENTS” FOR MANKIND

- Self government
- + 3 Institutions
- Family government
- Civil government
- Church government



# BIBLE SUPREME OVER ALL!

- God is the Author and Designer of each form of government.
- Following His perfect instructions leads to blessing.
- Ignoring or defying His instructions leads to problems.





# FAMILY GOVERNMENT

- Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. (Ephesians 6:1)
- Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as it is fit in the Lord. (Colossians 3:18)
- Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it. (Ephesians 5:25)
- But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel. (1 Timothy 5:8)

# CHURCH GOVERNMENT

- CHRIST is the Head of the Church (Eph. 1:22, 4:15, Col. 1:18, etc)
- Individual church congregations have human leaders including deacons and elders. (Acts 14:23, 15:2, 20:17; Titus 1:5; James 5:14)
- God explains how His church should be run.





# CIVIL GOVERNMENT

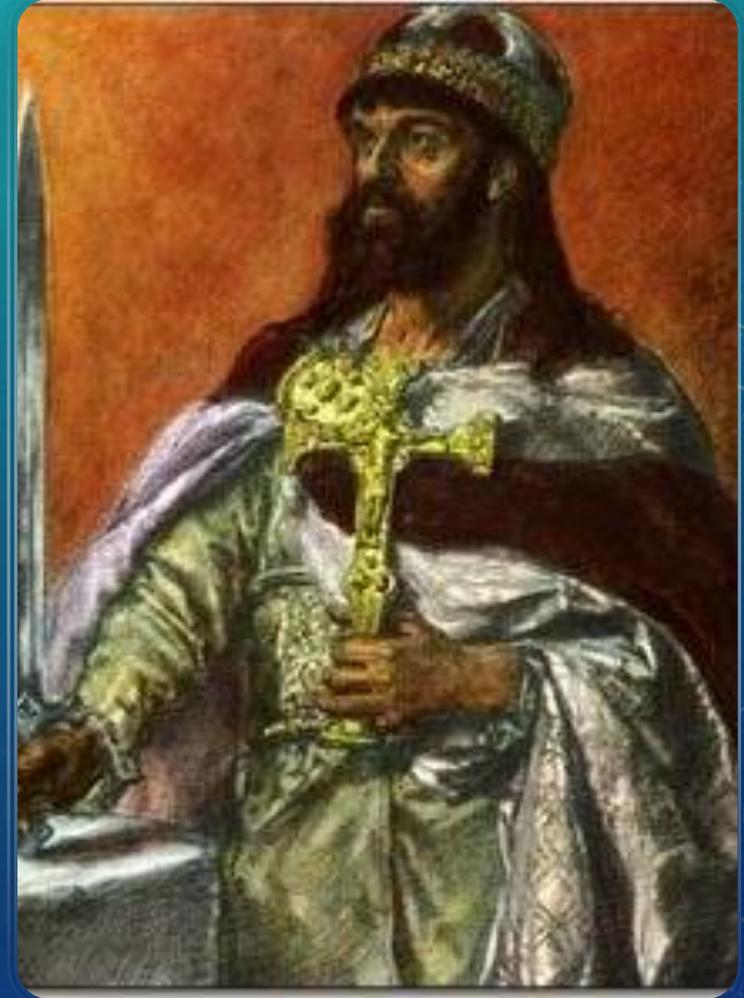
Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation.

- Romans 13:1-2

# CIVIL GOVERNMENT

For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same: For he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil.

- Romans 13:3-4



# BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES

- Rulers are to *protect the good*, and *punish evil*.
- God defines good & evil!
- Thou shalt not murder
- Thou shalt not steal
- Thou shalt not covet
- Thou shalt not bear false witness
- Liberty!



# GOD'S DEFINITIONS

- For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.
  - Romans 13:9



## PUNISH EVIL, PROTECT GOOD

Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme; Or unto governors, as unto them that are *sent by him for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of them that do well.*

- 1 Peter 2:13-14 KJV

# GOVERNMENT *NOT* FOR:

- Redistributing wealth: “For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat.” 2 Thess. 3:10
- Jesus instructed His disciples to help and serve the poor, **NOT** to advocate for social-welfare schemes and wealth redistribution.
- Education of children: “And ye shall teach them to your children, speaking of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.” (Deut. 11:19)
- Paul instructed fathers and parents to educate children, not hand them to Caesar: “bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.” (Ephesians 6:4)





## WHERE GOD SPOKE, CIVIL GOVERNMENT MUST OBEY

- God did not establish speed limits, so civil government is free to decide, and we must obey
- God defined marriage, therefore human governments have no authority to define it otherwise
- God defined killing another person without cause as murder and evil that must be punished
- God defined taking property without permission as theft, etc.

## AUTHORITY IS TO SERVE THE GOVERNED

But Jesus called them to him and said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. It shall *not* be so among you. But whoever would be great among you *must be your servant*, and whoever would be first among you must be your slave, even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

-Matthew 20:25-28



## CIVIL GOVERNMENT

Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake. For for this cause pay ye tribute also: for they are God's ministers, attending continually upon this very thing. Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour.

Romans 13:5-7



# SUBMISSION

- Submission to government is *essential* for Christians
- However, submission is not meant to be unlimited.
- Romans 13 *never says* submission is unlimited!

# LIMITED SUBMISSION

- Submission to all authority except God's is conditional
- "Children, obey your parents in **all things**: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord."  
Colossians 3:20
- Must children obey mom's command to mow the lawn or clean room? YES!
- Should children obey dad if instructed to rob a bank? Of course not.
- Hebrews 13:17, submit to church government. Same deal.



# HERMENEUTICS PROHIBITS UNLIMITED SUBMISSION

- Scripture interprets Scripture!
- Many examples in the Bible of God's people defying evil commands by those in authority, and being commended for it by God.



## HEBREW MIDWIVES

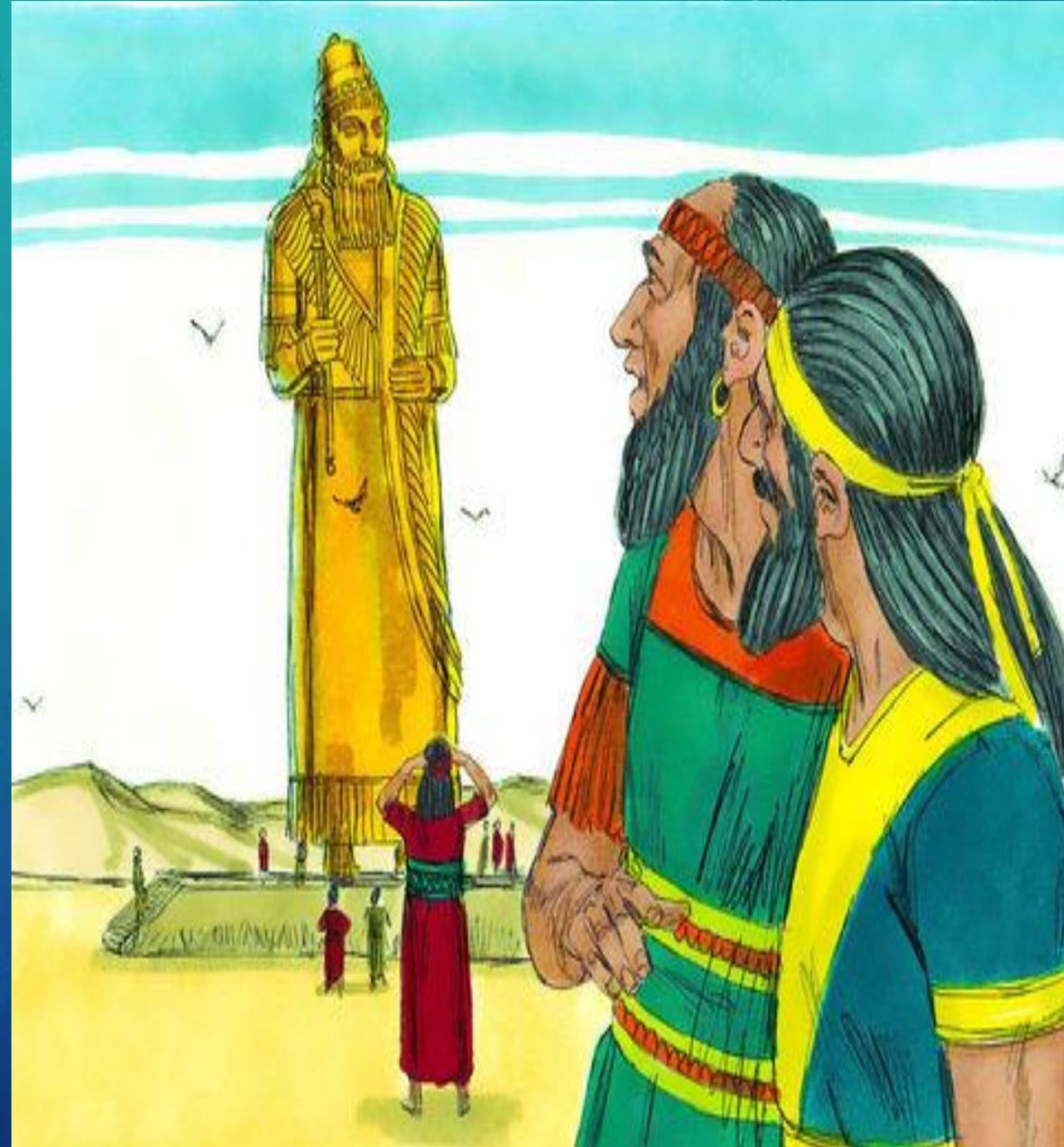
- And ***the king of Egypt spake to the Hebrew midwives***, of which the name of the one was Shiphrah, and the name of the other Puah: And he said, When ye do the office of a midwife to the Hebrew women, and see them upon the stools; ***if it be a son, then ye shall kill him***: but if it be a daughter, then she shall live. ***But the midwives feared God, and did not as the king of Egypt commanded them***, but saved the men children alive. And the king of Egypt called for the midwives, and said unto them, Why have ye done this thing, and have saved the men children alive? And the midwives said unto Pharaoh, Because the Hebrew women are not as the Egyptian women; for they are lively, and are delivered ere the midwives come in unto them. ***Therefore God dealt well with the midwives: and the people multiplied, and waxed very mighty***. And it came to pass, because the midwives feared God, that he made them houses.

• Exodus 1:15-21

# BOWING TO NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S GOLDEN IDOLS

Then an herald cried aloud, To you it is commanded, O people, nations, and languages, That at what time ye hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, dulcimer, and all kinds of musick, ye fall down and worship the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king hath set up: And whoso falleth not down and worshipping shall the same hour be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace.

- Daniel 3:4-6



# THE THREE REFUSE, TRUSTING GOD

There are certain Jews whom thou hast set over the affairs of the province of Babylon, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego; these men, O king, have not regarded thee: they serve not thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up. Then Nebuchadnezzar in his rage and fury commanded to bring Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. Then they brought these men before the king. Nebuchadnezzar spake and said unto them, Is it true, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, do not ye serve my gods, nor worship the golden image which I have set up? Now if ye be ready that at what time ye hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and dulcimer, and all kinds of musick, ye fall down and worship the image which I have made; well: but if ye worship not, ye shall be cast the same hour into the midst of a burning fiery furnace; and who is that God that shall deliver you out of my hands? Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, answered and said to the king, O Nebuchadnezzar, we are not careful to answer thee in this matter. If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king. But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up. Then was Nebuchadnezzar full of fury, and the form of his visage was changed against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego: therefore he spake, and commanded that they should heat the furnace one seven times more than it was wont to be heated.

- Daniel 3:12-19



## LAWS COMING

- Laws already in place across America forcing Christians to violate conscience
- In Sweden & UK, pastors can be arrested merely for repeating what the Bible says about homosexuality and gender
- Equality Act passed by House will force churches and ministries to comply

# GOD PROTECTS & REWARDS

Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God. Then Nebuchadnezzar came near to the mouth of the burning fiery furnace, and spake, and said, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, ye servants of the most high God, come forth, and come hither. Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, came forth of the midst of the fire. And the princes, governors, and captains, and the king's counsellors, being gathered together, saw these men, upon whose bodies the fire had no power, nor was an hair of their head singed, neither were their coats changed, nor the smell of fire had passed on them. Then Nebuchadnezzar spake, and said, Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who hath sent his angel, and delivered his servants that trusted in him, and have changed the king's word, and yielded their bodies, that they might not serve nor worship any god, except their own God. Therefore I make a decree, That every people, nation, and language, which speak any thing amiss against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, shall be cut in pieces, and their houses shall be made a dunghill: because there is no other God that can deliver after this sort.

- Daniel 3:25-29



## DANIEL & KING DARIUS

- King Darius' counselors were jealous of Daniel, decided "the law of his God" was the only way to get him (Daniel 6:5)
- King Darius tricked into passing law that nobody could pray to anyone except him
- Punishment was to be fed to lions
- Context: Israel punished for disobedience



## DANIEL DEFIES EVIL LAW

Wherefore king Darius signed the writing and the decree. Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and *his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime.*

• Daniel 6:9-10

## GOD PROTECTED HIM

My God hath sent his angel,  
and hath shut the lions'  
mouths, that they have not  
hurt me: forasmuch as  
before him innocency was  
found in me; and also before  
thee, O king, have I done no  
hurt.

Daniel 6:22





## APOSTLE PAUL ESCAPES ARREST

- In Damascus the governor under Aretas the king kept the city of the Damascenes with a garrison, desirous to apprehend me: And through a window in a basket was I let down by the wall, and escaped his hands.

• 2 Corinthians 11:32-33

# OBEY GOD, OR MEN?

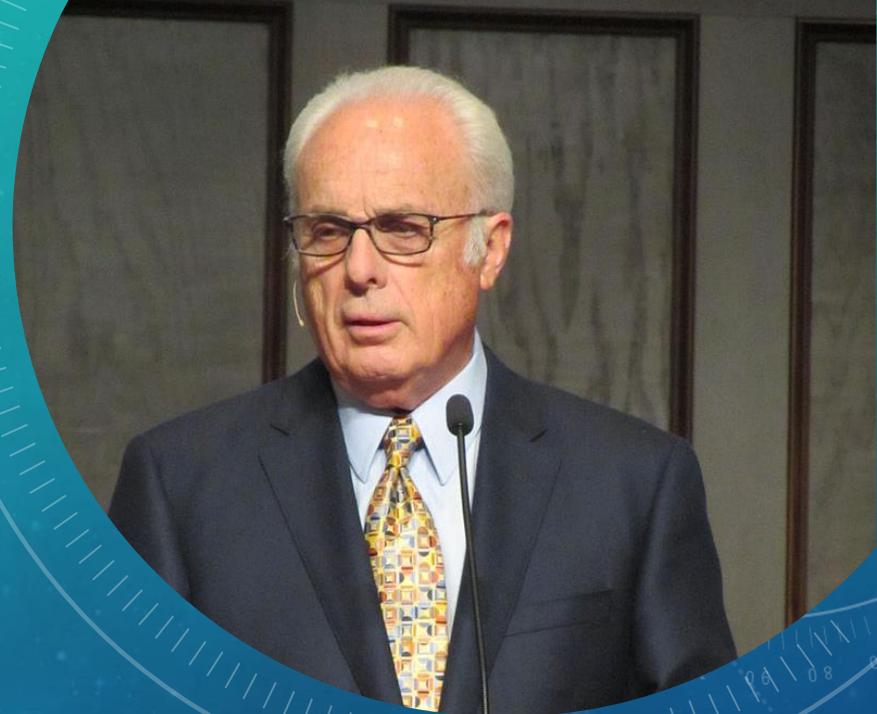
And when they had brought them, they set them before the council: and the high priest asked them, Saying, ***Did not we straitly command you that ye should not teach in this name?*** and, behold, ye have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this man's blood upon us. Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, ***We ought to obey God rather than men.***

- Acts 5:27-29



# PASTORS DEFYING GOVERNMENT

- California governor banned churches while allowing abortion mills, pot shops, liquor stores, riots, etc.
- John McArthur of Grace Community Church & Rob McCoy of Godspeak Calvary Chapel said, “No!”
- God commanded His Church to meet (Hebrews 10:25)



# AMERICA: CHRISTIAN NATION

- America settled by Christians, who created Christian-style government based on biblical principles





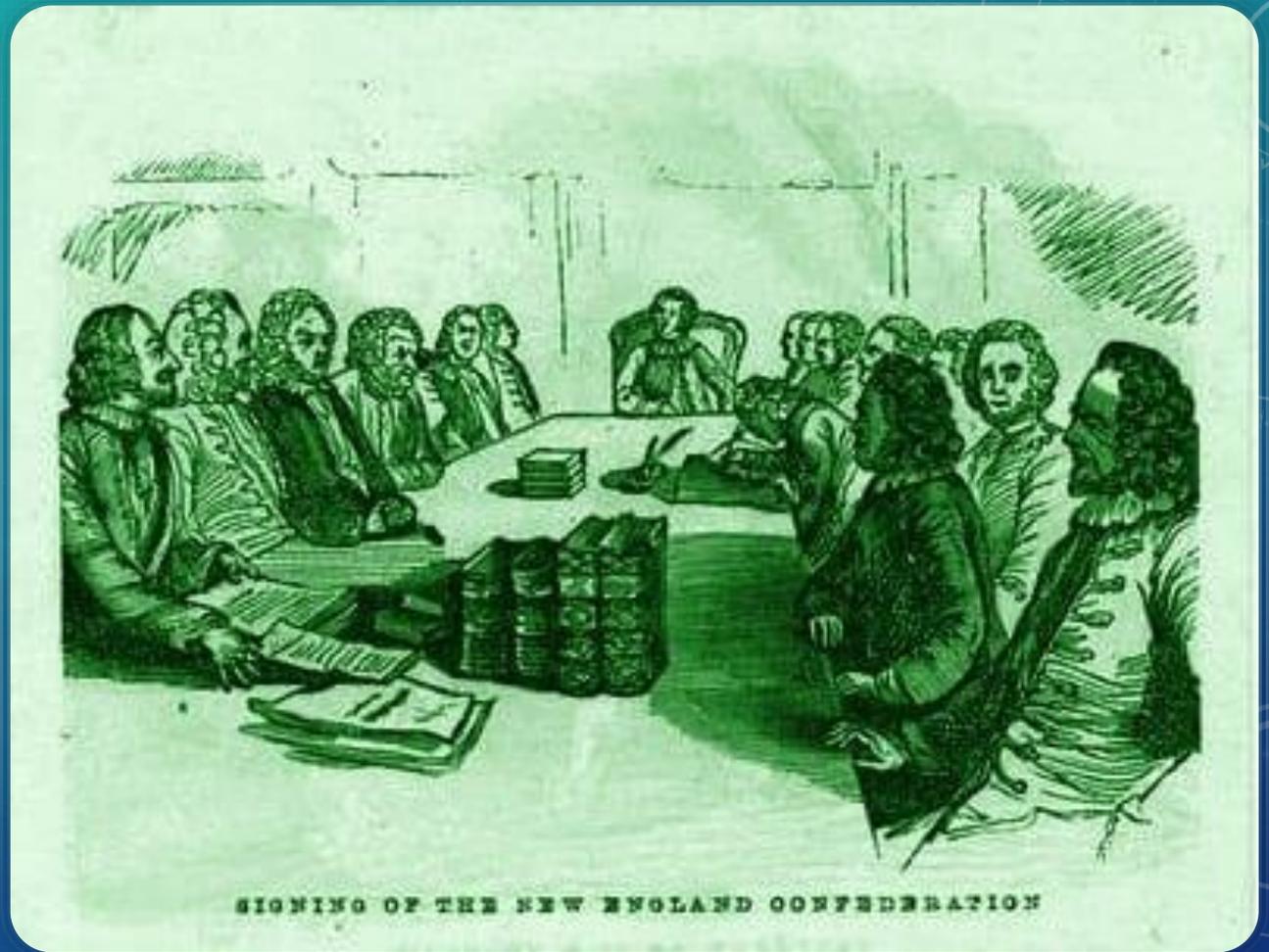
# MAYFLOWER COMPACT

“Having undertaken, *for the glory of God, and advancement of the Christian faith*, and honor of our King and Country, a voyage to plant the first colony in the northern parts of Virginia, do by these presents solemnly and mutually, in the presence of God, and one of another, covenant and combine our selves together into a civil body politic, ...”

# ARTICLES OF CONFEDERATION OF THE UNITED COLONIES

“We *all* came into these parts of America with one and the same end and aim, namely, to advance the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ and to enjoy the liberties of the Gospel in purity with peace.”

*Articles of Confederation of the United Colonies of New England, 1643*



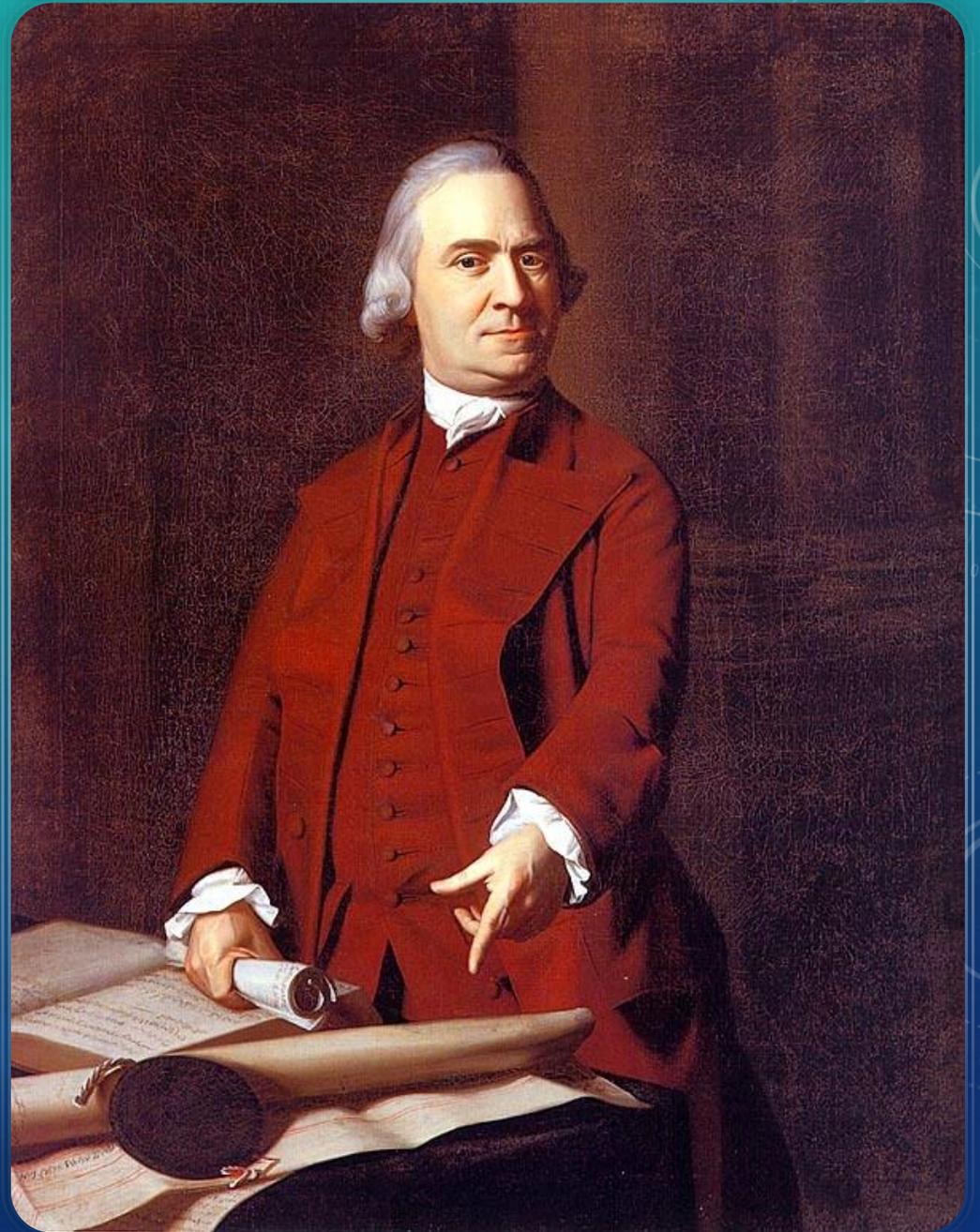


# GREAT AWAKENING

- 1740-1760, great revival led by preachers of the Gospel such as Jonathan Edwards and George Whitfield.
- Churches bursting at the seams.
- Founding Fathers who would create Declaration of Independence were children.

# SAM ADAMS

- “Father of the Revolution”
- Established Committees of Correspondence in 1772.
- Circulated “Rights of the Colonists.”





## RIGHTS OF THE COLONISTS

- “The rights of the colonists as Christians may be best understood by reading and carefully studying the institutes of the Great Law Giver and Head of the Christian Church, which are to be found clearly written and promulgated in the New Testament.”
- These included: “First, a right to life, Second, a right to liberty, Third, a right to property, together with the right to defend them.”

THE  
R I G H T S  
OF  
C O L O N I E S  
EXAMINED.

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—FOR THE CHILDREN OUGHT NOT TO LAY UP FOR  
THE PARENTS, BUT THE PARENTS FOR THE CHILDREN.  
St. PAUL.

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IN CONGRESS, JULY 4, 1776.  
A DECLARATION  
BY THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
IN GENERAL CONGRESS ASSEMBLED.

WHEN in the Course of human Events, it becomes necessary for one People to dissolve the Political Bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the Powers of the Earth, the separate and equal Station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent Respect to the Opinions of Mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the Separation.

We hold these Truths to be self-evident, that all Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness—That to secure these Rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just Powers from the Consent of the Governed, that whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these Ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its Foundation on such Principles, and organizing its Powers in such Form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient Causes; and accordingly all Experience hath shewn, that Mankind are more disposed to suffer, while Evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the Forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long Train of Abuses and Usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object, evinces a Design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their Right, it is their Duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future Security. Such has been the patient Sufferance of these Colonies; and such is now the Necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government. The History of the present King of Great-Britain is a History of repeated Injuries and Usurpations, all having in direct Object the Establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States. To prove this, let Facts be submitted to a candid World.

He has refused his Assent to Laws of immediate and pressing Importance, unless suspended in their Operation till his Assent should be obtained; and when so suspended, he has utterly neglected to attend to them.

He has refused to pass other Laws for the Accommodation of large Districts of People, unless those People would relinquish the Right of Representation in the Legislature, a Right inestimable to them, and formidable to Tyrants only.

He has called together legislative Bodies at Places unusual, uncomfortable, and distant from the Depository of their public Records, for the sole Purpose of fatiguing them into Compliance with his Measures.

He has dissolved Representative Houses repeatedly, for opposing with manly Firmness his Invasions on the Rights of the People.

He has refused for a long Time, after such Dissolutions, to cause others to be elected; whereby the Legislative Powers, incapable of Annihilation, have returned to the People at large for their exercise; the State remaining in the mean time exposed to all the Dangers of Invasion from without, and Convulsions within.

He has endeavoured to prevent the Population of these States; for that Purpose obstructing the Laws for Naturalization of Foreigners; refusing to pass others to encourage their Migrations hither, and raising the Conditions of new Appropriations of Lands.

He has obstructed the Administration of Justice, by refusing his Assent to Laws for establishing Judiciary Powers.

He has made Judges dependent on his Will alone, for the Tenure of their Offices, and the Amount and Payment of their Salaries.

He has erected a Multitude of new Offices, and sent hither Swarms of Officers to harass our People, and eat out their Substance.

He has kept among us, in Times of Peace, Standing Armies, without the Consent of our Legislatures.

He has affected to render the Military independent of and superior to the Civil Power.

He has combined with others to subject us to a Jurisdiction foreign to our Constitution, and unacknowledged by our Laws; giving his Assent to their Acts of pretended Legislation:

For quartering large Bodies of Armed Troops among us:

For protecting them, by a mock Trial, from Punishment for any Murders which they should commit on the Inhabitants of these States:

For cutting off our Trade with all Parts of the World:

For imposing Taxes on us without our Consent:

For depriving us, in many Cases, of the Benefits of Trial by Jury:

For transporting us beyond Seas to be tried for pretended Offences:

For abolishing the free System of English Laws in a neighbouring Province, establishing therein an arbitrary Government, and enlarging its Boundaries, so as to render it at once an Example and fit Instrument for introducing the same absolute Rule into these Colonies:

For taking away our Charters, abolishing our most valuable Laws, and altering fundamentally the Forms of our Governments:

For suspending our own Legislatures, and declaring themselves invested with Power to legislate for us in all Cases whatsoever.

He has abdicated Government here, by declaring us out of his Protection and waging War against us.

He has plundered our Seas, ravaged our Coasts, burnt our Towns, and destroyed the Lives of our People.

He is, at this Time, transporting large Armies of foreign Mercenaries to complete the Works of Death, Desolation, and Tyranny, already begun with circumstances of Cruelty and Perfidy, scarcely paralleled in the most barbarous Ages; and totally unworthy the Head of a civilized Nation.

He has constrained our fellow Citizens taken Captive on the high Seas to bear Arms against their Country, to become the Executioners of their Friends and Brethren, or to fall themselves by their Hands.

He has excited domestic Insurrections amongst us, and has endeavoured to bring on the Inhabitants of our Frontiers, the merciless Indian Savages, whose known Rule of Warfare, is an undistinguished Destruction, of all Ages, Sexes and Conditions.

In every Stage of these Oppressions we have petitioned for Redress in the most humble Terms: Our repeated Petitions have been answered only by repeated Injury. A Prince, whose Character is thus marked by every act which may define a Tyrant, is unfit to be the Ruler of a free People.

Now have we been wanting in Attention to our British Brethren. We have warned them from Time to Time of Attempts by their Legislature to extend an unwarrantable Jurisdiction over us. We have reminded them of the Circumstances of our Emigration and Settlement here. We have appealed to their native Justice and Magnanimity, and we have conjured them by the Ties of our common Kindred to disavow these Usurpations, which would inevitably interrupt our Connections and Correspondence. They too have been deaf to the Voice of Justice and of Consanguinity. We must, therefore, acquiesce in the Necessity, which denounces our Separation, and hold them, as we hold the rest of Mankind, Enemies in War, in Peace, Friends.

We, therefore, the Representatives of the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, in GENERAL CONGRESS ASSEMBLED, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the World for the Rectitude of our Intentions, do, in the Name, and by Authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly Publish and Declare, That these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be, FREE AND INDEPENDENT STATES; that they are absolved from all Allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political Connection between them and the State of Great-Britain, is and ought to be totally dissolved; and that as FREE AND INDEPENDENT STATES, they have full Power to levy War, conclude Peace, contract Alliances, establish Commerce, and to do all other Acts and Things which INDEPENDENT STATES may of right do. And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm Reliance on the Protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes, and our sacred Honor.

Signed by ORDER and in BEHALF of the CONGRESS,

JOHN HANCOCK, PRESIDENT.

ATTEST.  
CHARLES THOMSON, SECRETARY.

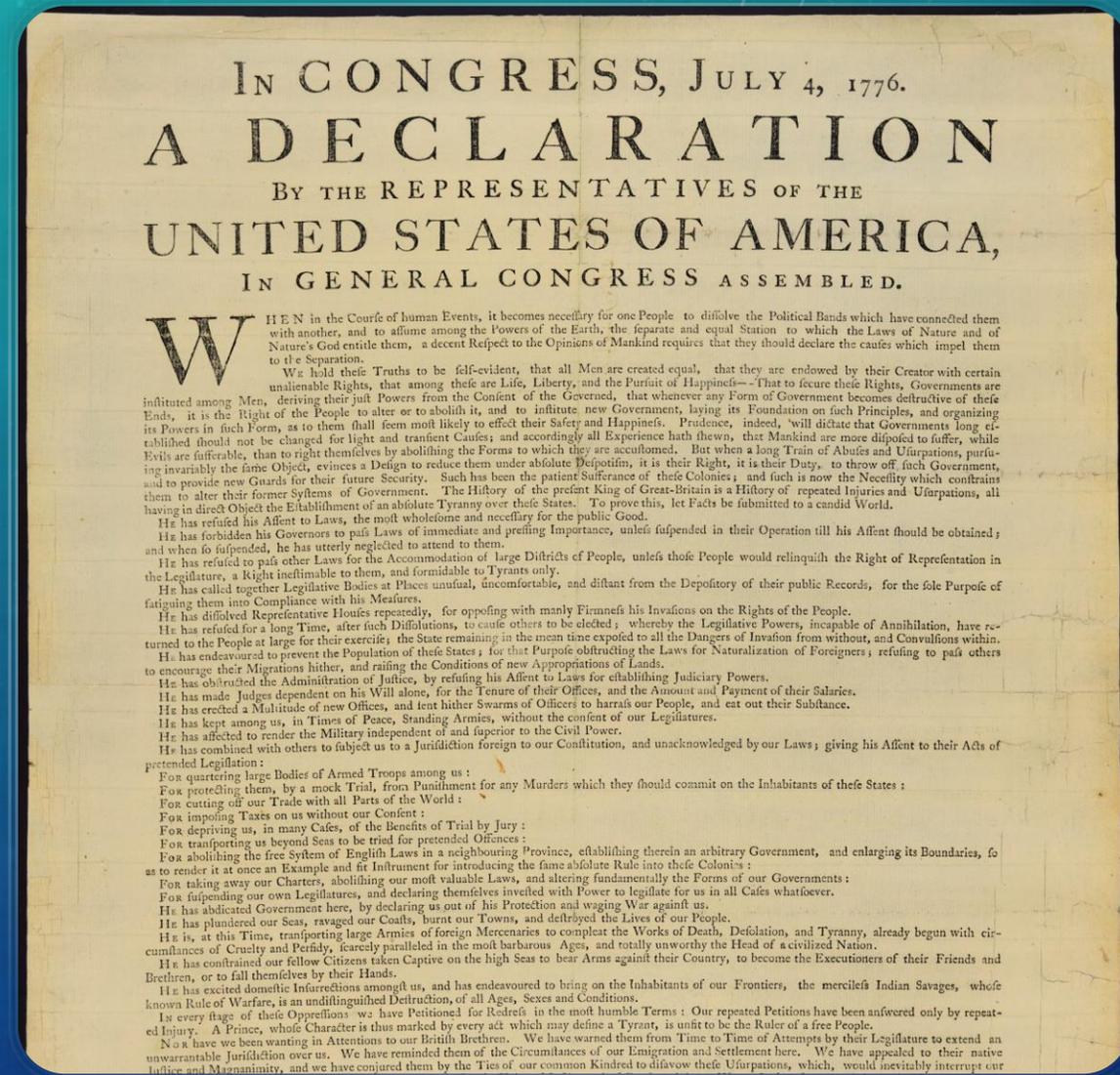
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# INDEPENDENCE!

• "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness. — That to secure these Rights, Governments are instituted among Men, ..."

# OTHER BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES

- Equality of man — all men created in His image, therefore all lives have value. This abolished slavery.
- Relied on “Divine Providence” for success in War for Independence.
- Cited the “Laws of Nature and Nature’s God” in explaining why, a direct reference to William Blackstone, who wrote, that “the will of his Maker is called the law of nature.”
- “The doctrines thus delivered we call the revealed or divine law, and they are to be found only in the Holy Scriptures.”
- Rulers must obey the law too. Old Testament Hebrew Republic based on God’s laws, human judges over groups.
- Paul was most quoted writer by Founders



# Bill of Rights

Congress OF THE United States,

*begun and held at the City of New York, on  
Wednesday, the fourth of March, one thousand seven hundred and eighty nine.*

*The Conventions of a number of the States having, at the time of their adopting the Constitution, expressed a desire, in order to prevent misconstruction or abuse of its powers, that further declaratory and restrictive clauses should be added: And as extending the ground of public confidence in the Government, will best insure the beneficent ends of its institution:*

*Resolved, by the SENATE and HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES of the UNITED STATES of AMERICA in Congress assembled two thirds of both Houses concurring. That the following Articles be proposed to the Legislatures of the several States, as Amendments to the Constitution of the States; all, or any of which articles, when ratified by three fourths of the said Legislatures, to be valid to all intents and purposes, as part of the said Constitution.*

*Articles in addition to, and Amendment of the Constitution of the United States of America, proposed by Congress, and ratified by the Legislatures of the several States, pursuant to the fifth Article of the Original Constitution.*

*Article the first ..... After the first enumeration required by the first Article of the Constitution, there shall be one Representative for every thirty thousand, until the number shall amount to one hundred, after which, the proportion shall be so regulated by Congress, that there shall be not less than one hundred Representatives, nor less than one Representative for every forty thousand persons, until the number of Representatives shall amount to two hundred, after which, the proportion shall be so regulated by Congress, that there shall not be less than two hundred Representatives, nor less than one Representative for every fifty thousand persons. [Not Ratified]*

*Article the second .... No law, varying the compensation for the services of the Senators and Representatives, shall take effect, until an election of Representatives shall have intervened. [Not Ratified]*

*Article the third ..... Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.*

*Article the fourth ..... A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.*

*Article the fifth ..... No Soldier shall, in time of peace, be quartered in any house, without the consent of the owner, nor in time of war, but in a manner to be prescribed by law.*

## BILL OF RIGHTS

- Limited government power
- Recognized pre-existing, God-given rights
- First Amendment: Freedom of religion
- Second Amendment: Right to keep and bear arms
- Fourth Amendment: Sanctity of the home, family, privacy
- Fifth Amendment: Security of private property, life, liberty
- Sixth Amendment: Fair trial

# PROPERTY

- “The moment the idea is admitted into society, that property is not as sacred as the laws of God, and that there is not a force of law and public justice to protect it, anarchy and tyranny commence. If "Thou shalt not covet," and "Thou shalt not steal," were not commandments of Heaven, they must be made inviolable precepts in every society, before it can be civilized or made free.”
  - John Adams, 1787 (1<sup>st</sup> VP, 2<sup>nd</sup> President)



# BIBLICAL CONSTITUTION

- “For the Lord is our judge, the Lord is our lawgiver, the Lord is our king; he will save us.”  
Isaiah 33:22
- Depravity of man meant power should be separated, with checks and balances.
- “Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.” 2 Corinthians 3:17
- “Done in Convention by the Unanimous Consent of the States present the Seventeenth Day of September in the Year of our Lord 1787.” Article VII





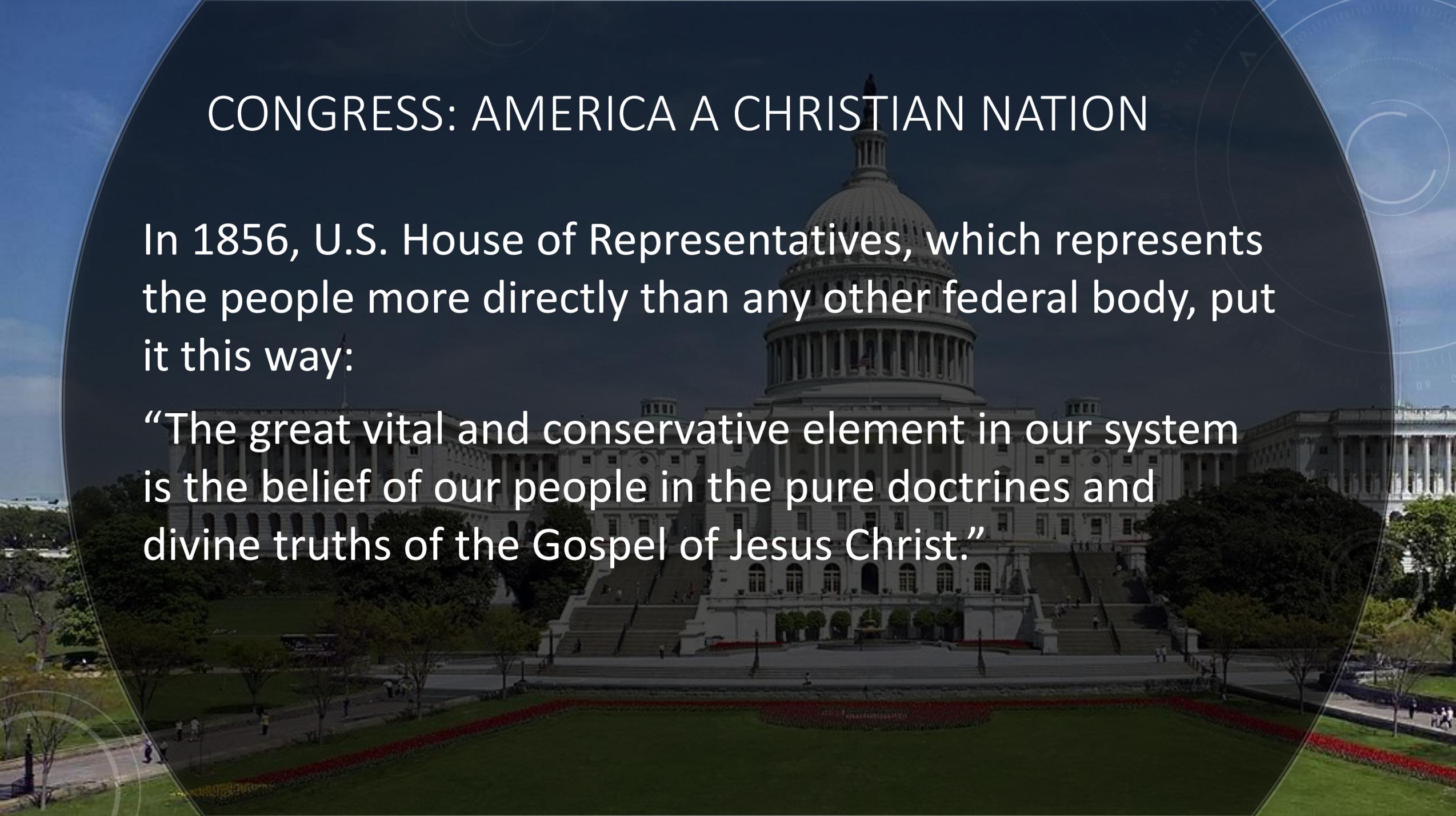
## MORALITY

- “Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious People. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other.”
  - John Adams

# CONGRESS: AMERICA A CHRISTIAN NATION

In 1856, U.S. House of Representatives, which represents the people more directly than any other federal body, put it this way:

“The great vital and conservative element in our system is the belief of our people in the pure doctrines and divine truths of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.”

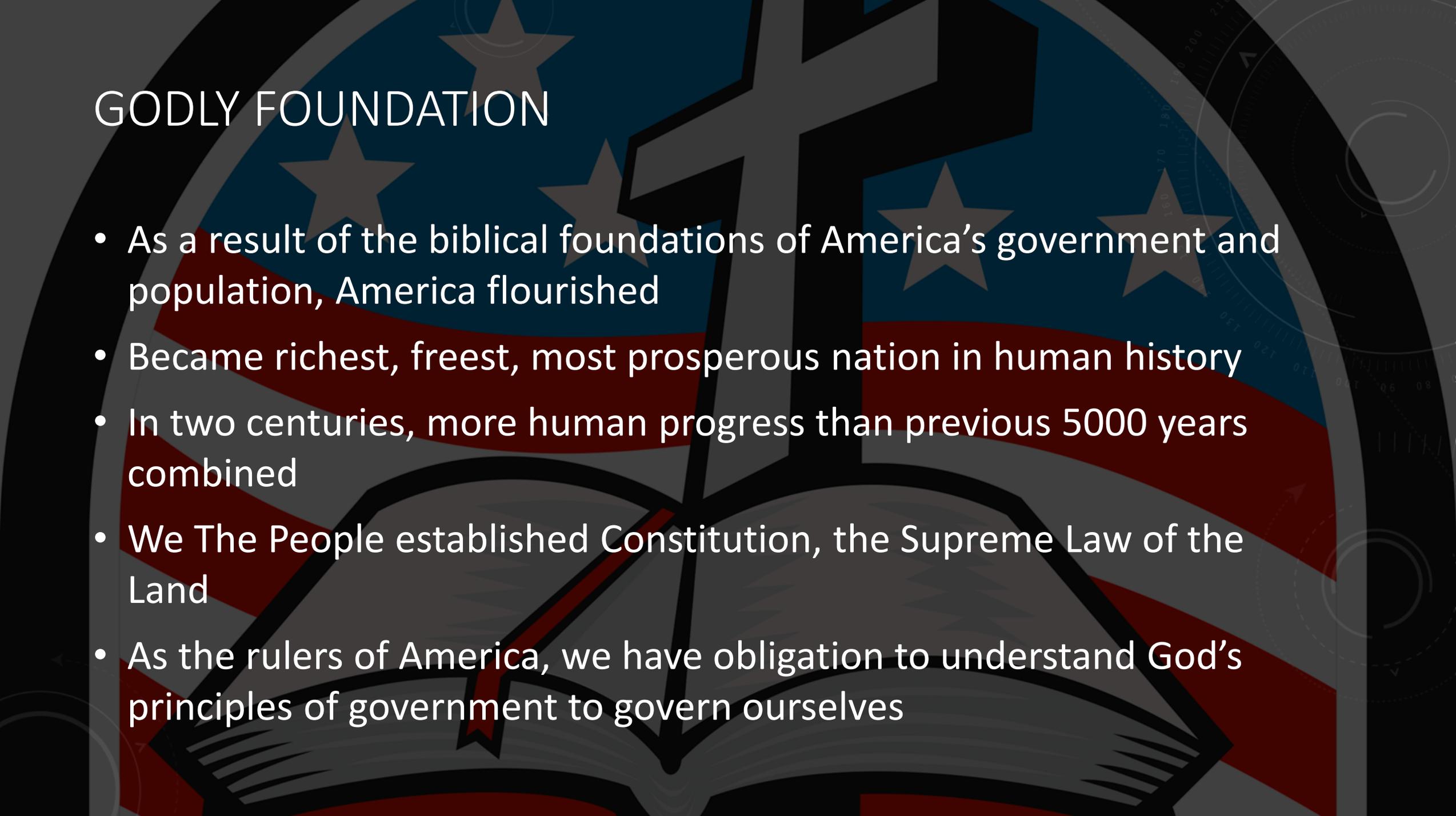




# SCOTUS AGREED

- In 1892, U.S. Supreme Court declared in *Holy Trinity Church v. the United States* that America “is a Christian nation.”
- See Moses & Ten Commandments on top

# GODLY FOUNDATION

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- As a result of the biblical foundations of America's government and population, America flourished
- Became richest, freest, most prosperous nation in human history
- In two centuries, more human progress than previous 5000 years combined
- We The People established Constitution, the Supreme Law of the Land
- As the rulers of America, we have obligation to understand God's principles of government to govern ourselves



## WILL WE LOSE IT?

- People clamoring for new form of government, tearing down existing system.
- Effort to re-write Constitution gaining steam.
- Many Democrats and political leaders want US to be more like Sweden, Denmark, Venezuela, China, etc.
- In 1 Samuel, citing corruption by judges, Israel asks for a “king to judge us like all the nations.” Samuel prayed, and God told them to warn the people what would happen.
- “They have not rejected thee, but they have rejected me, that I should not reign over them.” 1 Samuel 8:7

# WARNING

And Samuel told all the words of the Lord unto the people that asked of him a king. And he said, This will be the manner of the king that shall reign over you: He will take your sons, and appoint them for himself, for his chariots, and to be his horsemen; and some shall run before his chariots. And he will appoint him captains over thousands, and captains over fifties; and will set them to ear his ground, and to reap his harvest, and to make his instruments of war, and instruments of his chariots. And he will take your daughters to be confectionaries, and to be cooks, and to be bakers. And he will take your fields, and your vineyards, and your oliveyards, even the best of them, and give them to his servants. And he will take the tenth of your seed, and of your vineyards, and give to his officers, and to his servants. And he will take your menservants, and your maidservants, and your goodliest young men, and your asses, and put them to his work. He will take the tenth of your sheep: and ye shall be his servants. And ye shall cry out in that day because of your king which ye shall have chosen you; and the Lord will not hear you in that day.

1 Samuel 8:10-18





CHOOSE:

"If we will not be governed by God, we must be governed by tyrants."

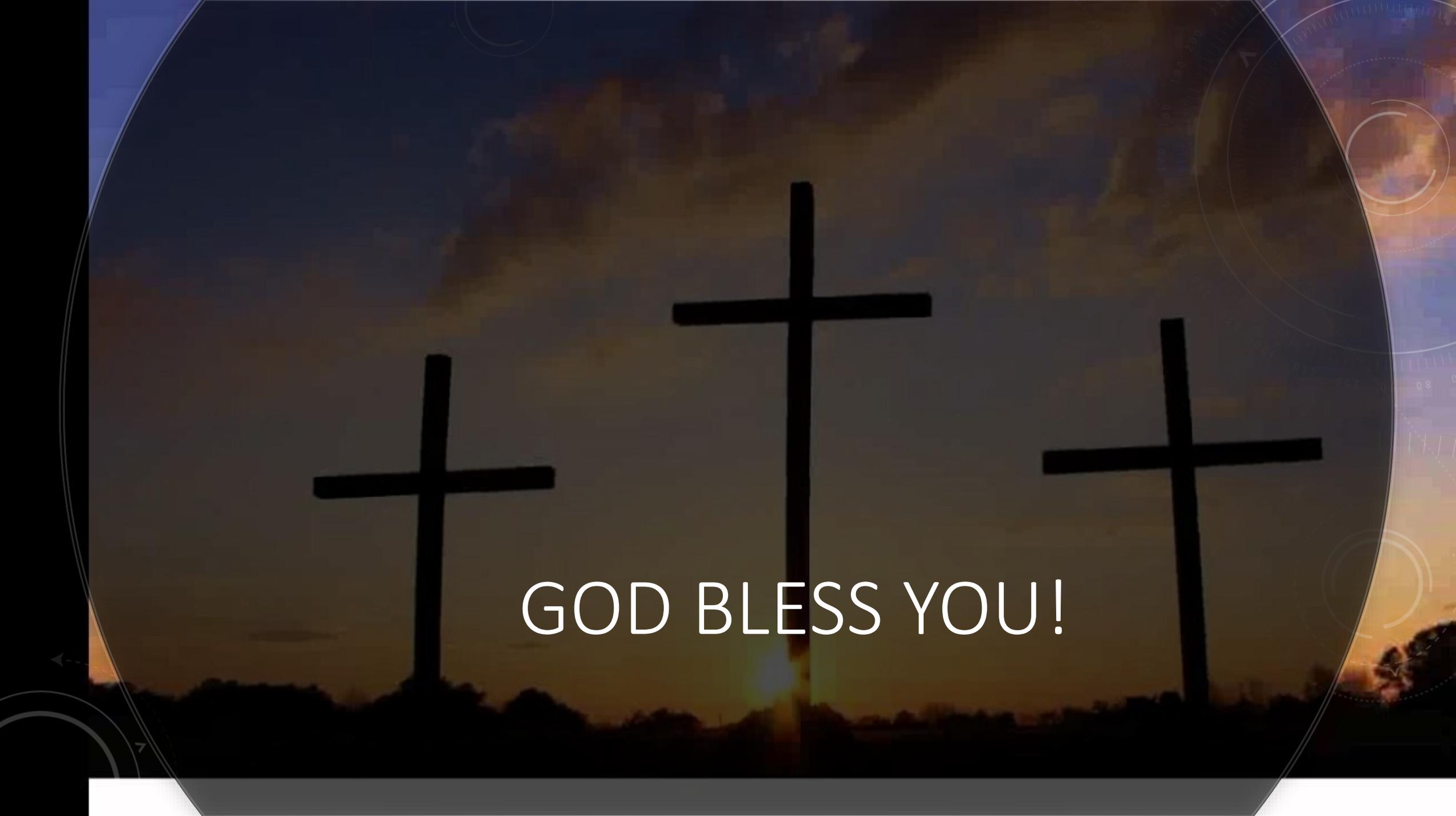
William Penn, founder and governor of Pennsylvania



## PRAY, TRUST GOD, & GET BUSY!

“I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.

1 Timothy 2:1-6

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GOD BLESS YOU!