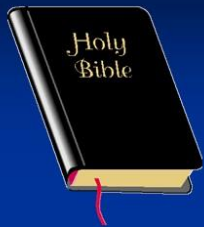


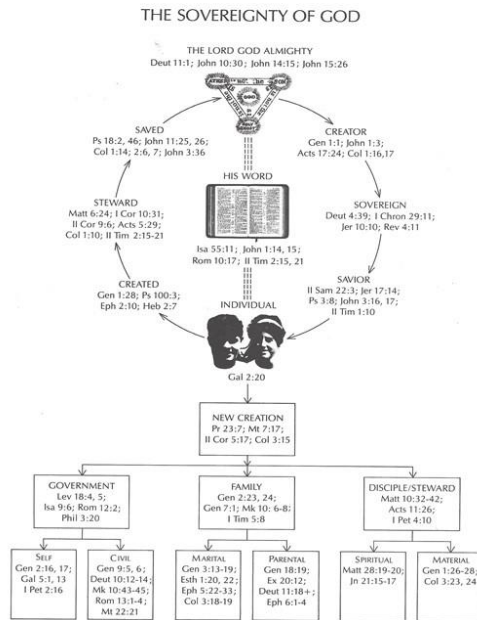
*Foundations of a Biblical Worldview*  
Lesson Seven – When Christ is King!

## A Review of Biblical Presuppositions



*Biblical premises or presuppositions help us apply Christianity and form a worldview of the Kingdom*

- Section One: The Bible is our ultimate standard:
  - Darkness cannot conquer where light prevails!
  - We are dual citizens – of heaven *and* earth!
  - Civil Government is God's ministry of justice
  - The culture is a reflection of God's people
- Section Two: The Source and Quality of Govt
  - The flow of government begins in the heart
  - The source determines the quality of government
  - America was modeled after the Hebrew Republic
  - Christ's Law of Liberty is both law and gospel



- Our view of God will be our view of Government
  - He is Sovereign and triune
  - Believers steward culture
  - Christ redeems us to disciple
- Christ dwells within believers
  - His power flows out to the family and the Church
  - We steward the spiritual and material – internal and external such as civil government

*Understanding God's Sovereignty will always bring greater liberty for all*

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## Christ is Savior and Lord (King)

*The Voice of Authority, by Rev. George W. Marston, 1960*

- 1- Regenerative Consciousness – “reborn” from above
- 2- God’s Standards become our Standards – God’s laws become our laws of self-government...
- 3- True conversion of the heart, mind and body – all becomes new in the Lord...
- 4- There is total submission to God – grow in *sanctification*
  - Will there still be a struggle with sin? *Yes*
  - Will there be blind spots where we might be *hypocritical*? (yes)
- 5- We become a strong and certain witness in His Name!

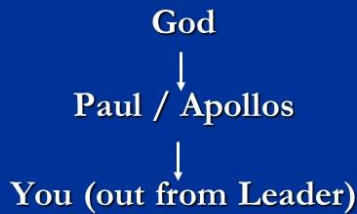
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## The War over Sovereignty; The Root of the Great Reformation (1400-1600)

### Paternalism (Man)

*“For while one saith, I am of Paul, and another, I am of Apollos, are you not carnal?”*

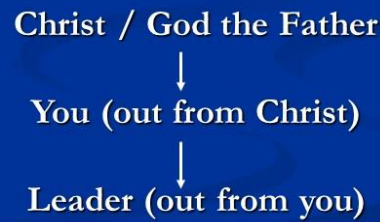
1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 3:4



### Priesthood of Believer (Christ)

*“...for all things are yours... Paul, or Apollos, or Cephas... all are yours, and you are Christ’s and Christ is God’s.”*

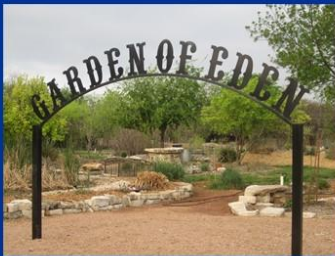
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*Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; but (one) – Genesis 2:16-17a*



## Remember the Garden of Eden?

- The Devil tempted Eve and Adam:
  - To Doubt God’s Word (Law) in the garden
  - To Deny the consequences of the transgression
  - Discontent by suggesting the advantages of sin
- Government begins with God and its first sphere is at the individual level, not the state
  - Adam and Eve were to have *internal self-control in order to maintain their external liberty*
  - They chose to disobey and thus a *loss of internal control yielded an increase in external control due to the consequences of sin*

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## No King but Self – Humanist Manifesto I

- 1933 – *The time has come for a wide-spread recognition of the radical changes in religious beliefs throughout the modern world... doctrines and methods which have lost their significance and which are powerless to solve the problem of human living in the twentieth century... any religion that can hope to be a synthesizing and dynamic force for today must be shaped for the needs of this age. To establish such a religion is a major necessity of the present.. A responsibility which rests upon this generation.*

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## No King but Self – Humanist Manifesto II

- 1973 – *We find insufficient evidence for belief in the existence of a supernatural; it is either meaningless or irrelevant to the question of survival and fulfillment of the human race. As nontheists, we begin with humans, not God, nature, not deity... traditional, dogmatic, or authoritarian religions that place revelation, God, ritual, or creed, above human needs and experience do a disservice to the human species... we affirm that moral values derive their source from human experience. Ethics are autonomous and situational, needing no theological or ideological sanction. Ethics stem from human needs and interests.*

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## The Contradictions of Humanism

- Humanism is not humanness or humanitarian; these are noble
- Humanistic societies must borrow from God's moral world;
  - They seek truth, but deny the source
  - They want the fruit of liberty, but refuse the root
  - They want peace, but discard the Prince of Peace
  - They want warmth, but shun the Light
- It is "intellectual schizophrenia" – R. J. Rushdoony
- *It is an impossibility for men to deny God and still have law and order, justice, science, anything, apart from God.*

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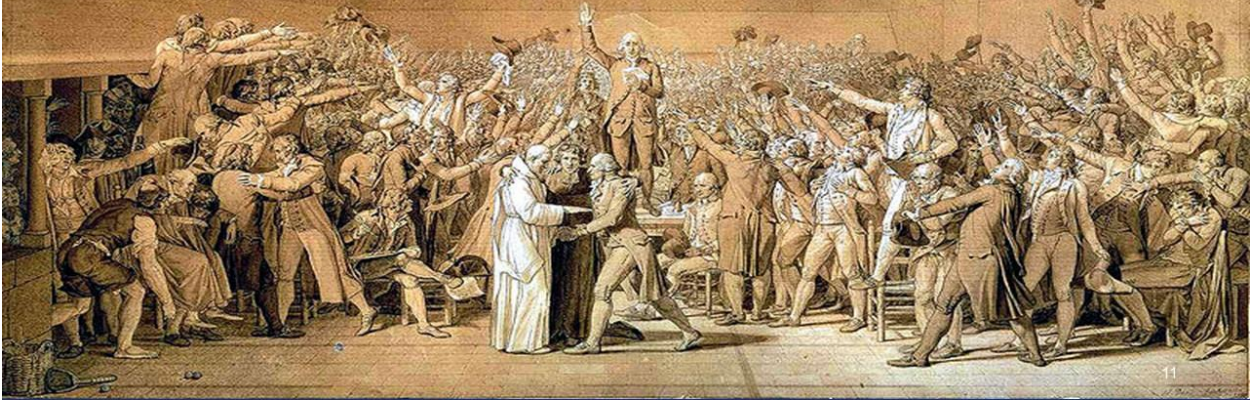
## The French Revolution – G. Groen Van Prinsterer

- 1847 – (The French Revolution) *is anti-Christian whose principal idea develops into a systematic rebellion against the revealed God... the fruit of unbelief... It is more than just a political revolution ending in democracy....*
- *It is the Revolution, with its systematic application of the philosophy of unbelief; with its atrocities and destructiveness; with its self-deification and its adoration of reason.... All of the evil and destructive fruits of such a revolution based on rejection of God could have been predicted.*

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## The Tennis Court Oath June 20, 1789

The Third Estate – wealthy merchants and impoverished farmers – 98% of France  
*“a solemn oath not to separate... until the constitution of the kingdom is established..”*



## Storming the Bastille July 14, 1789



# 1789 Declaration of the Rights of Man and Citizen



- Though modeled after the 1776 Declaration...
  - *All men are created equal* – No Creator mentioned
  - *Life, liberty and property* and other clauses are recited but with no *unalienable rights* given by God
- Art I – Men are born and remain free and equal in rights... (government granted privileges)
- Art III - The principle of any sovereignty resides essentially in the Nation. No body ...may exercise any authority which does not proceed directly from the nation (direct democracy)
- Art IV - Liberty consists of doing anything which does not harm others... (toward anarchy)
- Art VI – The Law is the expression of the general will... (no accountability to God’s Law)

# The French Revolution of 1789

- The culmination of Renaissance Ideas – their cry?
  - *Liberte* (lawless freedom, tear down everything; man-centered)
  - *Egalite* (external equality of outcomes, state distribution)
  - *Fraternite* (loyalty to factions with group privileges)
- Policies of Liberty, Equality, Fraternity
  - First, focus on abuses of the government – discrimination
  - Second, remove all religious symbols, Church lands confiscated
  - Third, erect the cult of Reason (atheism, exalting prostitution)
  - Fourth, erase history and change to a ten-day week (no sabbath)
  - October 21, 1793 enacts the Law – priests who defy this will die

## Cult of Reason 1792



## The Idolatry of Man's Reason to replace Christianity in France



Maximilien Robespierre  
killed by Guillotine  
July 28, 1794

## Cult of the Supreme Being

June 8, 1794

To the existence of God and immortality of the  
human soul – a civic-minded religion





## The Self-Coronation of Napoleon

Sunday, December 2, 1804



## The American vs. French Revolution

### The American Revolution – 1775-1781

- A period of over ten years preceded the conflict – Constitutional Debate
- A defensive War approved by God
- Adopted lawful resistance to tyranny
- Individual Rights were God-given
- Equality before the Law
- A desire to restore government by consent – the Hebrew Republic
- Total dependence on God's Supreme Authority and Providence
- Liberty, peace and prosperity result

### The French Revolution – 1789-1797

- Years of planning by the Jacobins breaks into violence in a moment
- An aggression of anarchistic rebellion
- Adopted lawless violence for change
- Group privileges granted by the mob
- Inequality before the State (nobles)
- Anarchy produces the need for a tyrant – Napoleon crowns himself
- Total rejection of God, the Church, and any vestige of Christianity
- Slavery, tyranny and poverty result

## The American Revolution – Verna Hall

- Their cry? – *No King but King Jesus!*
- *(Some) American Christians have considerable difficulty with the War for Independence... this is due primarily to their ignorance of the facts, as well as philosophy. Their concept of America is being just like all other nations... they read about present-day civil disturbances, rebellions and insurrections here and abroad, and they all seem to be alike. All seem to be revolutions against oppressive governments of some sort. All seem to be for the freeing or independence of one people from another... Those concepts are far from truth. The American Revolution is one of a kind...*

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## The Christian Idea of Man

### *Rise of the Republic of the United States – Richard Frothingham*

- *Christianity then appeared with its central doctrine, that man was created in the Divine image, and destined for immortality; pronouncing that, in the eye of God, all men are created equal. This asserted for the individual an independent value. It occasioned the great inference that man is superior to the State, which out to be fashioned for his use. This was the advent of a new spirit and a new power in the world.*
- This truth, stated in the Declaration of Independence, would put the liberty of men, women and all races of equal worth

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## This is a Christian Nation

### *The Church of the Holy Trinity v. United States - 1892*

- ... *this is a religious people. This is historically true. From the discovery of this continent to the present hour, there is a single voice making this affirmation.... These and many other matters which might be noticed, add a volume of unofficial declarations to the mass of organic utterances that this is a Christian nation.*
- Not all those who founded the nation, fought for liberty, or wrote its documents, were Christians – but the documents give witness to the salty influence of Christianity...

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## Suggested reading from Lesson 7...

- Get the *FACS notebook or paperback and booklet of articles!*



- Read Lesson 7 of the notebook; Chapters 8-9 of the paperback
- Read *The Two Thousand Year Reign* article by Archie Jones
- Ponder the PowerPoint slides and/or re-view the recording

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