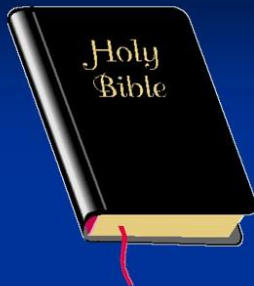


Foundations of a Biblical Worldview
Lesson Six – God: Sovereign of Nations

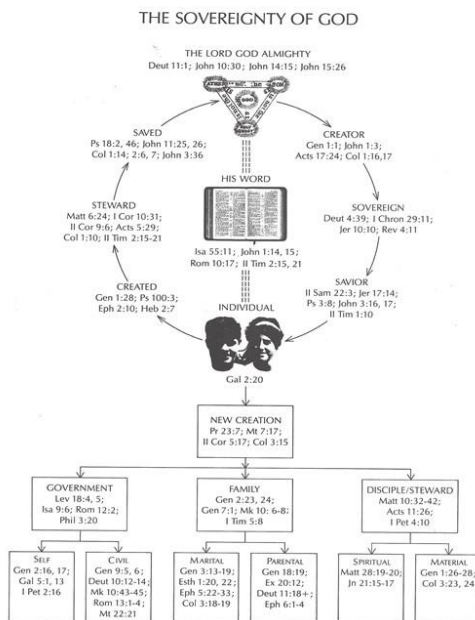
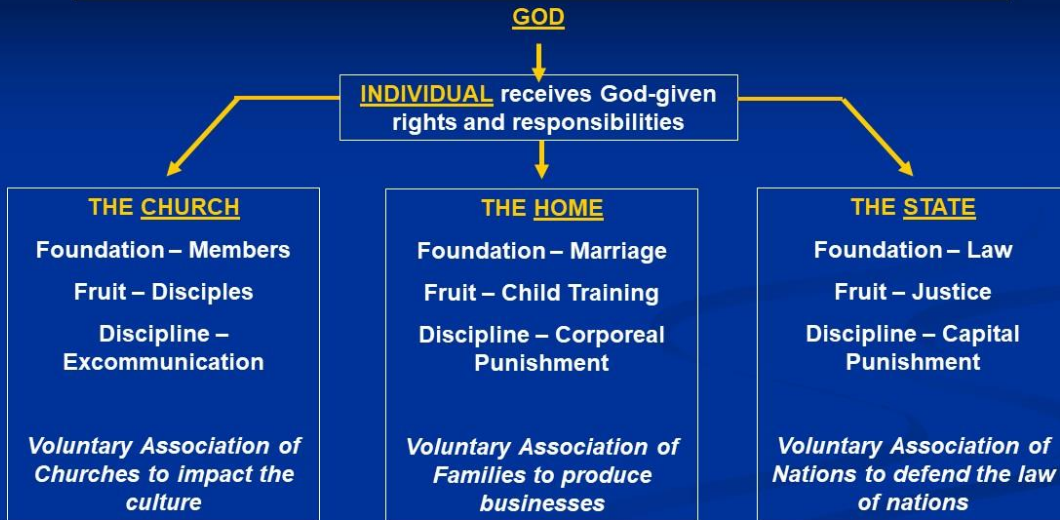
A Review of Biblical Presuppositions



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

- The Bible is the ultimate standard for truth
- 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
- The flow of government begins in the heart
- The source determines the quality of government
- America forged the form of the Hebrew Republic
- Christ's Law of Liberty is both law and gospel

God's Decentralized Kingdom



■ The Triune God – Creator

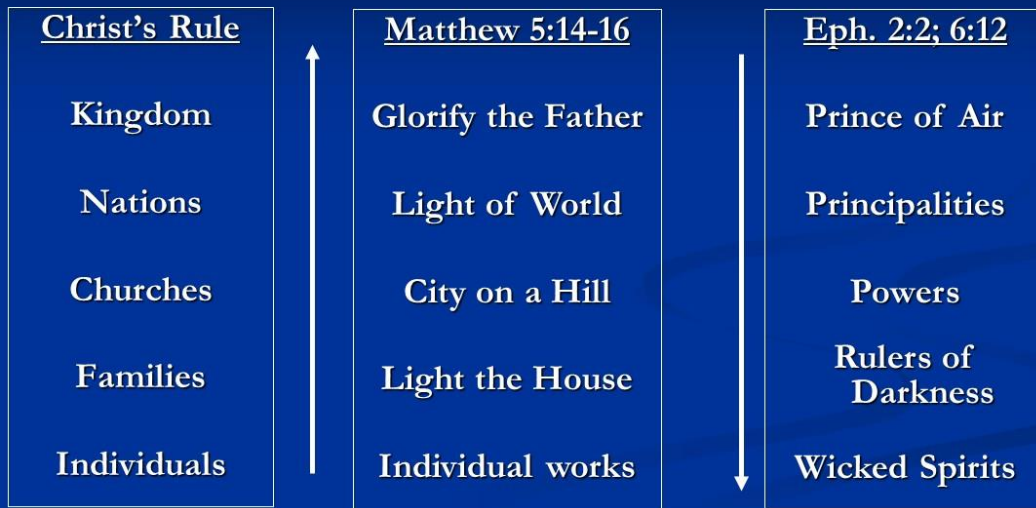
- He is Sovereign over all
- Christ is Redeemer
- Believers are to steward culture
- We are to disciple others

■ From the Individual to...

- The family / the church
- Civil Government
- Disciple believers to Steward
 - The spiritual and
 - The material

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

The Battle for the Hearts and Minds of all People



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Sovereignty and Source Defined

- Sovereign and sovereignty defined...
 - Today's dictionaries – *one possessing, or held to possess and exercise, supreme authority... especially over the body politic. Autonomous, all-powerful. Freedom from external control...*
 - Webster's 1828 Dictionary – *supreme power, absolute supremacy; the possession of the highest power. Absolute sovereignty belongs to God only.*
- Sovereignty and Source - synonyms...
 - Sovereignty is the source of the flow of power and force that is government – in both self-government & a nation's civil government

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The Fruits of Sovereignty

When Man is the source; *slavery*

- Individualism – I do what I want
- Anarchy – unrestricted lawlessness
- Autocracy – a Dictator to bring order
- Bureaucracy or Technocracy – hidden government of a few
- Communism or Socialism – State controls people as economic units
- Democracy – majority rules with little regard for the minority

When Christ is the source; *liberty*

- Christ as Lord – I do what God wants
- *The individual is transformed by the power of Christ changing a heart*
- *Sin is restrained within the soul*
- *“therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature (2nd Cor. 5:17)... transformed by the renewing of the mind” (Rom. 12:2)*
- A Christian Republic – liberty under the rule of law

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

Paternalism

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

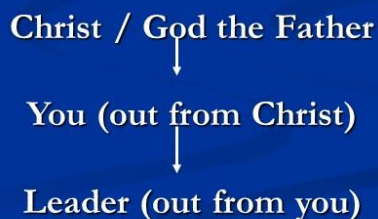
1st Corinthians 3:4



Priesthood of Believer

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

1st Corinthians 3:21-23



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The Seven Great Exchanges of the Reformation

- *Infallibility of the Church for the Infallibility of God's Word*
- *Sovereignty of the Pope/King for the Sovereignty of God*
- *Class structure (hierarchy) for the equality of the Individual*
- *Centralization of government for bottom up local control*
- *Divine Right of Kings for God-given rights of the Creator*
- *Rule of a Monarch for a Republic of Representatives*
- *Compulsory conformity for voluntary covenantal unity*

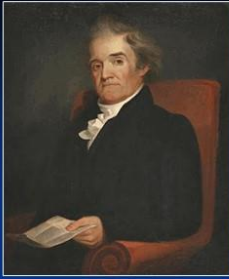
The Reformation of the Church produced a Reformation of how nations ought to be governed – the source changed

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Transformation of the Spiritual and Cultural; *Jesus is both our High Priest and our King*

- Heb. 7:1 - *Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High*
- Acts 17:6-7 – *These who have turned the world upside down have come here too... saying there is another king – Jesus.*
- Romans 6:16 – *Know ye not, that to whom you yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants you are to whom you obey, whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness? But God be thanked, that you were the servants of sin, but you have obeyed from the heart – internal to external areas of life*

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Letters to a Young Gentleman Commencing His Education - Noah Webster - 1833

- *Since men are furnished with the powers of reason, it is obviously the design of the Creator that reason should be employed as their guide in every stage of life.*
- *But, reason without cultivation, without experience, and without the aids of revelation, is a miserable guide; it often errs from ignorance and more often from the impulse of passion...*
- *The first duty of man is to love and reverence the Supreme Being. The fear of God is the beginning of wisdom... but the love of God implies some knowledge of His character and His attributes...*

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The Attributes of God

Webster continues
*...and these are to be
learned partly by a view
of His stupendous
works in creation, but
chiefly from the
revelation of Himself
recorded in the
Scriptures*

Creator
Ultimate Sovereign
Omnipotent
Omniscient
Omnipresent
Eternal
Incomparable
Immutable
Faithful
Perfect

Just
Impartial
Holy
Loving
Merciful
Forgiving
Truth
Trustworthy
Unique
Liberator

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What about Nations?

- Deut. 10:12-14... *what does the Lord your God require of you, but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all His ways and to love Him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to keep the commandments of the Lord and His statutes... indeed heaven and the highest heavens belong to the Lord your God, also the earth with all that is in it.*
- Mt. 28:18-20 – *All authority has been given to Me in heaven and earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them... teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you... Amen.*

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R. J. Rushdoony – *Law and Liberty*

Let us analyze the meaning of this, God's law, as the condition of life. The condition of a fish's life, its environment, is water; take a fish out of water and it dies. The condition of a tree's life is soil, uproot a tree and you kill it. It is not an act of liberation to take a fish out of water, or a tree out of the ground. Similarly, the condition of man's life, the ground of man's moral and spiritual, and physical health, is the law of God. To take men and societies out of the world of God's law, is to sentence them to a decline, fall and death. Instead of liberation, it is execution.

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The true source of Liberty is God as Creator

- Deut. 30:19 – *I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live...*
- Psalm 33:12 – *Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people He has chosen as His own inheritance.*
- Job 36:11-12 – *If they obey and serve Him, they shall spend their days in prosperity, and their years in pleasure, but if they do not obey, they shall perish by the sword, and they shall die without knowledge.*

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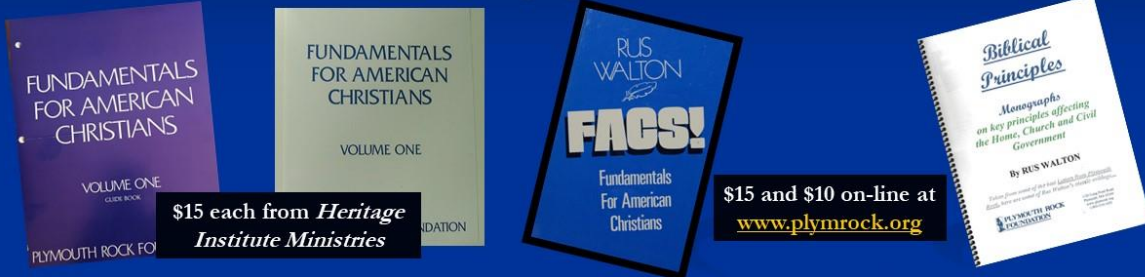
How should we Pray and Obey today?

- Matthew 6:10 – *Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.*
- Avoid the extremes of the flesh and focus on His Kingdom
 - God is scraping out a deep wound in the Church to heal us
 - The wound is primarily *attitudes of superiority and invincibility* that manifest in carnal methods to save the nation through politics
 - We are first citizens of heaven and our primary focus is to ask for a deep work in our hearts to manifest His Kingdom in love/service
 - We are in need of pondering His Sovereignty, His attributes, that we might trust His transforming power and work!

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Suggested reading from Lesson 6...

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



- Read Lesson 6 of the notebook; Chapter 7 of the paperback
- Read *The Sovereignty of God* article by Rus Walton
- Ponder the PowerPoint slides and/or re-view the recording