

Two book covers are displayed against a blue background. The left cover is purple and white, titled "FUNDAMENTALS FOR AMERICAN CHRISTIANS VOLUME ONE GUIDE BOOK" by the "PLYMOUTH ROCK FOUNDATION". The right cover is dark blue with white text, titled "RUS WALTON FACS! Fundamentals For American Christians".

*Foundations of a Biblical Worldview*  
Lesson Eleven – Serving the Lord God

## A Review of Biblical Presuppositions in FACS

- Section One: The Bible is our ultimate standard:
  - As dual citizens darkness cannot conquer where light prevails
- Section Two: The Source and Quality of Govt
  - The flow of government (law and gospel) begins in the heart
- Section Three: The Sovereignty of God
  - Christ is both Savior and King (Lord, Sovereign)
- Section Four: God's Principle of Individuality
  - Men and women are unique; created in God's image
  - Only individuals, empowered by God's example, can truly love

## The Value of One Individual

- *For what profit is it to a man if he gains the world, and loses his own soul? – Matthew 16:26*
- *The importance of man will deeply impress the mind which attentively considers it. The present and future existence are, both of them, highly interesting, and especially the latter. The various endowments of the mind of man, in connection with his immortality, render his existence important, in the highest degree. Such is the worth of the human soul, that in the estimate of unerring wisdom, it is not to be exchanged for the whole world. – Rev. Levi Hart*

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## God created Individuals, not Groups

- *God did not create man by the numbers, in the multitudes. He could have spoken and brought forth thousands, millions, of human beings... as numerous as the fish of the sea, as plentiful as the birds in the sky, as many as the beasts of the earth. But, he didn't.*
- *He created one man (Adam), and from that one man, one woman (Eve). He made them – two who became one (Gen. 2:24) – to be fruitful and multiply. Through them He extended the gift of human life; through them He populated the earth with mankind, one by one.*
- There are no group rights for by definition they are privileges

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## God created Man a Free Moral Agent

- God did not create robots, He created man. And, it was and is His will that man express his individuality.
  - Each individual is created in the image of God
  - Each individual has a full and independent value placed directly upon them by their Creator.
- No two persons are exactly alike; not even identical twins
  - God placed within mankind (men and women) infinite variation
  - “When God created Adam, He endowed him with the potential for all characteristics of all races and all individuals.”

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## What causes Progress?

- *The key to progress is the innovation of unique creativity*
  - From spirituality to economics, God’s variety can meet every need
  - *“Human capacity for independent thought and action, when coupled with variation throughout the universe, is what gives rise to progress. And there is progress only to the extent that this capacity is allowed under liberty.” – F. A. Harper, 1965*
- *What is the opposite of individuality? Same-ness, uniformity*
  - *Uniformity produces a stagnant, static, oppressive society...*
  - *Individuals become digits, units, lives of quiet desperation...*

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## Uniformity without Individual Expression

- Lucifer (Satan) is a Dictator
  - *According to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience... fulfilling the desire of the flesh and of the mind... by nature children of wrath. – Ephesians 2:2-3*
  - *the devil said to Him (Jesus), ‘All this authority I will give you, and their glory... if you will worship before me... - Luke 4:5-7*
- “Get behind me, Satan!” – v. 8
- The world of Social Insects
  - *...the ways of the social insect world have been the envy ‘of dictators... both large and small, (who) would like to ascend to the throne of the ‘queen bee’... in which every human would become subservient to the dictator’s own wishes.*
- *God did not create man to be an insect; He created man a living soul, a free moral agent, with an innate sense of moral values...*

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## The Insect world of Instinct and Uniformity

*These insect colonies are highly materialistic. Moral and spiritual considerations play no part. They are coldly harsh in their purpose and performance. They are ‘inhuman’ and wholly lack anything like the warmth of human love and compassion. Population is rigidly controlled. By killing those that do not work and by ruthlessly destroying the ill and the aged, full employment and ‘high’ production is maintained... a high ‘national income’ is maintained by imposing compulsion of labor at an early age, by compulsion of long work weeks and by prohibiting vacation with or without pay...*

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## The Political Systems that enforce Uniformity

- Rushdoony – (due to the fall) *man's urge to dominion is now a perverted one, no longer an exercise of power under God and to His glory, but a desire to be God... History therefore has seen the long and bitter consequences of men's perverted urge to dominion... history is a long tale of horror in which man has sought power and dominion as an end in itself...*
- Socialism – *State control of labor and its value*
- Marxism – *State control of employers, pricing and income*
- Communism – *State control of land and possessions*
- Fascism – *State 'partnering' with select private business*

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## The Dominion Charter empowered Individuality

- God gave men and women the mandate to steward the earth
  - This is to be carried out primarily by individuals – using their gifts
  - Individuals then inspire others to work in teams for productivity
- Lord Acton once said *“power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely”*
  - This is the sin of commission – an act of aggression against God
- Edmund Burke once said *“all that is necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing.”*
  - This is the sin of omission – an act of passivity in the face of evil

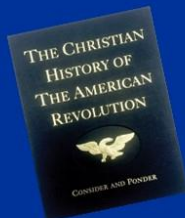
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## In application of God's Individuality....

- Internally... As a direct application of God's Sovereignty in the heart of the individual, one's faith will produce individual and unique works – for *faith without works is dead*...
- Externally...
  - *The civil government that is based on the principle of individuality recognizes the importance and dignity of the individual.*
  - *The civil government that denies or violates the principle of Individuality refuses the fact that we are made in God's image.*
  - *As Christians, we are to work for, construct and support, that form of civil government that is based on God's laws and principles.*

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## America Formed on Biblical Individuality



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*... from Protestantism there came forth a principle of all-pervading energy, the common possession of civilized man, the harbinger of new changes in the state. The life-giving truth of the Reformation was the right of private judgment... the separate man was growing aware of the inherent right to the unfettered culture and enjoyment of his whole moral and intellectual being...*

*...Individuality was the groundwork of new theories of politics, ethics, and industry.*

George Bancroft, 1852

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## Individuality leads to Productivity

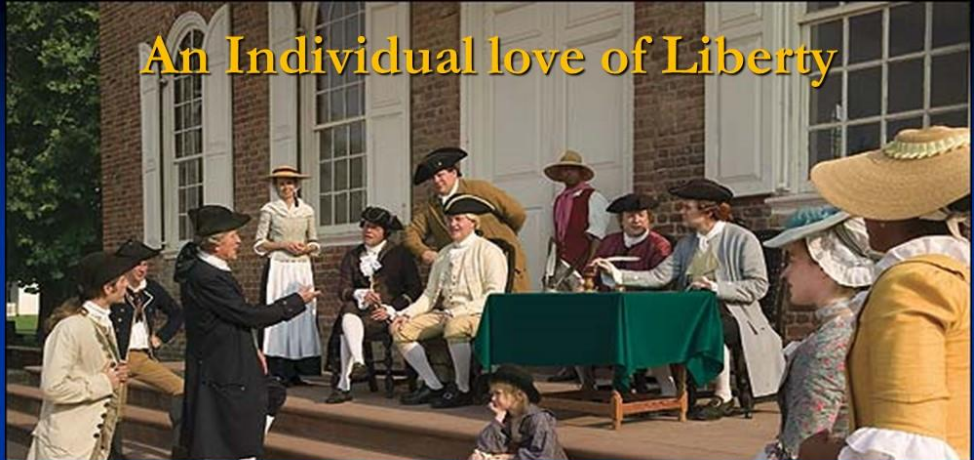


*Each individual being cut off from all means of rising to importance but by his own personal talents, was encouraged to make the most of those with which he was endowed. Prospects of this kind excited emulation, and produced an enterprising, laborious set of men, not easily overcome by difficulties, and full of projects for bettering their condition.* 13

### Rise of the Republic of the United States

Richard  
Frothingham

## An Individual love of Liberty

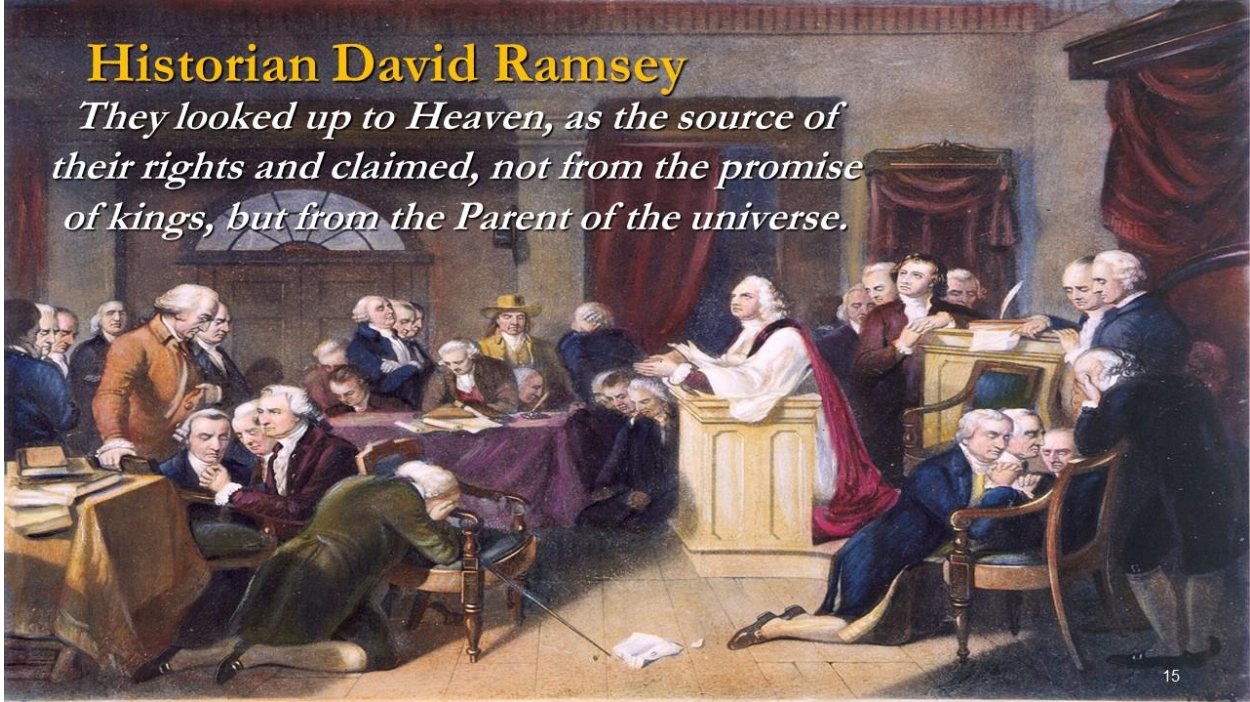


*Without the infection of wild political or social theories, they were animated by a love of liberty and a spirit of personal independence unknown to the great body of people in Europe, while at the same time recognizing the law which united the individual to the family and to the society in which he is appointed to live.* 14



## Historian David Ramsey

*They looked up to Heaven, as the source of their rights and claimed, not from the promise of kings, but from the Parent of the universe.*



## The Bible and Individuality

- *They (the people of that day who were reading the Bible for the first time) were beginning to understand the importance of each individual in God's sight (individuality) and were catching a vision of what Christian civil government might be when governor and governed agreed to bow to the sovereignty of God. They were beginning to grasp the fact that all civil laws, as well as ecclesiastical laws, were to be subject to God's Law of Liberty.*
- *Verna Hall, Christian History of the American Revolution: Consider and Ponder*



## Applying the Dominion Charter

- *Be fruitful and multiply*
  - *Replenish the earth*
  - *Subdue (own) the earth*
  - *Have dominion over fish/seas*
  - *Over the fowl of the air*
  - *And over the cattle*
  - *And the beasts of the earth*
  - *And over all the earth*
  - *(Remain in harmony with God's laws as revealed in Creation)*
- **Preserve and protect Life**
  - **Liberty to produce tools...**
  - **Steward your own property...**
  - **Farm the seas and lakes / water**
  - **Raise poultry, air travel**
  - **Develop healthy herds for meat**
  - **Breeding, horsepower on land**
  - **Clear fields, reclaim wilderness**
  - *Remember His marvelous works which He has done – Ps. 105:5*

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## Required Vaccines – a Covid-19 preview?

- **Five States have removed medical and/or religious exemptions**
  - Mississippi, West Virginia, Maine, New York, California
  - Will Massachusetts be the sixth State? (S.2763 and H.4784)
- **Argument: *if one individual refuses to get vaccinated, it will endanger the community; thus – we must require it for all***
  - *Vaccines are not 100% successful; there are dangerous side-effects*
  - *The Individual must be empowered with choice and responsibilities*
- **Biblical Principle of Individuality – Liberty of Conscience**
  - *It is “liberty under law” – not anarchy (individualism); which law?*
  - *Empowering the individual is what protects the community*

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## So how do we begin to practice Individuality?

- Cultivate an individual walk with God – in your prayer closet
- Consider what you might do in your home and neighborhood to help someone in need – one act of kindness impacts many!
- What ministry may be in need in your Church? Consider what one volunteer might do to inspire others?
- In your City/State, how might stand up for individual rights?
- Write down the lessons you are learning in a concise way
- Ask God how you might share these truths with at least one other person – *watch God use individuality again!*

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## Suggested reading from Lesson 11...

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



- Read Lesson 11 of the notebook; Chps 13-14 of the paperback
- Read the PRF newsletter *Faith and Works* by Rus Walton
- Ponder the PowerPoint slides and/or review the recording

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