

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 blue and white, titled "RUS WALTON FACS! Fundamentals For American Christians". Below the covers, the text reads "Foundations of a Biblical Worldview Lesson Fourteen – Com of Correspondence" with a small number "1" at the bottom right.

A Review of Biblical Presuppositions in FACS

- Darkness cannot prevail where the light of Christ shines!
- We are dual citizens of heaven *and* earth
 - The church gets the government it resembles (within a generation)
- Civil government is ordained by God as a ministry of justice
- Government is flow of power and force beginning in the heart
- The source determines the nature and quality of government
 - Every religion has a corresponding form of civil government
 - True Christianity uniquely establishes self-government as its form
 - Christ in the heart of the individual by grace fulfills the law of God
 - The OT form is the Hebrew Republic; the NT source is Christ

A Review of Biblical Presuppositions in FACS

- God is Sovereign and the Church is to *disciple* the nations!
- The battle is over man or God as the source of government
 - If man, the source swings between individualism to collectivism
 - Ex. French Revolution; Marxist Revolutions, Humanist Manifesto I-II
 - If God, every individual (people or leaders) is under the rule of law
 - Ex. Alfred's England, Netherlands, Pilgrims/Puritans, American Revolution
- Civil disobedience is only blessed by God when a last resort and in proportion to submission to lower magistrates
- Man made in the image of God is the root of true Individuality
- The individual, not government, is to love (private charity)

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A Review of Biblical Presuppositions in FACS

- God moves from the internal to the external
- God created the individual first and then voluntary groups
 - This is the method of liberty, progress and economic prosperity
- God ordained private property for personal responsibility
- “Conscience is the most sacred of all property” (the heart)
- Wealth (internal character) is a priority over riches (temporal)
- There are two kinds of sin when dealing with property
 - Commission – defiling conscience, coveting, stealing, etc.
 - Omission – surrendering by silence, inactivity – ex. not even voting
- Property is an incentive for Dom. Charter and Great Comm.

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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?”

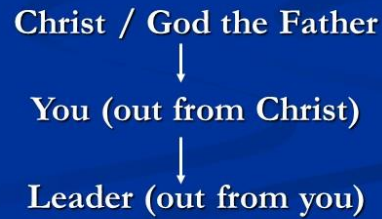
1st Corinthians 3:4



Priesthood of Believer

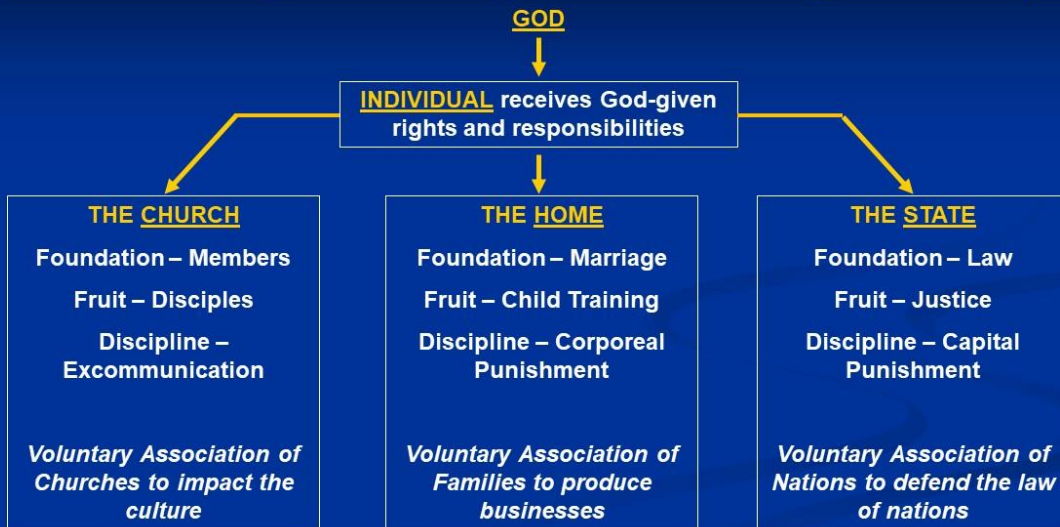
“...for all things are yours... Paul, or Apollos, or Cephas... all are yours, and you are Christ’s and Christ is God’s.”

1st Corinthians 3:21-23



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God’s Decentralized Kingdom with defined Jurisdictions (boundaries of responsibilities)



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How do we restore the Church and influence the Nation? By rebuilding Covenant Faithfulness!

v. 3 - “keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace...”

v. 13 - “...until we come into the unity of the faith...”

Ephesians 4:3, 13

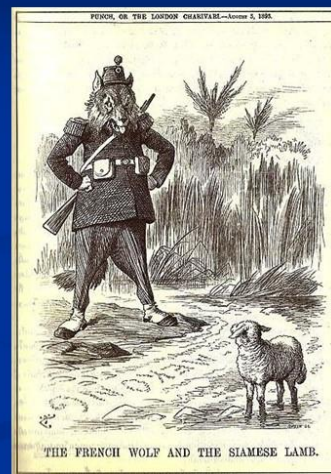
The amount of internal unity determines the amount of external union to be accomplished

*Unified Action built on Unity of Principle:
Self-Government with Union*

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How did Biblical Covenant establish America?

- Sam Adams’ home, school and church was a training ground in Biblical Covenant
 - Family devotions / *Aesop’s Fables*
 - Faithful in Church – *Sermons of Samuel Cooper*
- Encounter with Christ in 1740 (Whitefield)
- Calvin’s Lower Magistrate Principle
- Harvard Doctoral Dissertation in 1743 -
“Whether it be lawful to resist the Supreme Magistrate, if the Commonwealth cannot be otherwise preserved”
- In 1750 – *Loyalty* to the written rule of law
- The Hebrew model for covenant in the OT - tribal and national unity in balance



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The Inauguration of the Committees

- Judges salaries to be paid by the Crown

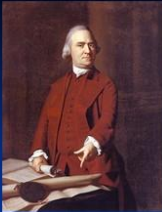
Is it possible this last movement should not move us, and drive us, not to desperation, but to our duty? The blind may see, the callous feel, the spirit will act...”

Josiah Quincy, Jr.

- Boston calls Town Meeting; Hutchinson refuses to allow the assembly to meet...

Had towns a right to petition, and yet no right to meet for the purpose of determining by debate what their petition should contain?

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The “Source of the Rebellion” (Continental Congress)

Faneuil Hall, November 2, 1772

That a committee of correspondence be appointed, to consist of twenty-one persons, to state ‘the rights of the colonists, and of this province in particular, as men, as Christians, and as subjects; to communicate and publish the same to the several towns in this province and to the world, as the sense of this town, with the infringements and violations thereof that have been, or from time to time may be made; also requesting of each town a free communication of their sentiments on this subject.’

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Initial Correspondence; A Three-Part Report

Unity



and



Union

- Part One – Statement of Principle (Sam Adams)
 - Rights as Men, Christians and Subjects
- Part Two – Enumerate Violations of Rights (Joseph Warren)
 - Ten Part explanation of Parliament's usurpation of powers not delegated to her...
- Part Three – Invitation to Communicate (Benjamin Church)
 - Letter of Correspondence to other Towns

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W. V. Wells in his "Life of Samuel Adams" - 1865

Here is embodied the whole philosophy of human rights, condensed from the doctrines of all times, and applied to the immediate circumstances of America. Upon this paper was based all that was written or spoken on human liberty in the Congress which declared independence; and the immortal instrument itself is, in many features, but a repetition of the principles here enunciated, and of Joseph Warren's list of grievances, which followed the Rights of the Colonists in the report...

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The Response:

“Each community kindling its own fires”

“May God grant... that the love of liberty, and a zeal to support it, may enkindle in every town.” – Sam Adams

- In four weeks – *45 of the 250 responded*
- In five weeks – *80 had responded (32%)*

“...It was correspondence, with cooperation at the terminal points, that brought about the Revolution... It was not merely a channel through which public opinion might flow; it created public opinion and played upon it to fashion events.... these committees, local and inter-colonial... was the germ of a government.”

Dr. Ed Collins, *Committees of Correspondence of the American Revolution* - 1902

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“The Germ of a Government”

“...Here was the nucleus for a local federation.” – Edward Collins, 1902

- November, 1772 - Massachusetts – *the town*
- March, 1773 - Virginia – *the colony*
- February, 1774 - New Jersey – *the county*
- May, 1774 – New York suggests a *Congress*
- June, 1774 – Boston Port Bill – *the committees respond and voluntarily aid Boston*
- September, 1774 - Continental Congress meets

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Steps of Covenantal Interposition

- Ignore Offenses – *Over thirty British Acts...*
- Appeal – *Stamp Act Congress, 1765*
- Boycott – *Non-importation Agreement, 1768*
- Civil Interposition – *by the lower magistrate*
 - Town & County – 1772 (Committees of Correspondence)
 - Boston Tea Party – 1773
 - Declaration and Resolves – 1774
- Armed Resistance – *under the lower magistrate*
 - Declaration of Causes of Taking up Arms – 1775
 - Olive Branch Petition - 1775
- England's Proclamation of Rebellion – 1775
- England's Prohibitory Act – 1775
 - *England severs its colonies from the Empire!*

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Levels of Unity and Union

Exodus 18:20-23 – Government of Israel

Nation	↑	<u>Nation</u> – among the nations
State		<u>Tribe</u> – rulers of 1,000's
County		<u>Hundred</u> – rulers of 100's
Town /		<u>Village</u> / <u>Levitical Tribe</u> –
Church		rulers of 50's
Family		<u>Family</u> – rulers of 10's
Individual		<u>Tongue</u> - Individual

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Out of Many, One



E Pluribus Unum

The Principle of Covenant (Unity & Union)

- One Law for all
- people *and* leaders

- Unity built on Self-Government
- Union built on Jurisdiction

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Acts of Unity resisting Unconstitutional Union

Nation
State
County
Town /
Church
Family
Individual



Independent Sovereignty
10th Amendment Interposition
Resist State / Federal Control
Self Governed Funding
Community Service
Family Business / Service
Jury Nullification

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What is our Advantage Today?

- The Internet – *Email, Facebook, Twitter, YouTube* circulating ideas faster than ever...
- Increasing Quality of Leadership – Local and National candidates more knowledgeable and desperate - the *fruit* of years of planting seeds since the 1960's...
- Restored families who comprise the majority of the new groundswell of conservatives who influence from home
- The church getting involved in the culture by necessity
- Other nations embracing these ideas (a reformation occurring) providing an inspiration for us in America!

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What is our Challenge Today?

- The Church – a deficient *theology* as well as a lack of *leadership* from the Clergy in America...
- Ignorance of principles and premises – a lack of understanding in Biblical premises and self-government
- Connecting key ideas with the mainstream American and believer – simple and clear
- Weak Counties – dismantling of County government - greatest civil interposition – we must reach Sheriffs
- Globalism and Nationalism – top-down centralized resistance to local reformation – yet God is at the bottom!

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So how do use what we learned in this course?

- Ponder these presuppositions – premises – so that our minds are truly renewed in embracing a Biblical worldview
- Practice discerning the news and current events with premises
- Share what you have learned with those you already influence as well as others such as those running for office
- Consider teaching this course to others from your home, church or neighborhood, utilizing the materials if needed
- Write a paragraph about each premise and share it on social media and then attempt to expand this to an essay, editorial

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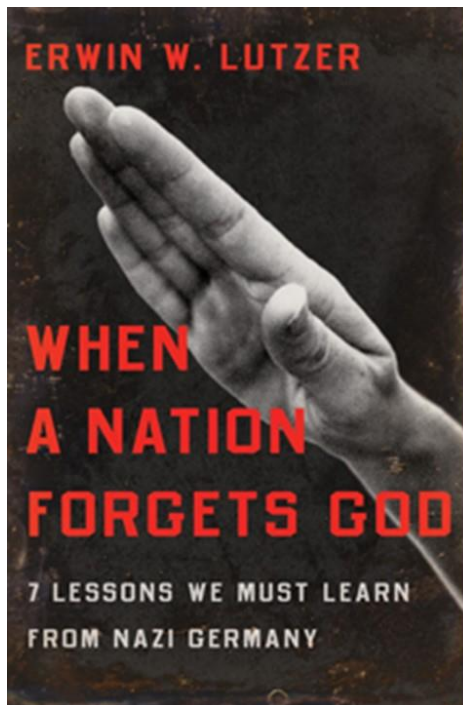
Suggested reading from Lesson 14...

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



- Read the article on *The Christian Committees of Correspondence* by Paul Jehle
- Ponder the PowerPoint slides and/or review the recording

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When a Nation Forgets God

Lessons we must learn from Nazi Germany

A Bible Study utilizing the book
(available on-line) by *Erwin Lutzer*

Wednesdays, September 16 to October 28

*The sessions will include an analysis of
current events and the need to vote with
wisdom in the 2020 Election November 3rd*

Dr. Paul Jehle