

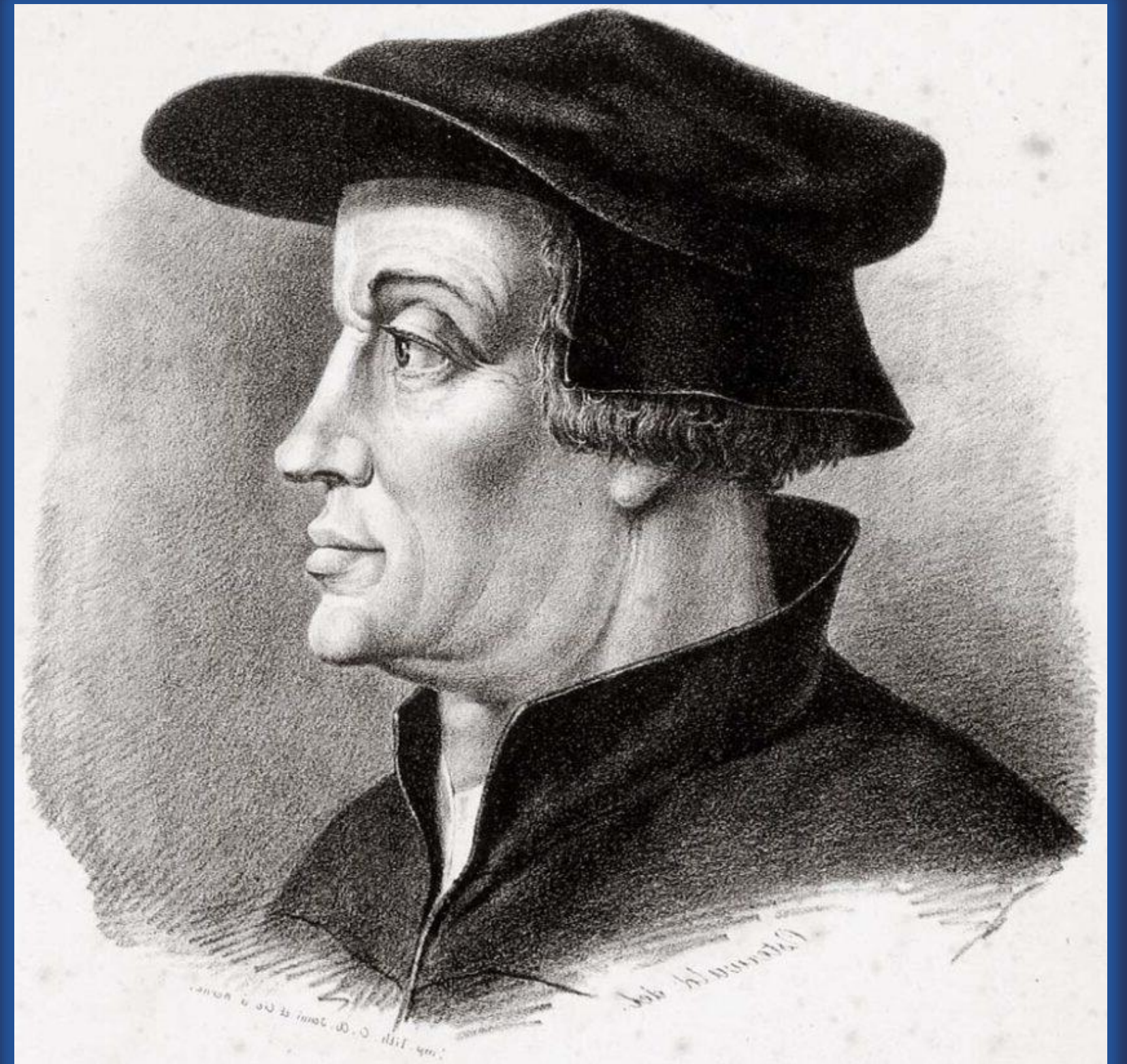
WHAT EVERY CHRISTIAN SHOULD KNOW ABOUT THEIR GOVERNMENT



**“Know Your Responsibilities
to the Government” Part 1**

Romans 13:1; 6-7

**“What a soul is
to man and his
body, so,
the church is
to the state.”**



**Huldrych Zwingli
1 Jan 1484 – 11 Oct 1531**

“For God has established two kinds of government among men. The one is spiritual; it has no sword, but it has The Word, by means of which men are to become good and righteous, so that with this righteousness they may attain eternal life...



Martin Luther
10 Nov 1483 – 18 Feb 1546

The other kind is worldly government, which works through the sword so that those who do not want to be good and righteous to eternal life may be forced to become good and righteous in the eyes of the world.”

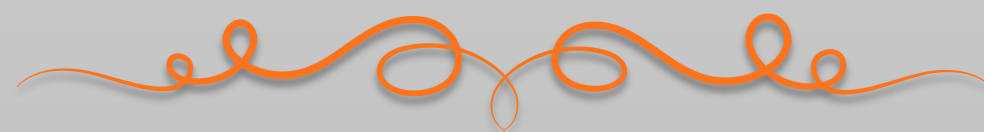


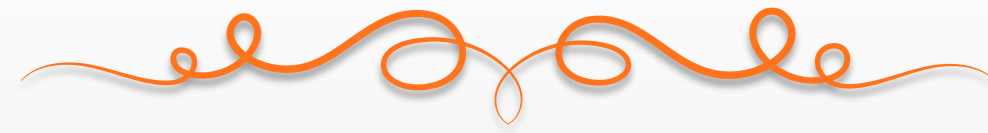
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3 Models of Church and State

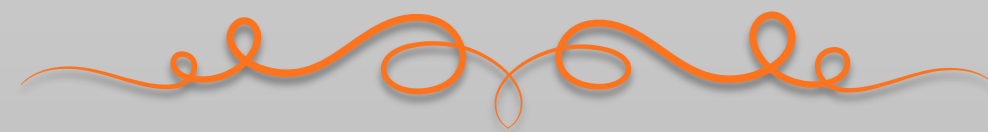
1. Erastianism/Constantinian – The State controls The Church.
 - a. Constantine makes Christianity a state religion (A.D. 325)
 - b. The State controls The Church – called Erastianism.
 - c. The State favors The Church – called Constantinian
2. The Theocratic model – The Church controls The State
3. The Partnership model – The Church and State recognize they have different God-given roles (Matt 22:15-22)





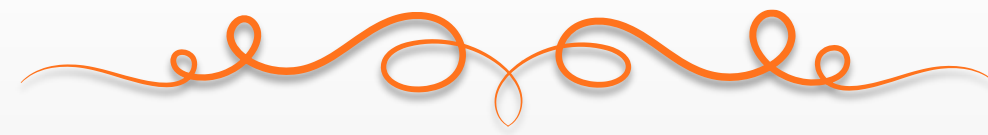
4 Responsibilities We Have

1. Submit
2. Pay Your Taxes
3. Respect
4. Honor

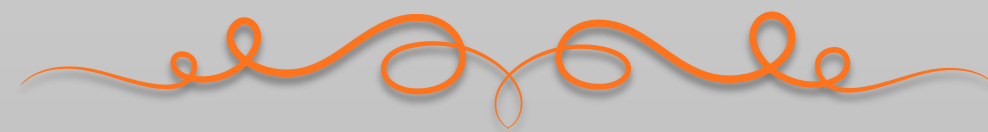


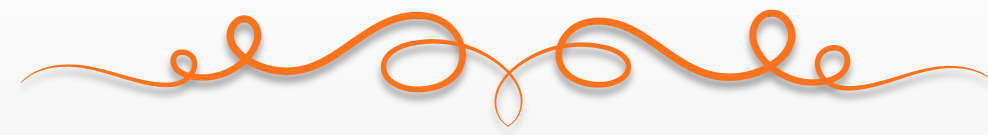
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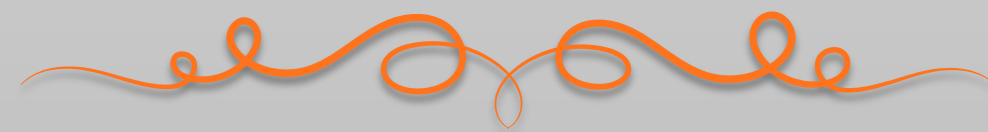
I. Who?





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II. What?





¹ Remind them to be submissive
to rulers and authorities,
to be obedient,
to be ready for every good work,

Titus 3:1



¹³ Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, ¹⁴ or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good.

I Peter 2:13-14



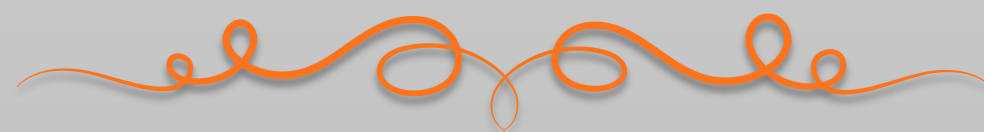
²⁹ But Peter and the apostles answered,
“We must obey God rather than men.

Acts 5:29



Examples of Non-Submission to Government

- 1. Hebrew midwives in Exodus 1:15–21**
- 2. Daniel in Chapter 3**
- 3. Esther in Chapter 4**





28 But Paul cried with a loud voice,
“Do not harm yourself,
for we are all here.”

Acts 16:28

“Since human governments are so often inefficient, incompetent, and indifferent, it is tempting for us as believers to view them with disgust and contempt, even when we are not being persecuted or treated unjustly.



Bret Laird

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**But it is when
persecution begins
that the temptation
to hate the
government becomes
especially intense.”**



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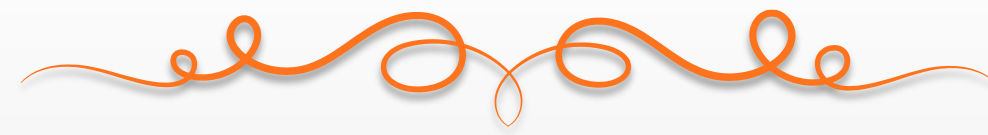
²³ For rebellion is as the sin of divination,
and presumption
is as iniquity and idolatry.
Because you have rejected
the word of the Lord,
He has also rejected you from being king.”

I Samuel 15:23



¹¹ and to aspire to live quietly, and to mind your own affairs, and to work with your hands, as we instructed you, ¹² so that you may walk properly before outsiders and be dependent on no one.

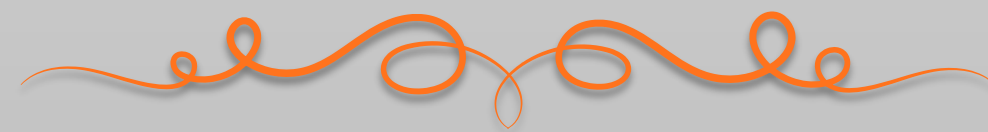
I Thessalonians 4:11-12



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III. To Whom?





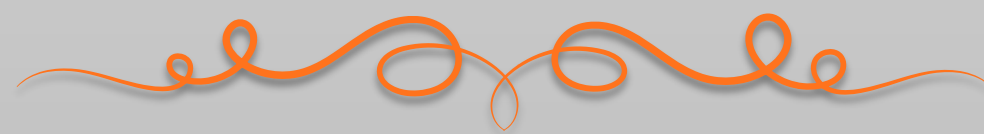
Authorities in the World

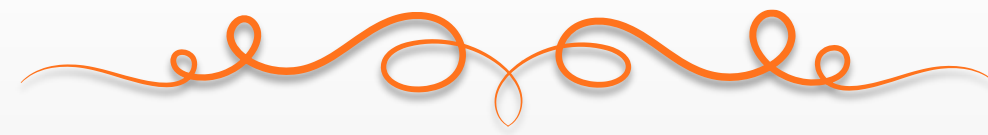
1. God

2. Government

3. Church

4. Family



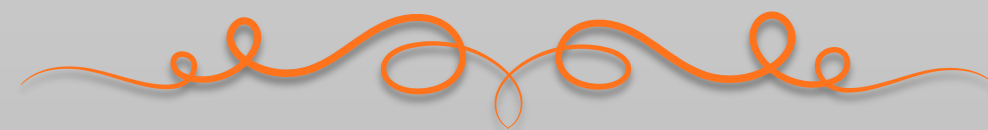


I. Who?

II. What?

III. To Whom?

IV. Why?





¹⁶ But for this purpose I have raised you up, to
show you My power,
so that My name
may be proclaimed in all the earth.

Exodus 9:16



23 He makes nations great,
and He destroys them;
He enlarges nations,
and leads them away.

Job 12:23



24 The Lord of hosts has sworn:
“As I have planned,
so shall it be,
and as I have purposed,
so shall it stand,

Isaiah 14:24-27



²⁵ that I will break the Assyrian in my land,
and on my mountains
trample him underfoot;
and his yoke shall depart from them,
and his burden from their shoulder.”

Isaiah 14:24-27



²⁶ This is the purpose that is purposed
concerning the whole earth,
and this is the hand that is stretched out
over all the nations.

Isaiah 14:24-27



²⁷ For the Lord of hosts has purposed,
and who will annul it?

His hand is stretched out,
and who will turn it back?

Isaiah 14:24-27



¹ Thus says the Lord to His anointed, to Cyrus,
whose right hand I have grasped,
to subdue nations before him
and to loose the belts of kings,
to open doors before him
that gates may not be closed:

Isaiah 45:1



⁹ behold, I will send for all the tribes of the north, declares the Lord, and for Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, my servant, and I will bring them against this land and its inhabitants, and against all these surrounding nations.

Jeremiah 25:9



(9 cont.) I will devote them to destruction,
and make them a horror, a hissing,
and an everlasting desolation.

Jeremiah 25:9



⁵ “It is I who by my great power and my outstretched arm have made the earth, with the men and animals that are on the earth, and I give it to whomever it seems right to me.

Jeremiah 27:5-8



⁶ Now I have given all these lands
into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar,
the king of Babylon, my servant,
and I have given him also
the beasts of the field to serve him.

Jeremiah 27:5-8



⁷ All the nations shall serve him
and his son and his grandson,
until the time of his own land comes.
Then many nations and great kings
shall make him their slave.

Jeremiah 27:5-8



8 """"But if any nation or kingdom will not
serve this Nebuchadnezzar king of
Babylon, and put its neck under the yoke
of the king of Babylon,

Jeremiah 27:5-8



(8 cont.) I will punish that nation
with the sword, with famine,
and with pestilence, declares the Lord,
until I have consumed it by his hand.

Jeremiah 27:5-8

“No matter what form it takes, no human government at any time in history, at any place on earth, among any people on earth, at any level of society, has ever existed or will ever exist apart from the sovereign authorities of God.”



John MacArthur

19 June 1939 – Present

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