

**WHAT EVERY CHRISTIAN
SHOULD KNOW ABOUT
THEIR GOVERNMENT**



Romans 13:5

And other selected Scriptures

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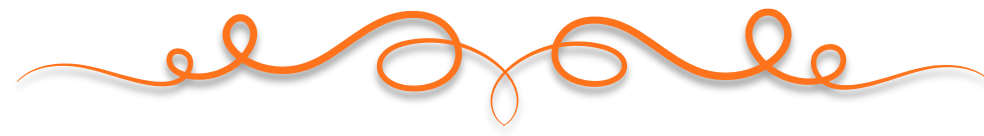
**“Know Why We Must
Submit to Government”**

Romans 13:5

CN is “a totality of national action, consisting of civil laws and social customs, conducted by a Christian nation as a Christian nation, in order to procure for itself both earthly and heavenly good in Christ...nationalism modified by Christianity.”

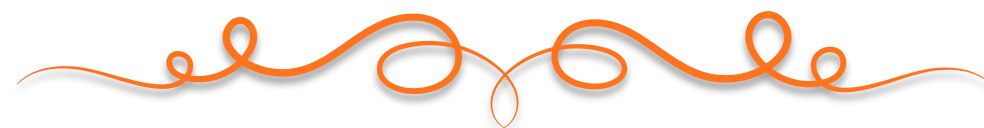


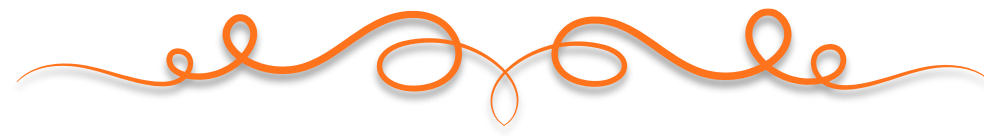
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4 Arguments *FOR* American Christian Nationalism

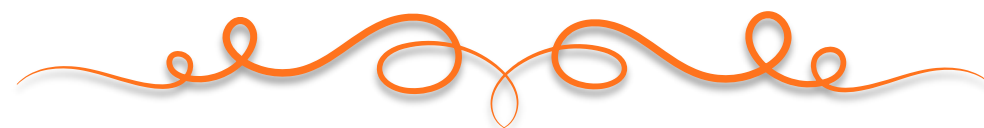
1. It Directs People to Christ
2. It Prosecutes False Religion
3. It Protects Christians from Persecution
4. A Model of The Millennial Kingdom?

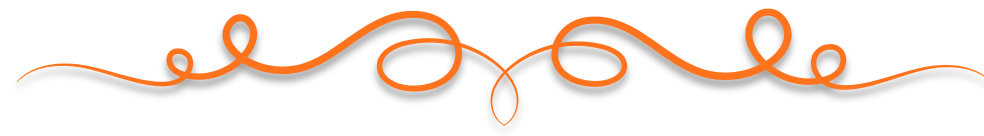




6 Arguments *AGAINST* American Christian Nationalism

1. No Historical Evidence for Its Success
2. It Was Never Re-Established in The Bible
3. It Could Create Hypocrites
4. It Would Be a "Forced Christianity"
5. It Would Blur Lines Between Church & State
6. It Was Never The Intention of Any Founder

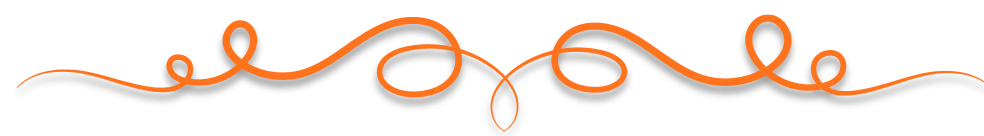




What We Should Know

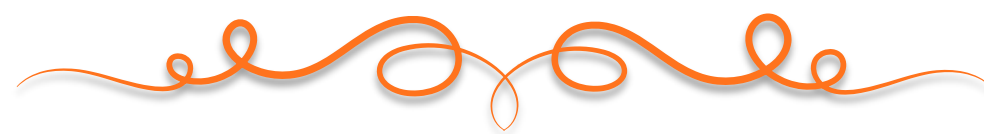
1. The Kinds of Government God Appoints
2. Responsibilities We Have to Gov't (Rom 13: 1, 6-7)
 - a. Submit
 - b. Pay Taxes
 - c. Honor
 - d. Respect
3. Know The Authority of the Gov't (Rom 13: 2)
4. Know The Responsibility of the Gov't (Rom 13: 3)
5. Know The Limitations of Government (Rom 13:4)
6. Know Why We Must Submit to the Gov't (Rom 13:5)

KEY POINT:
**Submission to
Government is
for God and for Us**



Two More Reasons We Must Submit

1. To Avoid God's Wrath

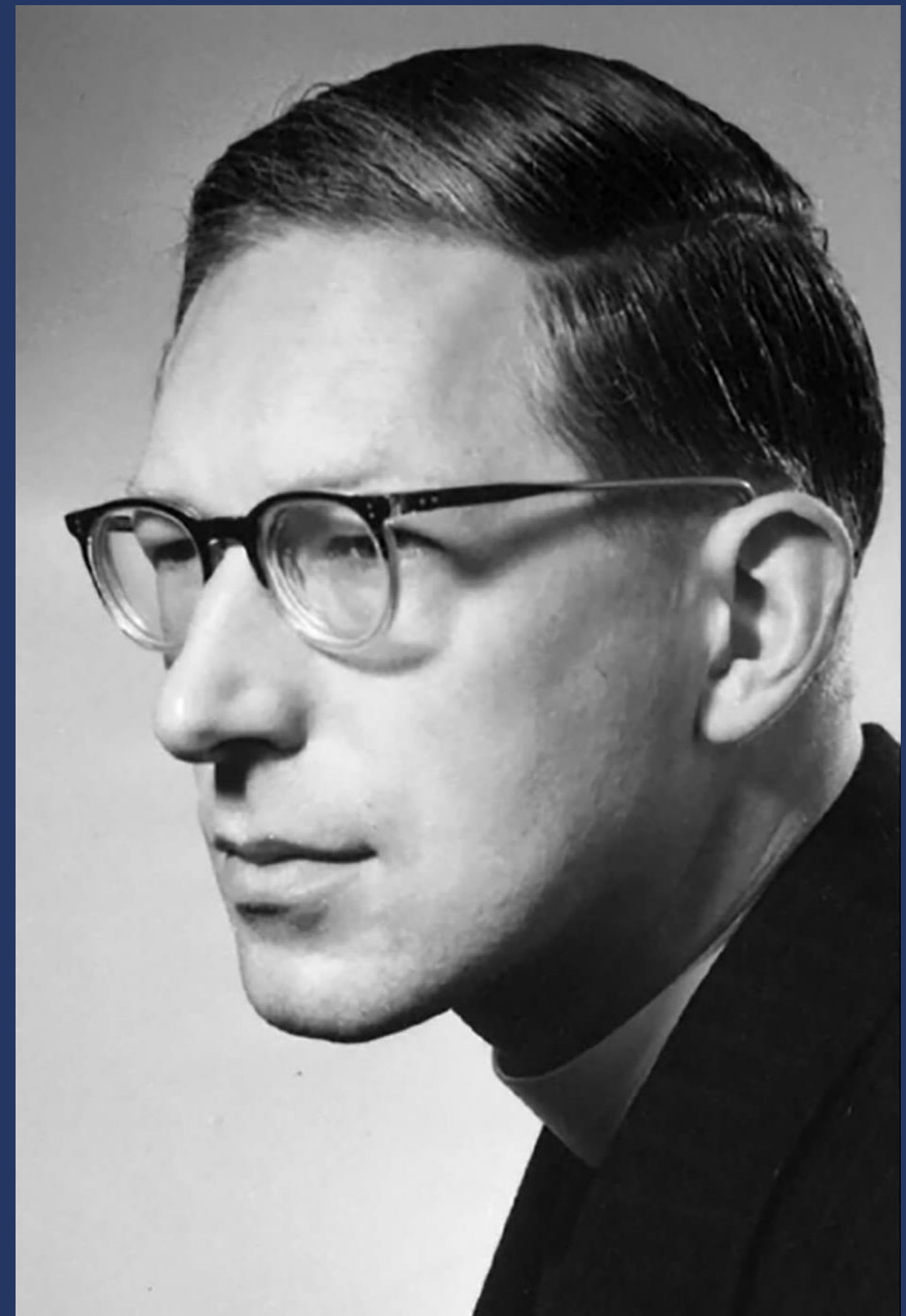


“It is not the capricious, arbitrary, bad-tempered, and conceited anger that pagans attribute to their gods. It is not the sinful, resentful, malicious, infantile anger that we find among humans.

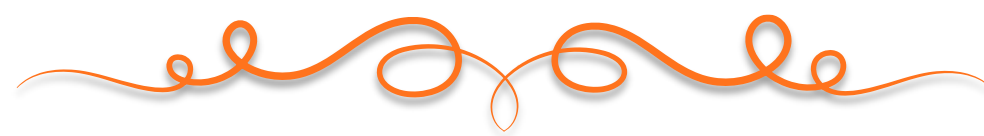


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It is a function of that holiness which is expressed in the demands of God's moral law, and of that righteousness which is expressed in God's acts of judgment and reward."

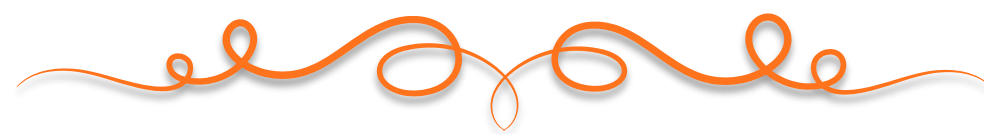


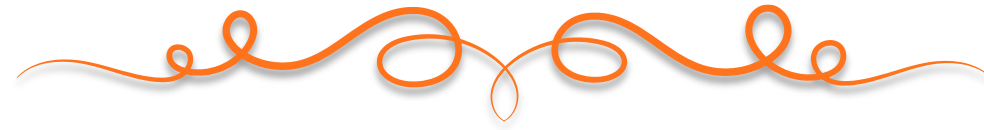
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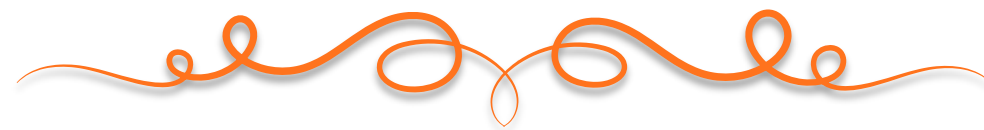
1. To Avoid God's Wrath
2. For Our Conscience





The Conscience

- a. From Latin Words "con" (*meaning "with"*) and "scientia" (*meaning "knowledge"*)
- b. Our Knowledge of Our Motivations & Actions
- c. Man's Internal, Moral Warning System or Radar





¹ And looking intently at the council, Paul said, “Brothers, I have lived my life before God in all good conscience up to this day.”

Acts 23:1

¹⁶ So I always take pains to have a clear conscience toward both God and man.

Acts 24:16



**5 The aim of our charge is love
that issues from a pure heart
and a good conscience
and a sincere faith.**

1 Timothy 1:5



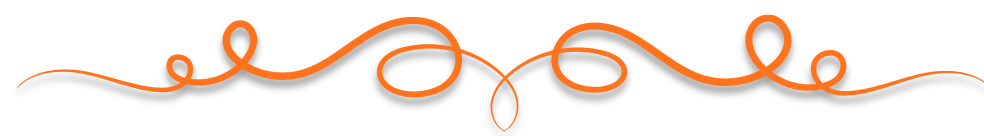
**¹⁹ holding faith
and a good conscience.
By rejecting this, some have
made shipwreck of their faith,**

1 Timothy 1:19



INSTITUTION	WHERE?
The Church	External
The Government	External
The Family	External
The Conscience	INTERNAL

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How Then Shall We Pray?

- 1. Do Not Expect Too Much
From The State**
- 2. Rather, Expect What God Expects
From The State**



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