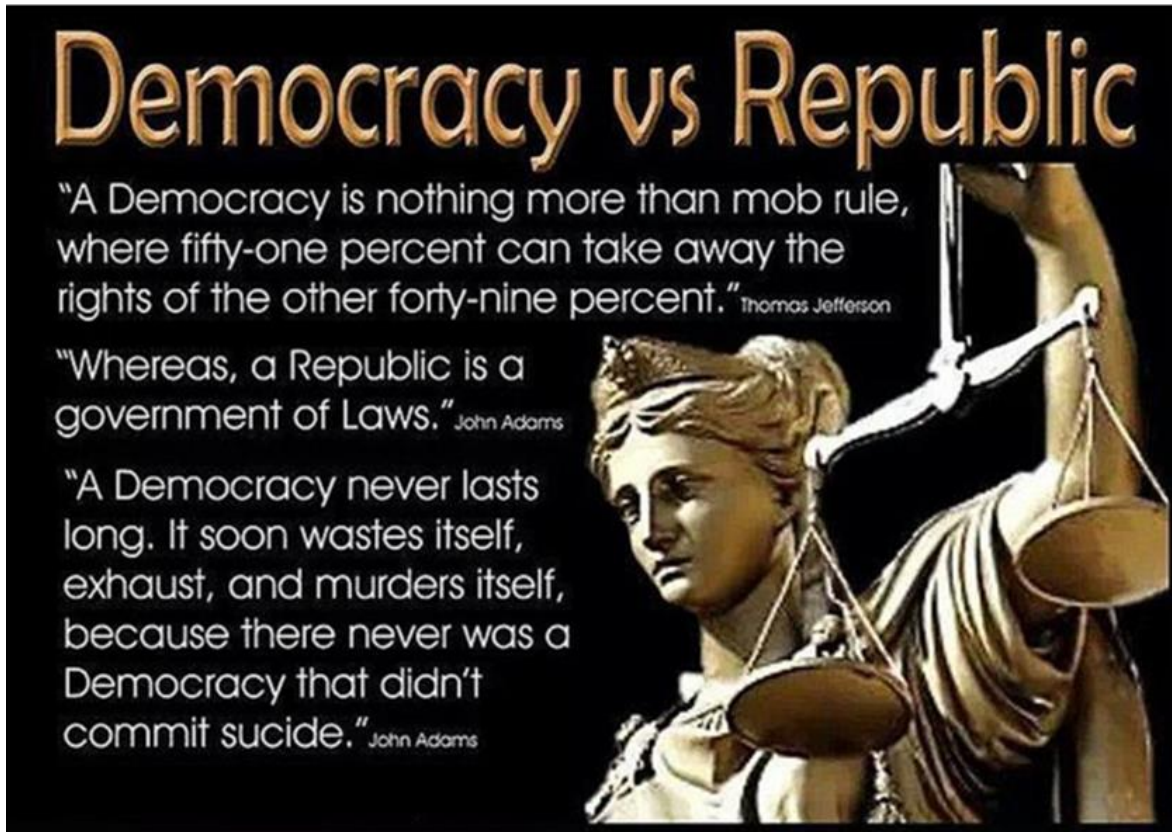


A Constitutional Republic, Marxism, and Biblical Submission to Authority

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Understanding the difference between a democracy and republic is important as we deal with the question of a constitutional republic and the submission of Christians to the government. A *constitutional* democracy is a government by the people, rather than a ruling monarchy, which is based upon governing documents (Declaration of Independence, Constitution, Bill of Rights).

A constitutional democracy must always be framed within the parameters and context of a *constitutional* republic which is a system or form of government where leaders represent the people, where power resides within the people through elected officials, who follow the laws of the formal Constitution. In essence, a *constitutional* democracy and republic is guided by certain governmental laws established by our founding document (the Constitution) or else there would be anarchy and the overruling of these laws.

Although we have a kingless government, we still have laws that we follow within a constitutional democratic and republic society, which both leaders and laypeople abide by as fellow citizens. Therefore, we say in our pledge of allegiance to the flag: “And to the Republic for which it stands!” In a constitutional republic leaders are required to follow the rules of government laid out by the country's Constitution and fight for the rights and freedoms of the people. So, the United States of America is a constitutional republic. This means the representatives and governmental leaders of the people must adhere to the founding document of the Constitution as they govern the land for the people and therefore by the people (a constitutional democracy).

When understanding how a constitutional democracy and republic works, many Christians have wondered where they should draw the line between submitting to those in authority, such as socialist governors and would-be dictators who are overreaching and overstepping their constitutional authority, while at the same time fight for their constitutional freedoms. In other words, is there a balance to strike between practicing Biblical submission to those in authority, including Marxists, haters of God and Christianity, and following the freedoms that our Constitution grants to us such as freedom of speech, the right to assemble, and the right to protect ourselves?

How should Christians respond to the constitutional crisis in America? Does the Biblical command for submission to authority override the Constitution? Is there a difference between promoting non-submission to authority for Biblical reasons versus constitutional reasons? Can Christians take a bold stand for their constitutional rights while recognizing the role of God-ordained leadership? Should Christians submit to certain aspects of governmental leadership they may not necessarily like or agree with? When is it right not to submit? These are the questions we want to address in this study.

There are two important matters that need to be considered.

I. Submission to Authority

Let us begin with Romans 13:1-3:

“Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation (*judgment or punishment for breaking their ordinances*). For rulers are not a terror to good works (*God’s plan for government is to honor exemplary living*), but to the evil (*those who break their laws*). Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good (*follow their established laws and ordinances*), and thou shalt have praise of the same” (*authority and leaders over us*).

This text reminds us that God in His sovereignty and working providence establishes government, even ruthless dictators (“For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained by God”). God has instituted human government through His progressive dispensational stages (Gen. 9:6), and no government exists apart from His will (Dan. 4:17).

Daniel 2:21

“And he changeth the times and the seasons: he removeth kings, and setteth up kings: he giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding.”

Paul was writing during the reign of Nero the Roman Emperor. These were dark days for Christians. Nero blamed the Christians living during his day for a fire which destroyed half the city of Rome (and which he himself may have ordered). He caused some believers to be immersed in tar, then ignited as living torches to provide illumination for his orgies. Others were sewn up in animal skins, then thrown to ferocious dogs to be torn to pieces.

Here is Paul’s point. In every ordered society there must be authority and submission to that authority. Otherwise you have a state of anarchy, and you cannot survive indefinitely under anarchy. In one sense, because of the moral depravity and wickedness of men, any government is better than no government. This does not excuse Iranian governments that torture people

but is a general observation from Scripture. Because of the depravity of man government is necessary to keep evil in check.

We can be sure that God in the working of His dispensational purposes has instituted human government (Gen. 9:6), and no government exists apart from His will. Of course, this does not mean that God necessarily approves of all that human rulers do. He certainly does not approve of corruption, communism, brutality, tyranny, and terrorism! But the fact remains that the authorities that exist are in the grand scheme of things appointed by God to bring about His own sovereign purposes. We cannot get away from this Biblical fact.

Romans 13:4 continues to say:

“For he (*the governmental leader and authority*) is the minister of God to thee for good (*by keeping evil in check to a certain degree and not creating total anarchy*). But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to *execute* wrath upon him that doeth evil.”

Paul is teaching that all governments that exist (past, present and future) are ordained of God, whether good or bad (2 Sam 12:8; Prov 8:15–16; Isa 45:1; Jer. 27:5–6; Dan 2:21, 37; 4:17, 25, 32, 34–35; 5:21; Rev 13:5, 7). Nevertheless, that a government is ordained by God does not mean He approves of the evil atrocities that corrupt regimes do such as the ancient Assyrians, Stalin, Hamas, Hitler or any government that allows babies to be murdered and openly glorifies sex changes on children.

Some suggest that Romans 13:4 teaches we should only obey a government when the government does everything that is ethically right and good. If the government is not good to the people, then they have a right to disobey and revolt against the government. But this is not what the Bible is teaching here. Even though a government may be corrupt in various ways, it is still ordained by God and is “good” in the sense that it keeps a certain amount of evil in check and stops total anarchy and rebellion from occurring. In fact, Christians who are not submissive in following its decrees and paying taxes (Rom. 13:6-

7) should fear. This is because government has received its power to punish those who disobey its authority.

Of course, we know that government authorities sometimes abuse their powers for selfish ends. If they do serve the welfare of the people as they should, it's easy to submit to them. But what if they are predominantly evil? The Bible is teaching that no matter who is in power, no matter what form of government, that particular leader and form of government is a "minister of God" (Rom. 13:4, 6) in the sense that God in His sovereignty ordained the power to exist at a particular time, in a specific nation, during a certain phase in history (Dan. 4:32). Again, the Bible also gives the government and rulers the authority to punish evildoers. Government has the right in the proper circumstances to impose capital punishment as well as to wage war (a just war) to protect itself from those who oppose a country.

George MacDonald remarks about this passage in this inciteful way:

"Any ruler, whether president, governor, mayor, or judge, is a minister of God in the sense that he is a servant and representative of the Lord. He may not know God personally, but he is still the Lord's man officially. Thus David repeatedly referred to the wicked King Saul as the Lord's anointed (1 Sam. 24:6, 10; 26:9, 11, 16, 23). In spite of Saul's repeated attempts on David's life, the latter would not allow his men to harm the king. Why? Because Saul was the king, and as such he was the Lord's appointee.

"As servants of God, rulers are expected to promote the good of the people which speaks of their security, tranquility, and general welfare. If any man insists on breaking the law, he can expect to pay for it, because the government has the authority to bring him to trial and punish him. In the expression he does not bear the sword in vain we have a strong statement concerning the power which God vests in the government. The sword is not just an innocuous symbol of power; a scepter would have served that purpose. The sword seems to speak of the ultimate power of the ruler—that is, to inflict capital punishment. So it will not do to say that capital punishment was for the OT era only and not for the New."

Warren Wiersbe also contributes to this passage with these remarks:
“It is God who has established the governments of the world (see Acts 17:24–28). This does not mean that He is responsible for the sins of tyrants, but only that the authority to rule comes originally from God. It was this lesson that Nebuchadnezzar had to learn the hard way. (See Dan. 4, and especially vv. 17, 25, and 32.) To resist the law is to resist the God who established government in the world, and this means inviting punishment.”

1 Peter 2:13-14 gives a similar command:

“Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme; Or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of them that do well.”

This Biblical mandate reminds us again of submitting to those powers that are in authority over us “for the Lord’s sake” which means for our Christian testimony as we represent Jesus Christ and His righteous ways in a fallen world of moral corruption and sin. Christian compliance to law may in some measure bring praise from those in authority. But more importantly than this, it always brings praise from God!

Titus 3:1-2 also declares:

“Put them in mind to be subject to principalities and powers, to obey magistrates, to be ready to every good work, To speak evil of no man, to be no brawlers, *but* gentle, shewing all meekness unto all men.”

We are once again commanded to subject or submit ourselves to those powers that be, which are leading and directing a country. Again, this would mean to submit to those laws, whether we like them or not, which do not override Biblical mandates. If we would not live in a constitutional republic, our obedience would also include obeying those commands which infringe upon some of our basic traditional freedoms that we have experienced in this country for hundreds of years, which do not override our Biblical mandates. We will talk about this at a later point in our study.

Romans 13:5 concludes:

“Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake.”

In other words, believers (God’s saints) must obey government not only because it is their civic duty, but because it is their spiritual duty before God. If they do not, their conscience will become offended for being disobedient to God’s mandate for Christians to obey those in authority. The conscience of a Christian refers to the believer’s knowledge of God’s will and purposes.

II. Disobeying Authority

A. Disobedience from a Biblical perspective

When should Christians disobey authority? First, submitting to authority would be wrong if the government interferes with what the Bible commands Christians to do and offends their Christian conscience. In the case of obeying God or government, the Christian must obey God rather than men.

Acts 4:19-20

“But Peter and John answered and said unto them, Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye. For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.”

Peter and John recognized that there was a proper place for civil disobedience. They realized that their first loyalty and responsibility was to obey God – not man. They had seen the resurrected Christ and would continue to be a witness for Him in spite of the edicts to stop witnessing. It is when the laws of human government make it illegal to obey God that Christians must refuse to submit. We should obey God rather than man. However, we should also realize that in disobeying the law we will probably have to bear the consequences of disobedience.

Peter and all the apostles state in Acts 5:29:

“Then Peter and the *other* apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men.”

Here is the bottom line. It's God's law first. We must obey what God has told us to do which aligns with Biblical revelation. Our desire should always be to put God before the government. Whenever the government gets in the way of our Gospel witness, obeying Jesus Christ, or raising our families with traditional and Biblical values, we have a clear Scriptural mandate to disobey the government.

One pastor writes:

“The only qualification that would dictate our refusal to submit to any ordinances of civil government would be that such a law would REQUIRE us to violate the Word of God. But not liking a law on the basis of political preference would not be sufficient reason for a Christian to refuse to submit to that law.”

This is true. For instance, when the government advises or outright commands Christians in other states to stop meeting together, even outside, or they will handcuff them and take them to jail (a recent episode!), then this goes against Scripture.

Hebrews 10:24-25

“And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some *is*; but exhorting *one another*: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.”

We have a Biblical mandate to meet together as God's saints. How sad when communist governors allow others to burn down buildings and riot but severely restrict or ban Christians from meeting together. We have a Biblical right to meet together as Christians. However, when the law is right, the Christian must obey it if he is to maintain a good conscience in this way (Rom. 13:5; 1 Tim. 1:5, 19; 3:9; 4:2; Acts 24:16). And yes, we might not always

wholeheartedly agree with all the laws established by those in authority. What this means is that every Christian must carefully distinguish between civil laws that require us to disobey God's Word and those that seem to be unacceptable to our own personal ideas and preferences. God expects us to submit to legislative laws which may not be according to our way of thinking. Of course, we must be careful not to confuse submission with silence. Silence can express approval of a government's unethical practices. Silence is not necessarily a virtue when it overlooks evil.

Steven Cole states:

"This brings up the difficult question: How far can we push Christian morality (legislatively) in a secular society? During the colonial days, some states punished people who traveled on Sunday. While the Gospel is our main focus, electing officials who will enact laws or appoint judges in line with Christian values is important. The Gospel is essential for lasting change in any society, but God has also ordained that righteous laws protect our society. This means the relationship between church and state is not one of total separation nor one of total identification. Rather, it is education and confrontation: The church must educate and confront the state on matters of morality and justice."

All of this means that Christians should be a moral light and ethical influence on government and not turn a blind eye to its many unethical and untoward practices. However, Christians can do this without disobeying the government's laws which they might not like or prefer, and which seem unfair. The Christians being instructed in Paul's day certainly understood this. The Roman government was unfair to its citizens by overtaxing them, but Jesus taught that His followers were to pay their taxes to Caesar and also give to God (Luke 20:25). So, obedience was expected even when laws seemed to be unfair and to some degree unethical in practice.

Tom Constable makes this concluding observation on disobedience:

"Paul's emphasis on submission rather than obedience allows room for civil disobedience when the civil government requires, but not permits, the Christian to disobey God (cf. Exod. 1:17–21). When the will of man conflicts

with the will of God, the Christian must choose to do the will of God (Acts 5:29).

“For example, the Christian’s obligation to submit to a government that requires abortions would be different from his or her duty to one that only permits them. I believe a Christian should disobey a government when it requires him or her to practice abortion but not if it only permits abortions (cf. Exod. 1:15–22). I do not believe a Christian should break the law to protest an ungodly practice that his or her government only permits. If he or she disagrees with a law, that Christian should pursue whatever legal options exist to change the law. I believe that those who choose to break the law to make a statement, even though they are willing to suffer the consequences (e.g., go to jail), violate New Testament teaching on this subject.”

B. Disobedience from a constitutional perspective

How do we deal with obeying the Bible (submitting to authorities) and standing up for our constitutional republic and Bill of Rights which guarantees our freedoms? Should Christians disobey mask mandates, confinement orders, close their businesses, stop meeting or singing in churches, or not participate in Thanksgiving or Christmas holidays with family members because some communist governor dictates this to be so? How do we deal with these matters from a constitutional perspective?

First, at the present time none of these things mentioned above (wearing masks, shutting down businesses, stopping Christians from meeting) are legislative law in any state. So, we are not breaking the law when we disobey these mandates. And yet, some of the governors (dictators) are now saying we must wear masks in our homes and always respect others at Thanksgiving and Christmas by putting our masks back on every time we take a bite of our food. How utterly ludicrous! What will they do next? Will they mandate our medical records, vaccinations, and school choices?

Second, we must remember that we do still live in a constitutional republic and democracy, unlike Paul, which gives us the absolute right for free speech,

meeting together, bearing arms, and other freedoms. We must remember that the governors and president are also under the Constitution and they are required by constitutional law to honor the freedoms of Americans and not infringe on the rights of other fellow-citizens – “We the people!”

Many (including pastors) seem to have bought into the recent Covid “health” scare drummed up by the Left-wingers. Folks, we have been taken – the actual number of COVID-19 deaths have been over exaggerated (there is a 98 percent recovery rate), the hiding out in our homes is not stopping the virus from spreading as seen in Europe and US, the wearing of masks is not protecting people as seen in Europe’s mask laws and stay at home order, etc. Just about everything was unscientific except when liberal governors, like communist Cuomo of New York City, sent the elderly back into their retirement homes which resulted in about 40 percent of the COVID-19 deaths.

Some of the greatest non-political doctors, pathologists, and virologist experts in our country have verified this. Why would anyone want to shut down the greatest economy in the world, kill businesses, close down churches, increase suicides, depression, close schools, and set back an entire generation of children? The only answer is this is what socialism does to keep people in fear and dependent on the government. Marxism is not only unconstitutional but also antibiblical in stopping people from earning a fair wage, forcing government control over our families, and promoting secular atheism in the place of Christianity.

Without being disrespectful to any of my peers, I don’t believe many pastors realize how serious the situation is in our country. I’ve talked with some who seem to think that “open borders” are not the end of the world. No, but they would be the end of America! Several churches I know (which should know better!) have openly supported Black Lives Matter which is a communist movement that is atheistic, who want to kill babies and destroy the nuclear family. Ignorance is not bliss!

One pastor said, “It is not the end of the world if we were to lose some of our civil freedoms.” My first reaction to this comment is this: “Which civil freedoms – our First and Second Amendments, etc.?” It may be true, the end of the world will not come, but it will be the end of our constitutional republic as we know it and the end of many of our freedoms that America has enjoyed for 225 years. Be sure of this, the Marxists won’t stop with just “some” of our liberties. Look at California and now Idaho. This will be a common practice directed toward all the churches. Never trust a communist!

By the way, we should never wish hard times and persecution to come upon God’s people. I don’t think the early Christians were praying, “Lord bring persecution, harm, and hard times upon us and our families.” Although they faced persecution valiantly and were given instruction on how to deal with it (1 Pet. 4:16, 19), at the same time they did not ask for it and look at persecution as something that would make them more spiritual. I heard a preacher once say, “It would be good for Christians to suffer persecution.” This sounds more like a communist talking! Although all things do work together for our good as Christians (Rom. 8:28) we should be careful what we lightheartedly and flippantly say in our time of prayer. Our prayers need to be Biblically based. We are to actually pray for our leaders so they might promote peace in our land and that we might be able to lead a quiet and peaceable life as Christian citizens.

1 Timothy 2:1-2

“I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, *and* giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and *for* all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.”

With all the chattering today among pastors, many have forgotten that our Constitution, until it is abolished, and we turn into a Roman Empire with a tyrannical ruler, is our governing document as a nation and country. It is a document that was designed to promote peace, freedom, and protection among its citizens.

Romans 12:18 says:

“If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.”

This should be our goal as Christians as we live in a constitutional republic. We should always strive for peace among our fellowmen and be a peacemaker (Matt. 5:9). Of course, there are times within a constitutional republic and democracy when we cannot live peaceably by just going along to get along. In other words, it’s not always “possible” to live peacefully when governors are overriding their own constitutional responsibilities as leaders and forcing tyrannical rules down the throats of their fellow citizens. From a constitutional perspective, we are not always able to live peacefully. Also, the same is true when we are forced to disobey God’s truth.

Let me pose this question. Would Paul follow the Constitution if he were living in modern America? I think he would, since this was the law, and Paul always sought to obey the laws or ordinances of man when they did not contradict God’s laws.

Romans 13:1

“Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God.”

The Constitution with the Bill of Rights is the supreme law of the land – not Marxist gangs and a government seeking to take away our freedoms. Constitutionally we have a right to maintain our freedoms and disobey the absurd rules of Marxist taskmasters. The Declaration of Independence proclaimed our freedom from tyrannical rule and led to our form of government (the Constitution) and eventually the Bill of Rights (explicitly expressing our freedoms).

I live in Pennsylvania, where the Legislature passed a law some years ago and in that law the Governor was given the authority to declare a state of disaster. As long as that declaration of disaster would be in effect, according to Title 35, Chapter 73 of the Pennsylvania Code, “the Governor may issue, amend

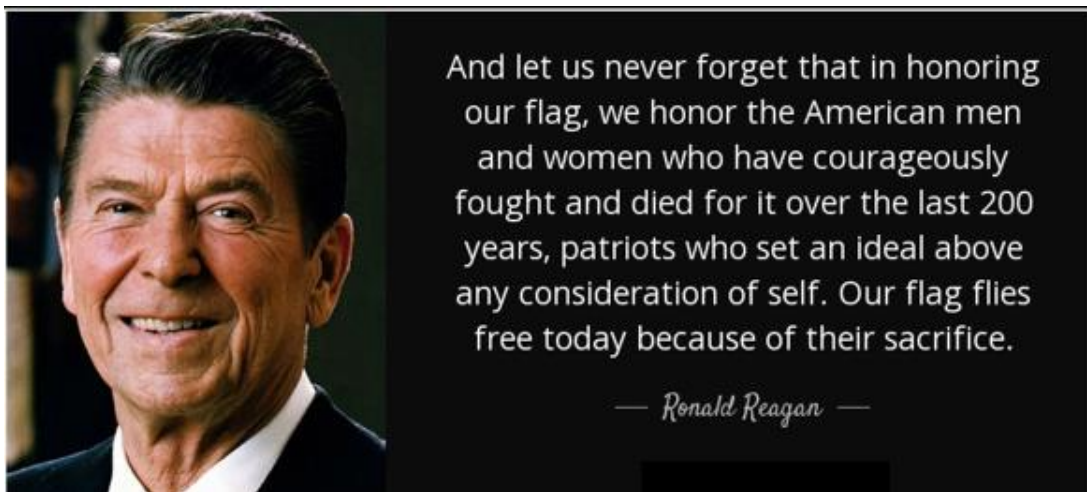
and rescind executive orders, proclamations and regulations which shall have the force and effect of law.”

All of this is true, but this PA declaration, which was abused in view of the Covid epidemic (and for political reasons), does not override the Constitution (the overruling document). Our present governor, Governor Wolf (a Wolf in wolves clothing!) is finding this out. PA law does not override the original and foundational document of our country. This ordinance does not state that rulers can override the Constitution. This is our ultimate law of the land.

As Christians, we should not downplay what the Marxists are doing in this country. Why sit back on a lazy chair and let them steal away our freedoms for our children and grandchildren? I don't see the rationale for this. America would have never come into existence and existed for 225 years if the people (even some Christians) just sat back and did nothing to bring about and maintain our freedoms. Think of the blessings that America, the free country, brought to the world – including great missionary outreach and racial freedom! The freedom of America has brought untold blessings to the world at large – both spiritual and humanitarian blessings.

We should fight for the freedoms we have and if this means disobeying government mandates which are a direct violation of the Constitution, then so be it. So, until our Constitution is voted down and it is abolished from a legal perspective, we can follow and maintain our liberties (as I think Paul would do today) which millions have died for over the years. When obeying the Constitution, we are obeying the ordinances established by our founders – not the Marxist rulers who are attempting to override and overthrow our constitutional laws. The lunatic communistic governors and Dr. Fauci, along with the incoming presidential cabinet, will attempt to take down America with their shut down orders. It's clear that they are using the virus for the political takeover of America – changing our culture, history, government, police force, and just about everything that America has stood for over the years.

The winds are blowing in a different direction within America, with socialism pushing out the Constitution and the founders' dream and experiment of freedom. In times like these, we must remember as Christians to always express kindness, patience, and consideration toward others through the fruit of the Spirit at work in our hearts and lives (Gal. 5:22-23). And speaking of the times, there may come a time when we lose our freedoms, and if this is the case, we will still be Christians, possessing a testimony for Christ and sharing the Gospel in the midst of greater opposition. But many American citizens will not allow America to go down without a fight. After all, America would not be here if people did not band together for freedom, which is a God-given right and part of human dignity (Lev. 25:10).



This brings up a final question. If push comes to shove, will you stand up for the Constitution and Bill of Rights and die for this document? Will you surrender your guns so you can continue to live with your family and be a father and mother to your children? Is our document and America worth dying for? Many would say yes. In fact, many have died over the centuries pursuing freedom for our country which was based on the Constitution. We will never forget their sacrifices even though Marxist ideologs will pay no attention to our history and freedoms in their attempt to rewrite history.



Death for the Constitution is an individual and personal choice that Christians may need to make in the future. Will we have a repeat revolution in this country? Maybe to some extent, but the amount of people being lulled to sleep through socialism and buying into the Marxism philosophy may prevent this from occurring. However, in the midst of all of this change, standing up for truth, the Gospel, and the name of Jesus Christ should be the choice of every Christian in spite of persecution and hardship (Phil. 3:10). Christians may differ over the matter of dying and suffering for their constitutional privileges, but all should be willing to die for their Savior Jesus Christ and upholding Biblical mandates given to Christians (“hold fast till I come” – Rev. 2:5).

Beloved, we simply don’t know what the future holds and how bad times will become in America if Marxism takes a strong grip on the nation. Originally, the pilgrims of this new land took their stand to defeat those who were opposing the foundation of a free country and society. Some citizens, including Christians, may choose to become part of a new revolution to protect what was rightfully given to them several hundred years ago with the original foundation of this country and Constitution. In their view, the citizens of this country are not rebelling against a government that is established within our American society, but they are keeping an evil regime and government from overtaking America. Therefore, they have no qualms about engaging not only in political warfare but possibly, if necessary, military and vigilante warfare to stop the spread of communism. In short, some Americans will go down with the ship.

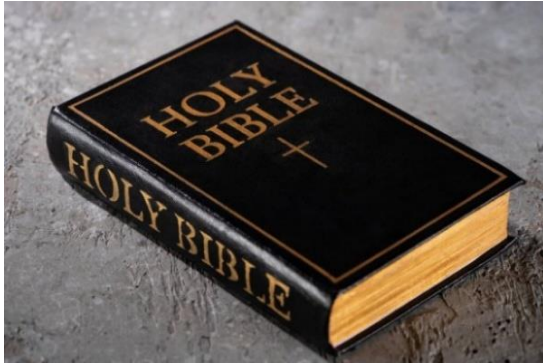
Of course, we do not see Jesus or the apostles being revolutionaries against the Roman powers that were already established and in place during their time of existence on earth. But once again, they did not live in a constitutional republic like we have today, which was founded upon liberty and certain God-given rights. And yet, we discover that even during this system of government Peter was ready to fight for what was right (Matt. 26:51), but Jesus said it was not the time for this type of conflict, since the Scriptures needed to be fulfilled regarding His death on the cross (Matt. 26:52-54). However, it’s also interesting that Jesus did recognize the right of His followers to protect

themselves even during this era of human history with its tyrannical government (Luke 22:36).

Here is the point. If things become progressively worse in America (and they could) every Christian will need to decide if they will stand up for America and the Constitution and suffer for this cause or allow the country to move into the dark ages of communism. Eventually every Christian will need to take a stand for Jesus Christ and follow their basic Christian mandates if socialism becomes increasingly imbedded and firmly entrenched in this country.

Yes, it's one thing to comply with state governors and follow unscientific mask orders and other anti-constitutional mandates that limit our basic freedoms, but it's quite another thing to follow mandates that shut down our church gatherings and prohibit us from speaking out against homosexuality and other politically correct "hate crimes," which will be established by the Marxist deep state. It seems best to stand up and fight for our constitutional freedoms which protect our free speech, our right to assemble, and give us the right to protect ourselves and families. Once we lose these liberties, we know what is coming down the pike.

Come what may, we are Biblicists before Constitutionals but amazingly, various statements in our Constitution are framed upon Scriptural principles and procedures. The fundamental act of our Founding, the Declaration of Independence, recognizes the Creator God as the Source of Rights and acknowledges that the purpose of civil government is simply to "secure" the Rights God gave us. The Constitution we ratified was based on God's model of civil government as set forth in the Bible. We must remember that the English Puritans who came here in the 1630s knew that the Old Testament had a great deal to say about civil government. And they came to build a shining city on a hill – not a tyrannical form of government that strips men of freedom and liberties.



So, in many ways, as we stand for the Constitution in these dark days, we will also in some measure be standing up for what is right from a Biblical perspective for the Constitution allows us to follow God's will for Christian gatherings, to freely share the Gospel, and to freely speak out against wickedness and the

blatant moral violations of a society that has forsaken God. This being said, holding our hand on the Constitution is not the same as holding our hand on the Bible for the Bible is uniquely God's inspired and inerrant document which He holds in highest esteem (2 Tim. 3:16; Ps. 138:2; 1 Pet. 1:23). The important thing is that Christians are always to be truth and light bearers (Matt. 5:14) and they can do this as they support Scriptural truth and the Constitution which also is a document that promotes various Biblical axioms.

Benjamin Franklin said that we have a republic "if we can keep it." Too many Anti-Americans today hate the Constitution because they are brainwashed by communist professors in our secular schooling system and want to promote the ideology of Marxism, thinking that it is a better system of government. However, the Declaration of Independence, Constitution, and Bill of Rights (America's founding documents) are the noblest documents ever written because they contain principles of God's law and respect man's freedoms. What other form of governments or documents have provided so much liberty and dignity to people?

"We hold these Truths to be self-evident, that all Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness—That to secure these Rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just Powers from the Consent of the Governed, that whenever



any Form of Government becomes destructive of these Ends it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its Foundation on such Principles, and organizing its Powers in such Form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness.”

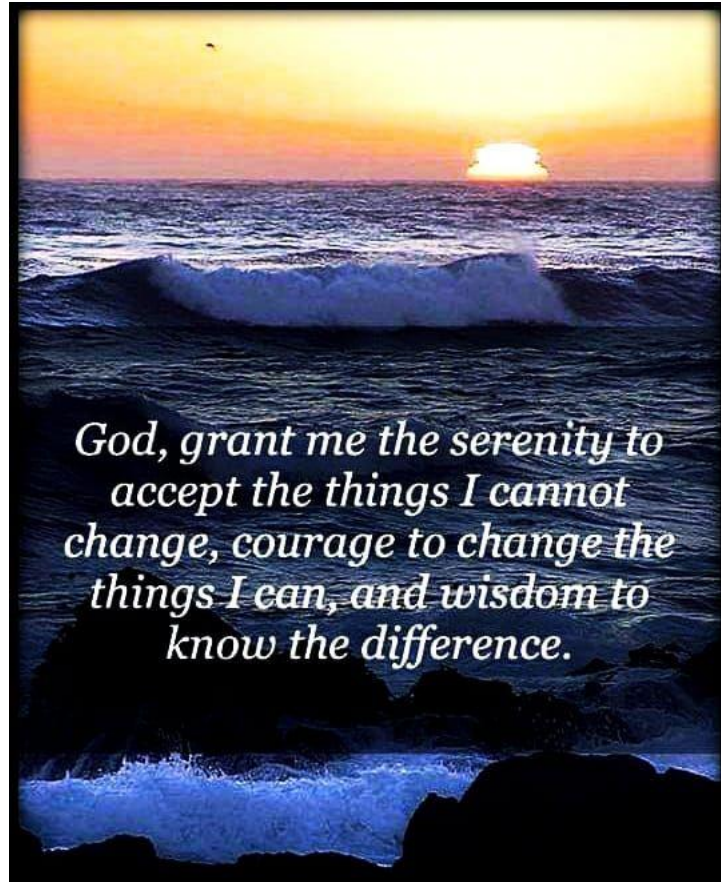
Today Christians should continue to take a clear stand on the Bible, the Gospel, Christ, meeting together as Christians but also support our Constitution, since it is still the law of our country and supports our religious freedoms, which allows us to spread the Gospel, learn the Bible, and protect ourselves and families from evildoers, as outlined in Scripture. Until the laws of our land are legislatively changed, we possess the freedoms our founders and Constitution gave to us. We would do well to maintain them, stand up and fight for them, and use them as an added means to spread the Gospel.

Each Christian should view the Constitution as having a connection with their God-given Biblical rights and realize that this document is worth fighting for, at least politically and legislatively, within an age of tolerance and philosophically debunked ideologies that are destroying the foundations and freedoms of our country. Each Christian will take their stand sooner or later, either for the Constitution, or later for the Gospel, Jesus Christ, and the Biblical mandates that Christians are commanded by God to follow and embrace. Come what may, a stand must and will be taken.

My prayer is that God in His providence might continue to allow our constitutional freedoms to be maintained in this country, but if not, that each Christian will be bold in their stand against communism and following their Biblical mandates to spread the Gospel, worship and assemble together as God’s saints, and protect their Christian heritage and families.

These days are rapidly turning into the perilous times foretold long ago in Scripture (2 Tim. 3:1) but as Christians we can excel spiritually in our faith and walk with God during these difficult times (Gen. 6:9). God has summoned us to be discerning and understanding of the times in which we live and how to react and what to do during these perilous and difficult days.

1 Chronicles 12:32 says, “And of the children of Issachar, *which were men* that had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do...” The old adage is still true and applies to the situation we are facing today in America:



*God, grant me the serenity to
accept the things I cannot
change, courage to change the
things I can, and wisdom to
know the difference.*