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&
THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION**

What is a Worldview?

The term “worldview refers to any ideology, philosophy, theology, movement, or religion that provides an overarching approach to understanding God and the world around us.

What is the purpose of government?

Human government was instituted by God to protect man’s _____
_____ from mankind’s sinful tendencies.

The states authority is legitimate but _____ in scope.

Biblical Christianity recognizes the state as a God ordained _____.

- Romans 13:1-7
- 1 Peter 2:13-17

Government is a necessary institution... even to the imposition of the _____
_____. (Gen 9:6, Romans 13:1-4)

The Bible teaches the principle of “Limited Government”. Government must be limited because of the sociological principles we see in the scriptures. The state is only one of the three sociological institutions put in place by God. The other institutions are:

- The _____ (Gen 2:18-25)
- The _____ (Ephesians 4:11-16)

Government Continuum:

No government (Total _____)

Total Government (_____)

A government that _____ power is better than one that gathers power into the hands of a few.

“If men were _____, no government would be necessary. If _____ were to govern, neither external nor internal controls on government would be necessary”

The founders of our nation solved this problem by creating a system of “_____” within government.

“We hold these truths to 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...”

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Unanimous Declaration of the Thirteen United States of America

What two assumptions are inherent?

Created by _____ being.

_____ is foundation for all rights.

What did the founders of our nation tell us the purpose of **OUR** government was?

To SECURE _____, _____, and the _____.

Limited Government, the Rule of Law, and the Social Contract theory all have their origins in the _____.

“Lex Rex” - Samuel Rutherford 1644

“Lex Rex” means: _____ is _____ as opposed to _____ is _____.

Foundational Documents

Mayflower Compact

Having undertaken for the Glory of God, and Advancement of the Christian Faith,...

...do by these presents, solemnly and mutually in the Presence of God and one of another,

Fundamental Orders of Connecticut

“For insomuch as it hath pleased *Almighty God*...

...the Word of God requires that to maintain the peace and union of such a people there should

...orderly and decent government established according to God...

Declaration of Independence

the *Laws of Nature and of Nature's God*

...all men are created equal

...that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights

Articles of Confederation

Article XIII, Clause II... “And whereas it has pleased the great Governor of the world to incline the hearts of the legislatures we respectively represent...”

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Article VII... “Done in Convention by the Unanimous Consent of the States present the seventeenth day of September in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty seven ...”

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By studying the foundational documents we discover a main theme in the founding of America.

Four points of the main theme:

1. Our government is based on ideas from the _____.
2. The Bible teaches that government should be based upon _____ moral laws and the _____ of the governed
3. Government must be based on a foundation which is _____ than _____.
4. Government should be _____ in its authority to those areas specifically granted by the _____ of the governed

United States Constitution

What did the 13 States actually do at the Philadelphia convention?

- The _____ created the Federal Government
- They ceded up a _____ of powers
- They carved out a subset of _____ upon powers

United States Constitution (also known as: Federal Constitution)

- _____ Articles
- _____ Amendments (1st ten known as Bill of Rights)

Article I: _____

Article II: _____

Article III: _____

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Six Core Purposes of the Constitution

1. To form a more _____
2. To establish _____
3. To ensure domestic _____
4. To provide for common _____
5. To promote the _____
6. To secure the blessings of _____ to ourselves and our _____.

First principle of American Government:

Only _____ make law!

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