



“Nationalism: A Biblical Worldview”

Notes

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INTRODUCTION

“watch and pray” and to be ready to “testify to the truth of Christ’s teaching to governing authorities.”

1. Our struggle is _____ in nature. Eph 6:10-20 NASB

1) It is against _____ rulers? Eph 6:10-12

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual [forces] of wickedness in the heavenly [places.] Eph 6:10-12 NASB

2) We are to stand firm in Bible _____? Eph 6:13-20

Therefore, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand firm therefore, HAVING GIRDED YOUR LOINS WITH TRUTH, and HAVING PUT ON THE BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, and having shod YOUR FEET WITH THE PREPARATION OF THE GOSPEL OF PEACE; in addition to all, taking up the shield of faith with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil [one.] And take THE HELMET OF SALVATION, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints, and [pray] on my behalf, that utterance may be given to me in the opening of my mouth, to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in [proclaiming] it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak. - Eph 6:13-20 NASB

2. We are to _____ God’s word before governors and kings.

Mat 10:17-20

“But beware of men, for they will hand you over to [the] courts and scourge you in their synagogues; and you will even be brought before governors and kings for My sake, as a testimony to them and to the Gentiles. “But when they hand you over, do not worry about how or what you are to say; for it will be given you in that hour what you are to say. “For it is not you who speak, but [it is] the Spirit of your Father who speaks in you. - Mat 10:17-20 NASB

3. The church is on the _____ against spiritual powers. Mat 16:18

“I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it. - Mat 16:18 NASB

4. The church is to _____ nations to observe Christ's teaching. Mt 28:18-20

And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, [even] unto the end of the world. Amen. - Mat 28:18-20 KJV

5. Two questions for the _____.

1) Can the church submit to the governing authorities and teach all nations without _____ of duty? Rom 13:1-4

Every person is to be in subjection to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are established by God. Therefore whoever resists authority has opposed the ordinance of God; and they who have opposed will receive condemnation upon themselves. For rulers are not a cause of fear for good behavior, but for evil. Do you want to have no fear of authority? Do what is good and you will have praise from the same; for it is a minister of God to you for good. But if you do what is evil, be afraid; for it does not bear the sword for nothing; for it is a minister of God, an avenger who brings wrath on the one who practices evil. - Rom 13:1-4 NASB

Martin Luther at the Diet of Worms

“Since then Your Majesty and your lordships desire a simple reply, I will answer without horns and without teeth. Unless I am convicted by Scripture and plain reason I do not accept the authority of popes and councils, for they have contradicted each other — my conscience is captive to the Word of God, I cannot and I will not recant anything for to go against conscience is neither right nor safe. Here I stand. I cannot do otherwise. God help me. Amen.”

William Tyndale

- Known for his partial translation of the Bible into the English language.
- "I defie the Pope and all his lawes. If God spare my life, ere many yeares I wyl cause a boy that driveth the plough to know more of the Scripture, than he doust."
- He opposed Henry the VIII's planned annulment of his marriage to Catherine of Argon
- He died at the stake on October 6, 1536 saying - "Lord! Open the King of England's eyes."

John Knox

- a galley slave on a French ship - John Knox prayed with firm resolve, "Lord, give me Scotland, ere I die."
- He told Mary Queen of Scots - "If princes exceed their bounds, Madam, no doubt they may be resisted, even by power."
- One of the Scottish earls said of Knox at his funeral, "There lies one who in his life never feared the face of man."

Founders - Declaration of Independence

- ***And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor.***
- ***“The Bible is the chief moral cause of all that is good and the best corrector of all that is evil in human society the best book for regulating the temporal [that is the sexual] concerns of men.” Noah Webster***
- ***“The Bible should be read in our schools in preference to all other books from it’s containing the greatest portion of the kind of knowledge which is calculated to produce private and public happiness.” Dr. Benjamin Rush***
- ***“To the free and universal reading of the Bible...men [are] much indebted for right views of civil liberty. The Bible is a book which teaches man his own individual responsibility, his own dignity, and his equality with his fellow man.” Daniel Webster***

2) Where are _____ in the 20th and 21st Century?

🗣️ **Federal _____ of Schools - Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) - in 1965**

🗣️ **School Prayer _____ - Engel v. Vitale, 370 U.S. 421 (1962) -**

🗣️ **Education the _____ of Humanism**

Francis Potter in his work *Humanism: A New Religion* says, “Education is the most powerful ally of Humanism, and every American public school is a school of Humanism. What can the theistic Sunday schools, meeting for an hour once a week, and teaching only a fraction of the children do to stem the tide of a five-day program of humanistic teaching?”

6. The 2020 election is about the clash of two _____ . Nationalism & the Supremacy of Christ or Global Humanism Capitalism or Socialism

1) The _____ worldview

🗣️ **World _____ - Humanist Manifesto 2 (1973)**

We deplore the division of humankind on nationalistic grounds. We have reached a turning point in human history where the best option is to transcend the limits of national sovereignty and to move toward the building of a world community in which all sectors of the human family can participate. Thus we look to the development of a system of world law and a world order based upon transnational federal government.

🗣️ **_____ -Achieving world government**

“To achieve world government, it is necessary to remove from the minds of men their individualism, loyalty to family tradition, national patriotism, and religious dogmas.”

George Brock Chisholm, First Director of the World Health Organization (WHO),
Speech, Conference on Education, Asilomar, California, Sept. 11, 1954

🗣️ **Socialism a _____ stage— John Strachey**

“It is impossible to establish communism as the immediate successor to capitalism. It is, accordingly, proposed to establish. Socialism as something which we can put in the place of our present decaying capitalism. Hence, communists work for the establishment of socialism as a necessary transition stage on the road to communism.

2) The _____ worldview

🗣️ **by the Bible or by the _____**

All societies of man must be governed in some way or other, the less they have of stringent state government, the more they must have of individual self government. The less they rely on public law and physical force the more they must rely on private moral restraint. Man in a word must necessarily be controlled, either by a power within them or by a power without them. Either by the word of God or by the strong arm of man. Either by the Bible or by the bayonet. It may do for other countries and other governments to talk about the state supporting religion. Here under our own free institutions it is religion which must support the state. — Robert Winthrop quote — Speaker of the House 1809-1894

The _____ of the German Church — Lutzer
Erwin Lutzer who has studied the surrender of the Christian church under Hitler, gives this advice: “ It is time that Christians become leaders in art, education, politics, and law...Let’s not make the mistake of the German church and isolate the spiritual sphere from the political, social, and cultural world. Bonhoeffer was critical of the church when its only interest was self-preservation. We should be characterized by giving, not withholding. Since we share this planet with all of humanity, we must reestablish connections in all of those areas where Christians often led the way.” *You Can Still Trust A Communist*, Schwaerz & Nobel

- 1) We must _____ the cost and rise to the honor and the calling of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.**
- 2) We must _____ out biblical Christianity in all of the disciplines - theology, philosophy, ethics, biology, psychology, sociology, law, politics, economics, and history.**
- 3) We must _____ to the discipline, prayer, witness, study, and confrontation**
- 4) We must _____ Sunday morning worship and our spiritual lives from our weekly business, education, social, cultural, and political world.**

7. Bonhoeffer’s _____ the church can act toward the state.

Bonhoeffer enumerated **3 ways the church can act toward the state** when it encroaches upon the Christian proclamation and negates itself from Romans 13 prescribed role. Bear in mind this was the governing authorities persecution and genocide of the Jewish people.

- 1) The church can _____ the state regarding its actions and their legitimacy.**
- 2) It can _____ the victims of the states action.**
- 3) Finally, the church must _____ direct _____ against the state to stop the perpetration of evil.**

Bonhoeffer Pastor, Martyr, Prophet, Spy - Eric Metaxas