

Recap from Pt. 1 –

- **God desires and intends His world to be run by human authorities.**
- **Civil government and governing authorities are legitimate, but they are not ultimate.**
- **Sin must be taken into account—even when politics and government are working at their best, they are still broken.**

Mark 12:15-17

"...Bring me a denarius and let me look at it." 16 They brought the coin, and he asked them, "Whose portrait is this? And whose inscription?" "Caesar's," they replied. 17 Then Jesus said to them, "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's." And they were amazed at him.

Denarius



Romans 13:6-7

6 This is also why you pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, who give their full time to governing. 7 Give everyone what you owe him: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor.

John 18:36

Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world..."

John 19:10-11

10... "Don't you realize I have power either to free you or to crucify you?" 11 Jesus answered, "You would have no power over me if it were not given to you from above."

"We would be happy to live under the administration of a wise and benevolent Christian leader. Of course, we are also happy to live under a Pharaoh who puts a clever and capable Joseph in charge, or for a Nebuchadnezzar who heeds the counsel of a wise man such as Daniel. Even Martin Luther said he'd rather be ruled by a wise Turk than a foolish Christian." – N.T Wright

- **Christians should be honest, prayerful, law-abiding, tax-paying citizens of whatever government they find themselves living under.**
- **Christians are to obey the state but not worship the state.**

"God has all authority, and Caesar's fits under God's. Therefore, there is no contradiction in giving to Caesar what is Caesar's, because ultimately it is all God's. We owe everything to God, and God says to give some to Caesar. While God and Caesar both have authority, there is a radical difference in their kinds of authority. God's authority appoints Caesar's authority."

– Patrick Schreiner

Acts 4:19

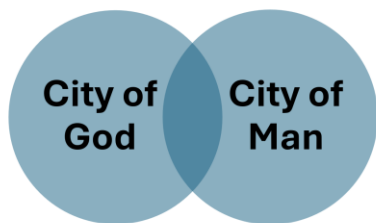
But Peter and John replied, "Judge for yourselves whether it is right in God's sight to obey you rather than God."

Acts 5:28-29

28 "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name," he said. "Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and are determined to make us guilty of this man's blood."
29 Peter and the other apostles replied: "We must obey God rather than men!"



➤ **Christians hold dual citizenship—city of God (heaven) and city of man (earth)**



Luke 17:21
nor will people say, 'Here it is,' or 'There it is,' because the kingdom of God is in your midst."

Mark 1:15
...The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand

"The state can remain in God's present order because it possesses knowledge of good and evil through common grace. In this way, the state is good and part of God's creational purposes... We can therefore be under human governing authorities while at the same time being under God. One is paramount, but the two don't cancel each other out." – Patrick Schreiner

1 Peter 1:17

Since you call on a Father who judges each person's work impartially, live out your time as foreigners here in reverent fear.

Revelation 11:15

The seventh angel sounded his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, which said: "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Messiah, and he will reign for ever and ever."

Proverbs 21:1

The king's heart is in the hand of the Lord, He directs it like watercourse wherever He pleases.

Recommended resources:

Jay Kenworthy, jdkenworthy@gmail.com, elder, communications director for Sen. Todd Young, 20 yrs. experience working with state and federal elected officials

Tim Swarens, tswarens1@gmail.com, elder, deputy opinion editor for USA Today, journalist for 40 yrs in areas of economics, politics, & social issues

Books:

Jesus and the Powers by N.T. Wright, *God and Politics* by Mark Dever
Political Gospel by Patrick Schreiner, *God & Government* by Chuck Colson

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