



ONE NATION UNDER GOD [I]

ROMANS 13:1-7
06.27.21

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How Should Christians Deal with Governmental Authority?

- God is sovereign over all.
- God establishes human rulers to promote the common good and to restrain evil. The authority from God is **good**. See **Micah 6:8**.
- There is another source of authority and that is **bad**.

How do we distinguish between GOOD authority and BAD authority?

- A man named Antiochus IV.
- Peter and John [Acts 4:19-20]
- Dietrich Bonhoeffer and John the Baptist

And oh, the issue of taxes.....

Should Christians Have an Influence on Government?

- What issues do people generally agree and disagree?
- Let's look at some history:
 - Magna Carta
 - Declaration of Independence
 - Constitution of the United States
 - Christian influence led to the abolition of evils.
 - Christian convictions of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Is the United States of America a Christian Nation?

What do we even mean when we refer to the USA as a Christian nation?

- Was Christianity the primary religious system that helped found the USA?
- Were the majority of the Founding Fathers Christians who believed the truth of the Bible?
- Is Christianity the largest religion in the United States?
- Did Christianity lead to many of the cultural values still held today?
- Are the majority of people today Bible-believing, born-again Christians?
- Is belief in Christianity the dominant perspective promoted in the government, media and universities?
- Do you have to profess Christ to become a citizen of the United States?

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