

The Seven Biblical Principles of Christian Liberty

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Old Covenant	New Covenant	Wisdom of the Past	Statement of Affirmation	Statement of Denial
Deut. 4:39 Is. 46:9	I Cor. 12	"The distinctive principle of Western social philosophy is individualism. It aims at the creation of a sphere in which the individual is free to think, to choose, and to act without being restrained by the interference of the social apparatus of coercion and oppression, the State. All the spiritual and material achievements of Western civilization were the result of the operation of this idea of liberty." Ludwig Von Mises	God's Principle of Individuality God created us, in His image, as individuals. He desires an individual, personal relationship with Him. We affirm that government should honor this principle by upholding that "all men are created equal."	Collectivism We deny a collectivist philosophy of government where individuals are secondary and the collective is primary. This is a foundational assumption of communist/socialist governments. We deny that the individual only has value or rights in the proportion that he is a member of, or contributes to, some group. This is a principle of identity politics.
I Samuel 8 Genesis 2:17 Proverbs 6:6,16:32, 25:28	I Corinthians 6:12, 9:26,11:31	"We have no government armed with power capable of contending with human passions unbridled by morality and religion. Avarice, ambition, revenge, or gallantry, would break the strongest cords of our Constitution as a whale goes through a net. Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other." --John Adams, Address to the Military, 1798	The Christian Principle of Self Government We affirm that God created us for self-government, that is, we must govern ourselves under His government. We affirm that liberty exists in proportion to Christian self-government.	Statism We deny that man is best controlled by his fellow man via civil government. We deny that civil government should be top down rather than bottom up. We deny that a society is more just with the increase of laws and regulations.
Proverbs 27:5-6; 27:17;29:2	II Peter 1:4 Romans 8:29 John 15:2 Hebrews 13:7 I Peter 3:3	"Let us with caution indulge the supposition that morality can be maintained without religion. Reason and experience both forbid us to expect that national morality can prevail in exclusion of religious principle." George Washington	America's Heritage of Christian Character We affirm that we are called to be like Jesus; we are created to reflect His character in our lives. We need Christian character in our homes, churches, businesses and civil governments. In order for us to have the best society, we must strive to maximize individual Christian	Christian Character De-emphasized We deny that character does not matter in the management of our civil concerns. We deny that we should be judged according to our gender, race, color or group affiliation instead of by our character. We deny that a people can remain free under a

	Luke 6:4		character.	republican form of government without virtue and righteousness.
Exodus 20 Proverbs 5:15; 19:14	Matthew 20:15 I Corinthians 9:7 Romans 2:14-15 Acts 4:19	"A man's land, or merchandise, or money, is called his property. A man has property of peculiar value in his religious opinions and in the profession and practice dictated by them... He has an equal property in the free use of his faculties and free choice of the objects on which to employ them. In a word, as a man is said to have a right to his property, he may be equally said to have a property in his rights...Conscience is the most sacred of all property." James Madison	Conscience is the Most Sacred of all Property We affirm that ownership of private property is essential to a strong nation. Internal property is the most important property, and our internal property, liberty of conscience, must be protected. The primary function of civil government is the protection of property, both internal and external.	Abolition of Property We deny Karl Marx's assertion that "private property should be abolished." We deny that civil governments should violate private property and redistribute wealth through: government welfare programs, government schools, government takeover of health care, etc. We deny that government should limit freedom of conscience, done primarily today under the pretenses of preventing or punishing discrimination.
Genesis 9:6 Psalm 33:12 Psalms 22:27-28 Isaiah 33:22	Romans 13 Mark 12:17	"Almost all the civil liberty now enjoyed in the world owes its origin to the principles of the Christian religion." Noah Webster "This is a religious people. This is historically true. From the discovery of this continent to the present hour there is a single voice making this affirmation... these are not individual sayings, declarations of private persons, they are organic utterances; they speak the voice of the entire people...these and many other matters which might be noticed, add a volume of unofficial declarations to the mass of organic utterances that this is a Christian nation." Supreme Court. 1892, Church of Holy Trinity vs. the US	The Christian Form of Our Government We affirm that the best form of government is republican government with fixed equally applied laws, representation, divided and separated powers, a written constitution, and limited, delegated powers of civil governments.	Non Biblical Governmental Forms We deny the validity of non-Biblical government, whether called democracy, socialism, communism, fascism, democratic socialism, or progressivism. We deny that any governmental form besides a republic will bring about a relative order, prosperity and peace
I Samuel 8:19 Deuteronomy 16:18	Matthew 22:19-21 John 19:11	"But whether the municipality was called parish, borough, town, city, district, or county the principle was alike recognized that the body of residents, according to	How the Seed of Local Self Government is Planted We affirm the principle of local self-	Centralization We deny the principle of centralization in government but

		prescribed rules, should manage their own local affairs. In each, the voters chose their own officers; each had its peculiar local interests, had a jurisdiction as wide as its territorial limits. In this way, each locality provided for the concerns of social comfort and of police, of education and of religion. This work was never done for the people, but always by them: they tested their own decisions, and could correct their own judgments...What has been called a "bureaucracy," which has had so repressive an influence in France, is not seen in a single colony." Richard Frothingham	government. The individual and family are empowered by God to take care of the major functions of life: material provision, welfare, nurture and raising of children, including their education, medical care, and spiritual development. We affirm the principle of decentralization. We affirm that the seeds of local self-government are planted through Christian education, as students are taught to govern themselves under God's government, according to His Word.	assert that centralization leads to the worst forms of despotism and tyranny whether the ruler (s) is called a monarch, an oligarch, a pharaoh, a czar, a king/queen, a prince, a satrap, etc. We deny that education should be provided for and controlled by civil governments, and assert that this results in a tyranny over the mind.
Leviticus 26:8	Ephesians 4:13, 16 Mark 10:9 Philippians 1:27-28 I Corinthians 1:10; 5:9-13 Romans 15:5-6	"I often note with equal pleasure that God gave this one connected country to one united people -- a people descended from the same language, professing the same religion, attached to the same principles of government, very similar in manners and customs, who by their joint counsels, arms, and efforts, fighting side by side through a long bloody war, have nobly established general liberty and independence." John Jay	The Christian Principle of American Political Union We affirm that internal unity produces external unions of various types. The Bible is clear that unions need to be voluntary and that there is "a time to unite and a time to separate."	Forced Union We deny that unions should be coerced. Just as one should not be forced to marry someone or join a particular church there should not be coercion in private business. A free market means that each party must have an internal unity, before an external union (contract or agreement to make a trade). Civil governments should exercise a minimum of coercion over its citizens.