

Biblical Civics 101

A Narrated PowerPoint Video Presentation

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Biblical Civics 101 ~ Part I
American Citizenship

The painting shows a group of men in 18th-century clothing, including powdered wigs and long coats, gathered around a table. They appear to be in a formal setting, possibly a legislative assembly or a signing ceremony. The scene is filled with activity, with some men standing and others seated, all focused on documents or conversation. The lighting is dramatic, highlighting the figures against a darker background.

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“Now it is required
that those who have been given a trust
must prove faithful.”
(1 Corinthians 4:2 – NIV 1984)

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WARNING!

- American culture has changed.
- It's not for the better. ☹️
- Christians are impacted.
- Christians cannot ignore the changes.
- Evil will not just Live & Let Live.




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Not Just Live & Let Live

- Evil is relentless!
 - "Sheol (the place of the dead) and Abaddon (the place of destruction) are never satisfied ..." (Prov. 27:20)
 - Evil always wants more ...
- It can get worse!
 - "Realize this, that in the last days difficult times will come. For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, revilers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy, unloving, irreconcilable, malicious gossips, without self-control, brutal, haters of good..." (2 Timothy 3:1-3)

Evil will hate you – and call YOU hateful!






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Cannot Ignore Evil

- Of the Nazis, Pastor Martin Niemöller said ...
- First they came for the Socialists,
 - and I did not speak out –
 - Because I was not a Socialist.
- Then they came for the Trade Unionists,
 - and I did not speak out –
 - Because I was not a Trade Unionist.
- Then they came for the Jews,
 - and I did not speak out –
 - Because I was not a Jew.
- Then they came for me –
- and there was no one left to speak for me.




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Me? Pay for Abortions?

- **Obamacare is making you pay.**
 - **Promise made:** Abortion "coverage" would not be in the "Affordable Care Act."
 - **Reality:** A few can refuse, but most of you are paying.
- **What about the Hobby Lobby case?**
 - **Good news:** Supreme Court "allowed" some religious people the freedom to not pay for killing pre-born children.
 - **Bad news:** Supreme Court vote was 5 vs. 4.
 - Pro-abortionists need to change only one vote.



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It Won't Happen Here ...

- San Antonio, Texas (pop. 1,409,000).
 - Todd Leibovitz arrested and incarcerated ...
 - Pastor Jose Muniz threatened by police ...
 - Crime - Peaceful sidewalk literature distribution & evangelism.
- Balch Springs, Texas (pop. 23,728).
 - Seniors at the Balch Springs Senior Center ...
 - Voluntarily met for prayer, gospel music, & sermons.
 - City of Balch Springs banned all of it.
- Kountze, Texas (pop. 2,123).
 - Cheerleaders painted Bible verses on banners.
 - Freedom From Religion Foundation (Wisconsin) complained.
 - Kountze ISD superintendent banned the messages.

How did these leaders get into positions of power?




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What is the problem?

- Christians either ...
 - Do not care.
 - Care, but are unwilling or afraid to do something.
 - Care, but do not know what to do!
- **Question:** What should you do?
- **Answer:** Inquire of the Lord!
 - What does God say in His Word?
 - Is "politics" part of the Christian life? Yes!
 - BUT politics must fit in the right place.
- *Let's see where it fits in the Christian's life ...*



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The Objective ... 

- God created government to restrain evil.
 - "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." (Romans 13:3-4).
- **Objective:** Bless America with justice & righteousness.
 - "Thus says the Lord, 'Preserve justice and do righteousness'" (Isaiah 56:1a)
 - "Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people." (Proverbs 14:34)
 - **Result:** Christians help fulfill God's purpose for government.

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Aren't We to Just Obey?

- What does God's Word teach?
- Romans 13:1 – 
 - "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."
- The type of "governing authorities" defines obedience.
 - Roman Empire (*New Testament*) – dictatorship.
 - United States (*today*) – federal republic / "democracy"

So who did God establish as our "governing authorities"?

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Our Government 

- Who is our government?
 - U. S. Constitution says ...
 - "It is us!"

Application: All U. S. citizens have a role in the government.

- **Critical:** American government needs a Christian people.
 - "We have no government armed with power capable of contending with human passions unbridled by morality and religion ... Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other."
 - *President John Adams (October 11, 1798).*

How is that different from New Testament times?

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Gov't Compared



Roman Empire (New Testament)

- Dictatorship.
- Obey God first (Acts 5:29).
- Pray for leaders (1 Tim. 2:1-2).
- Salt and light in the culture (not government) (Matt. 5).
- Submit to gov't. (Rom. 13:1-7).
- Participation – could not.

Few Civic assets.
(only "citizens" – Paul)



United States (today)

- Federal Republic.
- Obey God first (Acts 5:29).
- Pray for leaders (1 Tim. 2:1-2).
- Salt and light in the culture & **in government** (Matt. 5).
- Submit to gov't. (Rom. 13:1-7).
- **Submission requires participation** (Rom. 13:1-7).
- **Good steward of your many civic assets** (Luke 19:11-27).

So what is an obedient Christian supposed to do?

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Opportunities

- Level 1 – Foundation on God's Word.
- Level 2 – Register to vote.
- Level 3 – Vote well.
- Level 4 – Influence others.
- Level 5 – Support specific candidates.
- Level 6 – Serve in government.

Where is your level?

Surround it all ...

Serve in gov't.
Employees, Volunteers,
Elected official

Support
specific candidates

Influence
Public, Political party,
Like-minded voters

Vote Well
every election

Register to Vote
bare minimum

Knowing
God's Word


with Prayer.

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The End of Part I

American Citizenship



Freedom of Speech

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Discussion

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Let's Do This!

Levels of involvement for
the obedient Christian

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