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THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES

"Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other." (John Adams) We are so blessed to live in this country, not withstanding all of the governmental problems we are having. Our forefathers had great wisdom when they came up with the Constitution as the basis for the laws to live by. But these days, many do not appreciate this.

We are constantly faced with new and controversial directives aimed at controlling our lives without regard to what the Constitution says. Fortunately, we still have the great privilege of the VOTE, and this is a huge deterrent to illegal directives. So let's prayerfully vote every time we get a chance!

Pray that we will return to morality and the religion under which our country was established, so that God can help us make America Great Again!

FREE SPEECH?

George Orwell once said, "If liberty means anything at all, it means the right to tell people what they do not want to hear." That says a lot about why some people are restricting what we can say these days---they do not want to hear it; it can't be true, of course not, because they just know it is wrong. They forget that the Constitution says we all have freedom of expression. But if they don't like it, it can not possibly be right for anyone to say it. And there are those who have the power to make laws that forbid saying those things; and we must all bow to them, or else!

There are too many lawsuits against those who have spoken out against this type of legislation that seeks to deter us from exercising our Constitutional rights. One thing that is particularly egregious these days is the stupid idea that people should not refer to others as "he" or "she". Some folks have gotten into trouble due to this law, which ignores the obvious fact that God created us male and female. No manmade laws can ever change that, no matter what the government may say or do.

GOD'S INSTRUCTIONS

Our daughter Sheila needed to go to the Bank. It was a nice day out, and she had nothing else pressing to do at the time, so she decided to walk to the Bank rather than to take her car. It would be about a twenty minute walk, she figured. The Bank would be open until four o'clock, although the ATM machine outside would be open until five. Needing to be there by four, she started out, giving herself some extra minutes to get there.

But when she had walked for twenty minutes, she realized that it was still too far away, and she was not going to make it by four! Yikes! What to do now? She decided that the best thing to do was to turn around and go home. There was always tomorrow. But then God had a word with her. He told her to keep on heading for the Bank. Really? But she did. And when she got there, after four o'clock though it was, the Bank was still open! They had decided for some reason to stay open until five that day.

The moral of this true story is to listen to the Lord when He says something to you, and then do what He tells you to do; He knows things we do not. We can trust Him for the results. Praise His Name!

GROW! GROW! GROW!

“But grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.” II Peter 3:18

Are we all that the Lord intends for us to be? Do we let Him do His work in and through us? Or are we satisfied to remain the way we are in spite of realizing that we are sinful creatures who are less than we could be? Each Sunday, we who attend New Covenant Church are given the opportunity to not only worship the Lord, but to grow in our Christian lives as well.

We hear God’s Word explained to us; We are reminded that the God of the universe has a plan for our lives, and that we can have a relationship with Him through Christ our Savior; We learn that He loves and cares for us and wants to interact with us; We are encouraged to let God be God in our lives, and do His job of being our Lord and Master, our Teacher and our Guide and our Helper.

Will we let Him work in our lives to grow us into what He would have us be? Will we become more like Jesus, or would we rather let it all go over our heads and leave church the same way we came in, having failed to surrender ourselves to the gentle working of the Holy Spirit? Let us humbly ask the Lord to have His way with us so that we will become all He wants us to be, and not put off our growth ‘til “another day.” And let us GROW, GROW, GROW!

THE BIG PICTURE

We just do not see why disasters occur that we feel God could have prevented. But God has different standards, reasons, and plans than we mere humans have, and His will is the perfect outcome for any situation. He sees the big picture that we are too small to see and cannot appreciate. But we can trust that no matter what may happen, God is actually still in control, and it is our job to let Him work through us and to glorify Him in all situations, whether or not we would have done things way or not.

WONDER-WORKING GOD

Andrew Murray, in his devotional book, *God’s Word for Growing in Prayer*, suggests that we “leave [our] requests with Him who does wonders”. We need that admonition because we often do not believe that He will answer our greatest, most important, and most far-reaching prayers because it is “impossible” for those things to actually happen. We think the sort of answer we want is just not the way it works in the scheme of things in this wicked world where people have free will and where the rules of nature are not under our control. Therefore, we do not dare to even ask for what we “know” cannot possibly come to pass. We forget that Jesus said that we can “speak to this mountain and it will be cast into the sea.” (Of course we didn’t believe it when we read it in the first place---it was just a “figure of speech.) There are many qualifications to receiving answers to prayer, and they must all work together. And God always does what is best and according to His will.

The point is that what is with men impossible is possible with God. He is still the same God who rolled back the Red Sea and rescued the Israelites; He is the God who raised Jesus from the dead! We must believe that He will do what is best, and He will do it in His good and perfect time and way. Not ours; we are not God, and we do not see the end from the beginning. Our job is first to follow the leading of the Holy Spirit and pray, whether we think it can happen or not, and then to wait and trust Him for whatever He does, remembering that nothing is too hard for Him who is the wonder-working God.

