

IN TIMES LIKE THESE, YOU NEED THE BIBLE!

A. UNDERSTANDING the TIMES We Live In.

1. We live in _____ times as individuals
2. We live in a _____ time by living in the dispensation of _____ as a member of the _____. (Ephesians 3:1-7)
3. We live in the _____ days historically. (Heb. 1:2; 1 John 2:18; 1 Tim. 4:1; 2 Tim.3:1)
4. We live in _____ times and _____ days. (2 Tim. 3:1, 13-17; Eph.5:16)
5. We live in a _____ culture in the USA. (Romans 1:18-32)
6. We live in a time when the _____ is already at work but is being restrained or hindered by the _____ until He is taken out of the way at the _____. (1 Thess. 4:13-18; 2 Thess. 2:1-12; 1 John 5:19)
7. We live in a time in which we have been entrusted with the _____ and _____ of reconciliation in proclaiming the _____ as _____ for Christ and _____ of Heaven. (2 Cor.5:14-21; Phil.3:20; 1 Peter 2:9-11)

B. UNDERSTANDING the DIVINE INSTITUTIONS God Has ORDAINED for the PROTECTION and PRESERVATION of the HUMAN RACE.

- In each of these divine institutions, God requires _____ to respond in obedience to His will with consequences that follow. (Genesis 2:16-17)
1. _____ - One man and one woman (designed for a lifetime) with the husband in the position of final authority. (Genesis 2:22-24; Ephesians 5:22-25, 33)
 2. _____ - Children are to be viewed as a gift from the Lord (Psalm 127:3-5) and created in the image of God (Gen.1:26-27, 9:6; James 3:9) with parental authority to be obeyed and honored (Genesis 4:1; Ephesians 6:1-3)
 3. _____ - Ruling authorities within various spheres of a national entity with the right to punish crime and establish law and order. (Genesis 9:1-7; Romans 13:1-5)
 4. _____ - The reality of various national entities in order to hinder globalism and a one-world government. (Genesis 11:1-9; Revelation 13, 17-18)
 5. _____ - The spiritual union of saved Jews and saved Gentiles in the Body of Christ during the present age, which finds expression in regenerate local churches. (Matt.16:18; Eph.2:14-22, 3:1-12; Phil.1:1; 1 Tim.3:15)

C. UNDERSTANDING the CHRISTIAN'S RESPONSIBILITIES to HUMAN GOVERNMENT.

- 1. Our responsibility to human government is to involve compliant _____ . (Rom. 13:1-5)**
 - a. The *command* is for us to be _____ to the _____. (13:1a)**
 - What does this mean?
 - Is this a suggestion? How often is this to be done?
 - Who does this apply to?
 - Some observations to note:
 - 1 Peter 2:15-17
 - What do we need to remember in the USA in our constitutional republic?
 - b. The *causes* for our submission to the governing authorities are because we recognize ...**
 - 1) The _____ of human government ... “For there is no authority except from God”. (13:1c)**
 - 2) The _____ of human authorities ... “and the authorities that exist are appointed by God.” (13:1d)**
 - Daniel 2:20-21, 4:17; John 19:10-11
 - c. The *consequences* of our resisting the governing authorities are to resist the _____ of God and to bring _____ upon ourselves. (13:2-3)**
 - What form does this judgment usually take?
 - What is the normative response of government toward ‘good works’ and ‘evil’?
 - What do the concepts of “good” and “evil” imply?
 - What should you do if the government does not uphold “good” and “evil”?
 - When should you fear the government and what does “the sword” refer to?
 - Is there ever a place for civil disobedience? But what must you keep in mind?
 - How should you view a government official?
 - d. Our _____ toward God, (not just fear of wrath) should also motivate our submission to civil authorities. (13:5)**