

**Government & Independence Under God**  
**Romans 13:1-5**

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**1. God is sovereign over \_\_\_\_\_, therefore the primary allegiance of both civil authorities and citizens is to God.**

a. The authority of civil magistrates is an authority \_\_\_\_\_ to them by God.

1) They are \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

2) God has ordained that they are to encourage what is \_\_\_\_\_ and punish what is evil.

b. \_\_\_\_\_, out of submission to God, are to be subject to the civil magistrates who govern them.

**2. \_\_\_\_\_ colonial Americans held beliefs in God's sovereignty, the depravity of man, and a covenantal view of government.**

*"A just government is founded on a \_\_\_\_\_ between ruler(s) and people, under divine law. Any act contrary to the constitution is illegal, and so null and void. No one is bound to obey an unconstitutional act, so there is a right to resist encroachments of one's rights to life, liberty, and the fruits of one's labor." - Archie Jones*

*"We have this day restored the Sovereign, to Whom \_\_\_\_\_ men ought to be obedient. He reigns in heaven and ... from the rising to the setting sun, may His Kingdom come."*

*- Samuel Adams (signer of the Declaration)*

**3. The requirements of Christian citizenship.**

a. We must honestly \_\_\_\_\_ any government on the basis of Biblical principles.

b. We must practice \_\_\_\_\_ in good and lawful ways.

c. We should a prophetic voice to the culture and an \_\_\_\_\_ of reformation in light of the gospel.

d. We are to \_\_\_\_\_ for those in authority to truly govern as ministers of God.

e. We are to practice \_\_\_\_\_ government under the Lordship of Jesus Christ in every area of our lives.