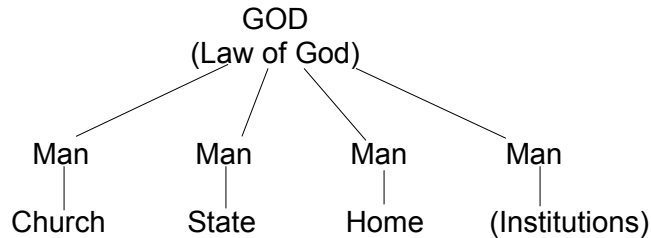


**Principles Behind the
Declaration of Independence**
Romans 13:1-5

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1. _____ is supreme over all, therefore man's highest allegiance is to God Himself.
2. God has ordained a diversity of human governments with each sphere having clearly defined _____, limitations and powers.



3. In declaring independence from Great Britain, colonial Americans were concerned with establishing a righteous _____ by righteous means.

a. A covenantal view of government was _____ understood.

- 1) The _____ was under the authority of the Law of God.

- 2) The _____ were subject to the "legitimate authority" of the king.

"A _____ government is founded on a compact 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 _____ 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

- b. They understood that, "God would not honor an offensive _____, but that He did permit civil self-defense."
- David Barton

*"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)*

4. Christian citizenship requires that we:

- a. Honestly _____ any government on the basis of Biblical principles.
- b. Practice submission in good and _____ ways.
- c. Be a prophetic voice to the culture and an agent of _____ in light of the gospel.
- d. Pray for those in authority that God would hold them _____ to their responsibility to govern in God-honoring ways.
- e. Practice _____ government under the Lordship of Jesus Christ in every area of our lives.