***How Then Should We Live?***

**I. The Ideal World Gone Wrong**

**A) The Birth of Gov’t**

• God lived with man in perfect harmony [Genesis 2:15-17]

• Sin entered into the world corrupting society [Genesis 6:5]

**B) Israel’s Gov’t was different than Ours**

**1) Israel was a Theocracy**

Def: theocracy = *“a form of government in which God or a deity is recognized as the supreme civil ruler, the God's or deity's laws being interpreted by the ecclesiastical authorities.”*

See Deuteronomy 21:18-21 for examples of theocratic law

**2) We are a Democracy/Republic**

**C) Between Two Kingdoms**

1) Kingdom of World

2) Kingdom of God

**II. Living in an Fallen World**

**A) Christians are to be ‘good citizens’**

Romans 13:1-2, 13:3-4, 13:4-6

**B) Christians do not put ‘faith’ in Gov’t**

**III. A Christian’s Responsibility in a Fallen World**

**A) Pray for those in authority** [1 Timothy 2:1-2]

**B) Obey the Laws of the Gov’t that do not violate Scripture & Respect Leaders**

[Rom 13:7]

**C) Seek the good of Land** [Jeremiah 29:7]

**D) Be Salt and Light** [Matthew 5:13-16]

William Wilberforce

**E) Live as Citizens of Heaven**

*“I die the king’s good servant, but God’s first.”* Sir Thomas More

John 17:14-15

**1) God’s Word Directs your decisions** [Matthew 5:39]

 **2) God’s Word priorities your decisions** [Mark 2:25-26]

**3) God’s Word informs your conscience**