

## *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**