

XVII. Religious Liberty

What We Believe

God alone is Lord of the conscience, and He has left it

- 1) _____ from the doctrines and commandments of men which are contrary to His Word or not contained in it. Church and state should be 2) _____. The state owes to every church 3) _____ and full freedom in the pursuit of its spiritual ends. In providing for such freedom no ecclesiastical group or denomination should be favored by the state more than others. Civil government being ordained of God, it is the duty of Christians to render 4) _____ thereto in all things not contrary to the revealed will of God. The church should not resort to the civil power to carry on its work. The gospel of Christ contemplates spiritual means alone for the pursuit of its ends. The state has no 5) _____ to impose penalties for religious opinions of any kind. The state has no right to impose taxes for the support of any form of religion. A 6) _____ church in a _____ state is the Christian ideal, and this implies the right of free and unhindered access to God on the part of all men, and the right to form and propagate opinions in the sphere of religion without interference by the civil power.

Why?

- 1) **Galatians 5:1, 13**, “Stand fast therefore in the _____ by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage. . . For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.”
- 2) **Matt 22:17-21**, “Tell us, therefore, what do You think? Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not? But Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said, “Why do you test Me, you hypocrites? Show Me the tax money.” So, they brought Him a denarius. And He said to

them, “Whose image and inscription is this?” They said to Him, “Caesar's.” And He said to them, “Render therefore to Caesar the things that are _____, and to God the things that are _____.”

3) **1 Peter 2:13-15**, “Therefore _____ yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake, whether to the king as supreme, or to governors, as to those who are sent by him for the _____ of evildoers and for the _____ of those who do good. For this is the will of God, that by doing good you may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men”

4) **Romans 13:1-7**, “Let every soul be _____ to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God. Therefore, whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves. For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil. Do you want to be unafraid of the authority? Do what is good, and you will have praise from the same. For he is God's minister to you for good. But if you do evil, be afraid; for he does not bear the sword in vain; for he is God's minister, an avenger to execute wrath on him who practices evil. Therefore, you must be _____, not only because of wrath but also for conscience' sake. For because of this you also pay taxes, for they are God's ministers attending continually to this very thing. Render therefore to all their due: taxes to whom taxes are due, customs to whom customs, fear to whom fear, honor to whom honor.”

5) **Acts 4:19-20**, “But Peter and John answered and said to them, “Whether it is _____ in the sight of God to listen to _____ more than to _____, you judge. For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.””

6) **1 Timothy 2:1-2**, “Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for _____, for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a _____ and _____ life in all godliness and reverence.”

RSBC Prayer List

RSBC Missions & Ministries

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Youth Sunday

Church Family

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Jim Barrett
Russell Briggs
Jennifer Daniels
Keith Eitel
Carie Hedrick
Charlotte Moss
Brittney Price
Blake & Wendy Sauls
Jerry Temple
Amie Wrenn

Virginia Arnold
Gregory Bell
Polly Cheaves
Rita Daniels
Brian Hedrick
Tony Mitchell
Harold Murphy
Katherine Robbins
Katie Stanley
Kent Winstead

Other Concerns

Goga Abulashvili
Diane Arnold
Tucker Bell
Roy Brantley
Deb Chenault
Katerina De Oleo
Keith Edwards
Bill Jones
Dianne Loyd
Mike & Shelley Meadows
Steve Miller
Heather Minor
Melissa Oakley
Brent Pierce
Dennis Richardson
Randy & Becky Singleton
Larry Timberlake
Susie Wade
Gene Whaples
Ronnie Wrenn
Carol Zimmerman

Rebecca Anderson
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Phil Brantley
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Janet Dement
Pam Denning
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Midweek Bible Study

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