**God Bless America and**

**God Bless You If You Live for America?**

**I was very recently sent an article on America and how it has fallen, etc. in so many ways and the need to get back to the righteousness that America was so famous for – and thusly blessed by God.**

**My first impression was a good one, of course – but I got to thinking. Many years ago – and I mean many – I had heard about some teaching about America being the New Israel, etc. and this article perked a few of those past thoughts I had hiding in my mind. So, I thought now that my mind is totally settled on KJB and Paul – especially Paul ONLY – and with all the assurance and confidence – and ‘experience’ in the ministry over the years, let’s see if I can find anything on America’s Christianity.**

**Well la-dee-da, did I find out exactly what I was looking for. Honestly, I do believe, had I done this sort of research wayeee back in my early Baptist days, I just may have fallen for this stuff – because I certainly had already developed my doctrinal questions that, of course, the pastors weren’t answering for me. But their sermons still sounded fine – but ya know, I just never was totally satisfied – and just carried a distrust with me for years.**

**So, without me doing a lot of digging – and time wasted into the deep studies, etc. – and knowing the simplicity of a rightly divided KJB, I am now going to introduce the subject, expose it and then drop it.**

**“Why?, you ask? Because I figure that all this good talk and fair speeches about making America great again with President Trump – along with all the preachers and pastors talking about America and Christianity – and the progress that seemingly is appearing in the news (well, some of the news, anyway), you may find yourself unknowingly following or will soon follow this sort of modern ‘Christianity.’**

**I have lost readers back to their churches over the years – I have lost Paul people to the ‘Gracers’ pastors – I have lost people as they went back to the easier world of happiness and success… but I sure don’t want to lose any to this brand of ‘false Christianity’ in the name patriotism and an outward ‘love of God’ which is in reality, a way to help the devil reach a little higher and closer to being like the most High. (Isaiah 14:14)**

**By the way, when you have completed reading this and this ‘commentary study’ makes sense to you, then you will have deepened your understanding of the following:**

1. **Why following Paul makes even more sense to you now – to keep it simple and yet fully understandable.**
2. **I Corinthians 1:17 to 2:5 is so true about the so-called wisdom of men being the sort of wisdom that God will not use – yet he will use people like you and me to try to show others the bottom-line truth of the Scriptures and of the risen Saviour.**
3. **That following ‘*Paul Only’* is so simple and how we should be so thankful we don’t need to have all that ‘other’ education to know the truth. Remember what Paul says about these people - *Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.* II Timothy 3:7**
4. **Why Paul is so hated by the Great Commission pastors as much as they are, but yet, they won’t always preach hard ‘against’ Paul, even though they totally reject Paul’s doctrine. As a result of the soft deception, their people really have no clue about any of this stuff – and just simply accept their pastor’s rejection of Paul and blindly follow their pastor’s good words and fair speeches! To the people in the churches, it all sounds so ‘American’ and ‘Christian’.**
5. **Why the Great Commission is so important to the pastors and so powerful to them – yet, they only talk about the GC in general and don’t dare get into the Scriptural specifics, especially in a KJB (Such as ALL the chapters on the Great Commission to the end of Mark, etc.)**
6. **Why ‘*church going’* is so important to them and why the emphasis is so firm – along with their rejection of those who won’t play the modern ‘church game.’**
7. **Why the pastors appear to be so blind are yet so willing to allow music to do what it music is doing for their churches – getting the people to come.**
8. **Why *religion* is so important to the pastors, teachers, speakers, evangelists, etc. that promote this ‘religion’ of RECONSTRUCTION – it is a patriotic message of God Bless America and God bless you!**
9. **The truth regarding Israel – their purpose today – and the growing hatred towards them from all countries, including America’s own growing distrust and hatred – and how these reconstructionists are trying to** "bring in the kingdom of heaven" by evangelizing the world by winning the USA back to Christ, which they believe will bring in the kingdom of GOD.

**How can that be so wrong? Well, read on. This is another of my typically-simple response. Once I complete this, I will be done with it. Now I get it! It all just makes me stronger and firmer in my stand with my KJB and rightly dividing with Paul ONLY – and against what is ‘really’ going on in the local churches today as they sneak it all in under the name of patriotism and ‘loving God and America.’**

**The term that you need to be aware of is:**

**“RECONSTRUCTIONISM”**

**However, before we get started, take note there has to be a number of variations to be aware of (of course) which is common to man’s many attempts at wisdom and truth,**

**Reconstructionism may refer to any of the following:**

* [***Christian Reconstructionism***](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christian_Reconstructionism)**, a Calvinistic theological-political movement**
* [***Polytheistic Reconstructionism***](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Polytheistic_reconstructionism)***,* an approach to Neopaganism**
* [***Progressive Reconstructionism***](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Progressive_Reconstructionism)**, an interfaith community**
* [***Reconstructionist Judaism***](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Reconstructionist_Judaism)***,* a modern American-based Jewish movement**
* [***Hellenic Polytheistic Reconstructionism***](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hellenic_Polytheistic_Reconstructionism)**, a revival of ancient Greek religion**
* [***Zalmoxianism***](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Zalmoxianism)**, a rebirth of ancient Dacian religion**
* [***Christian libertarianism***](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christian_libertarianism)
* [***Christianism***](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christianism)
* [***Islamism***](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Islamism)
* [***Neo-Calvinism***](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Neo-Calvinism)

**Isn’t that just mind-boggling crazy? We have so many denominations, no many religions, so many ‘bibles,’ so many ‘religious’ books, so many ‘styles’ and ’genres’ of so-called Christian music, let alone all the popular genres of music as well, etc. We are again reminded that man, following his own educational paths and ways, is *Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.***

**Here ya go: (the following is an copy & pasted ‘revised’ internet researched definition and mini-teaching on reconstructionism, *with my comments (in blue) added!)* If you already have a strong grasp on your KJB rightly divided and looking to Paul only, then simply your reading of the following information will ‘enlighten’ you on the popular “Making America Great” concept and why it has such a strong following from ‘Christians’ today. *(I hope and think you realize that America is not going to be made great again, nor do the Scriptures direct that to happen… we are moving towards the end of the Philadelphian church age (if you even believe that one…) and are nearing the tribulation, etc.)***

**Here ya go:**

**Christian Reconstructionism is a**[**fundamentalist**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christian_fundamentalism)[**Calvinist**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Calvinist)**[theonomic](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Theonomic" \o "Theonomic) movement, founded by [Rousas Rushdoony](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rousas_Rushdoony" \o "Rousas Rushdoony), that has had an important influence on the**[**Christian Right**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christian_right)**in the**[**United States**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States)**.**

***Does that term ‘Christian Right’ ring a bell for you – ever heard that one before?***

**Reconstructionists advocate**[**theonomy**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Theonomy)**and the restoration of**[**certain biblical laws said to have continuing applicability**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christian_views_on_the_Old_Covenant)**.**

***So when we go to Paul Only – that totally negates that entire philosophy; and yet, we see why they would hate what Paul teaches as much as the Jews did in Paul’s time. They still think that the Great Commission, the Jewish teachings, etc. are still in effect today – and that was exactly what Paul’s biggest enemy was at first.***

**Christian Reconstructionists advocate a [theonomic](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Theonomic" \o "Theonomic) government and**[**libertarian**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Libertarian)**economic principles. They maintain a distinction of spheres of authority between family, church, and state.**

***That doesn’t sound so bad, right? I mean, family and church – then state… and that is the part that we, as the people, understand. But read on – it gets a little deeper and easier to expose for what it really is.***

**For example, the enforcement of moral sanctions under theonomy is carried out by the family and church government, and sanctions for moral offenses are outside the authority of civil government (which is limited to criminal matters, courts and national defense).**

***In other words, it is up to the family to discipline their own family members and it is up to the church to discipline its own denominational members – ever heard of ‘church discipline’? Then, the government only disciplines the citizens in certain laws and doesn’t belong in the home for anything that the family – or the church – is supposed to take care of.***

***I remember hearing about a Baptist Church in Kentucky, a Landmark church, I believe that followed this theonomic concept – Landmarkism, I think it is called. We also head in the news these past years in how the ‘Catholic Church’ was supposed to discipline its own priests for their perverted crimes, NOT the governments. Once again, we see where all this ‘religious baloney’ originates from – Catholicism, Jerome, Origin, etc. and ALL the modern Bibles come from this line – and talk about a wicked line!***

**However, these distinctions become blurred, as the application of theonomy typically increases the authority of the civil government.**

**Prominent advocates of Christian Reconstructionism have written that according to their understanding, God's law approves of the death penalty not only for**[**murder**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Murder)**, but also for propagators of all forms of**[**idolatry**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Idolatry)**, active homosexuals,**[**adulterers**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Adultery)**, practitioners of**[**witchcraft**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Witchcraft)**, and**[**blasphemers**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Blasphemy)**, and perhaps even recalcitrant youths (see the**[**capital crimes in the Bible**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_capital_crimes_in_the_Bible)**).**

Conversely, Christian Reconstructionism's founder, Rousas Rushdoony, wrote in “*The Institutes of Biblical Law*” (the founding document of reconstructionism) that Old Testament law should be applied to modern society and he advocates the reinstatement of the Mosaic law's penal sanctions. Under such a system, the list of civil crimes which carried a death sentence would include homosexuality, adultery, incest, lying about one's virginity, bestiality, witchcraft, idolatry or apostasy, public blasphemy, false prophesying, kidnapping, rape, and bearing false witness in a capital case.

**They point out that the Bible advocates justice, and that biblical punishments prescribed for crimes are the maximum allowable to maintain justice and not the only available option, because lesser punishments are authorized as well.**

**Views on pluralism:**

***Have you heard forms of the word ‘pluralism’ in the news since the election?***

[**Rousas Rushdoony**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rousas_Rushdoony)**wrote in his magnum opus, “**[***The Institutes of Biblical Law***](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Institutes_of_Biblical_Law)***”*: 1) *"The heresy of democracy has since [the days of colonial New England] worked havoc in church and state"*and *2) "Christianity and democracy are inevitably enemies",* and he said elsewhere that *3) "Christianity is completely and radically anti-democratic; it is committed to spiritual aristocracy,"* and *4) characterized democracy as ‘the great love of the failures and cowards of life’.”***

**He nevertheless repeatedly expressed his opposition to any sort of violent revolution and advocated instead the gradual reformation (often termed "regeneration" in his writings) of society from the bottom up, beginning with the individual and the family and from there gradually reforming other spheres of authority, including the church and the state.**

***No wonder their preaching is so ‘hard’ – no wonder they push so hard for revival. No wonder there is such revival history in early America with the likes of Jonathan Edwards and Charles Finney, etc. And no wonder the bible warns us about those pastor’s good words and fair speeches. Study up on the Second Great Awakening – how it changed things ‘for awhile!” But it didn’t last, did it!***

**Rushdoony believed that a**[**republic**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Republic)**is a better form of civil government than a democracy. *For the republic for which it stands…***

**According to Rushdoony, a republic avoided mob rule and the rule of the "51%" of society; in other words ‘*might does not make right’* in a republic.**

***“Might does make right” is certainly trying to rule our society since this last election, eh!***

**Rushdoony wrote that America's separation of powers between 3 branches of government is a far more neutral and better method of civil government than a direct democracy, stating "*The American Constitution was designed to perpetuate a Christian order".***

***But we also know the Constitution is a hated document by a majority of Americans these days – and we also then understand why they create the conflict of separation of church and state so much.***

**Rushdoony argues that the Constitution's purpose was to protect religion from the federal government and to preserve ‘states' rights.’**

***Well, we know that to be true but we also see the argument against it becoming stronger and stronger. It is a lot like this problem: Let me ask, “Why do we fight for the Ten Commandments in public places, etc. when we know the risen Saviour has knocked one out, so we only have the Nine Commandments.” As a result, as a Christian following the risen Saviour, we are told to follow Paul’s Nine Commandments to the Gentiles, not the Ten Commandments given to the Jews. (and were NOT ever given to the heathen Gentile at that time.)***

**Influence on the Christian Right in general**

**Although relatively insignificant in terms of the number of self-described adherents, Christian Reconstructionism has played a role in promoting the trend toward explicitly Christian politics in the larger U.S.**[**Christian Right**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christian_right)**.**

**This is the wider trend to which some critics refer, generally, as Dominionism. They also allegedly have influence disproportionate to their numbers among advocates of the growth of the Christian**[**homeschooling**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Homeschooling)**and other Christian education movements that seek independence from the direct oversight or support of the civil government. Because their numbers are so small compared to their influence, they are sometimes accused of being secretive and conspiratorial. *(been there, done that, know that from personal and family battles)***

**In**[**Matthew 28:18**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=matthew+28%3A18&version=KJV)**, Jesus says, "*…all power is given unto me in heaven and in earth."* This verse is seen as an announcement by Jesus that he has assumed authority over all earthly authority. In that light, some theologians interpret the**[**Great Commission**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Great_Commission)**as a command to exercise that authority in his name, bringing all things (including societies and cultures) into subjection under his commands. [Rousas Rushdoony](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rousas_Rushdoony" \o "Rousas Rushdoony), for example, interpreted the Great Commission as a republication (return to) of the ‘creation mandate’, referring to**[**Genesis 1:28**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=genesis+1%3A28&version=KJV) **- *…be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.***

***There ya have it, folks. There is why the pastors will fight ‘tooth and nail’ for that Great Commission – AND why they hate rightly dividing through Paul so much! To them, the Great Commission is to rule everyone everywhere in America!***

**For Rushdoony, the idea of dominion implied a form of Christian**[**theocracy**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Theocracy)**or, more accurately, a**[**theonomy**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Theonomy)**. For example, he wrote that:**

***“The purpose of Christ's coming was in terms of the creation mandate… The redeemed are called to the original purpose of man, to exercise dominion under God, to be covenant-keepers, and to fulfil* "*the righteousness of the law*" (Romans 8:4)… *Man is summoned to create the society God requires.”***

***Whooeeee – do you see that? Do you ‘get it’ yet? Is the light bulb coming on even brighter?***

**Elsewhere he wrote:**

***“The man who is being progressively sanctified will inescapably sanctify his home, school, politics, economics, science, and all things else by understanding and interpreting all things in terms of the word of God.”***

***I wonder if this isn’t why Paul said what he said in* Galatians *O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you? This only would I learn of you, Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh?***

**According to sociologist and professor of religion William Martin, author of “*With God on Our Side*”: “*It is difficult to assess the influence of Reconstructionist thought with any accuracy. Because it is so genuinely radical, most leaders of the Religious Right are careful to distance themselves from it. At the same time, it clearly holds some appeal for many of them. One undoubtedly spoke for others when he confessed, 'Though we hide their books under the bed, we read them just the same.'***

***Ever talked with a pastor about this stuff? They will give you more ‘hee-haw- than the TV program Hee-Haw!***

***More ammo ‘against’ those loving friendly huggy pastors who support that Great Commission and the gospels, etc.***

***Now, here are just a few names I know you have heard of:***

**In addition, several key leaders have acknowledged an intellectual debt to the theonomists. Jerry Falwell and D. James Kennedy have endorsed Reconstructionist books. Rushdoony has appeared on Kennedy's television program and the 700 Club several times. Pat Robertson makes frequent use of 'dominion' language; his book, “*The Secret Kingdom*,” has often been cited for its theonomy elements; and pluralists were made uncomfortable when, during his presidential campaign, he said he *'would only bring Christians and Jews into the government*,' as well as when he later wrote, *'There will never be world peace until God's house and God's people are given their rightful place of leadership at the top of the world*.' And Jay Grimstead, who leads the Coalition on Revival, which brings Reconstructionists together with more mainstream evangelicals, has said, *'I don't call myself [a Reconstructionist], but a lot of us are coming to realize that the Bible is God's standard of morality … in all points of history … and for all societies, Christian and non-Christian alike…* He added, *'There are a lot of us floating around in Christian leadership—James Kennedy is one of them—who don't go all the way with the theonomy thing, but who want to rebuild America based on the Bible*.'**

**According to the Reformed theocrats apparently… the only satisfactory goal is that America become a Christian nation.**

***There ya have it, folks. I may find more stuff on this, but honestly, I would rather put my efforts in learning more from Paul and the risen Saviour Jesus Christ.***

***I will continue to preach even harder now and teach against the Great Commission and the pastors and churches that support that false doctrine; I will continue to preach and teach against attending a church that doesn’t preach and teach Paul and the risen Saviour.***

***We must all take Paul’s warning seriously:* *For there are many unruly and vain talkers and deceivers, specially they of the circumcision: Whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole houses, teaching things which they ought not, for filthy lucre's sake. One of themselves, even a prophet of their own, said, The Cretians are alway liars, evil beasts, slow bellies. This witness is true. Wherefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith; Not giving heed to Jewish fables, and commandments of men, that turn from the truth. Unto the pure all things are pure: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled. They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate.* Titus 1:10-16**

***I also think we can more thoroughly understand this verse, as well.*  *No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.* I Timothy 2:4**

***I wonder what kind of response, if any, I will get from this commentary now?***

***Will the ‘numbers’ of go down again and prove once again that gain is not godliness but godliness with contentment is great gain*. I Timothy 6:5,6.**

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