

# ***Has The Constitution Failed? – Part 2***

## ***The Deeper Question***

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Shortly after I had completed the initial commentary whereby I did pose the question: “*Has The Constitution Failed?*” I had the pleasure to be in attendance at a *Gospel Meeting* where David Hicks spoke for several days about the importance of *The Church*. That is, according to the Bible - *The Body of Christ*.

The Bible says that Christ’s body, the Church; is made-up of individual Christians/Saints and that the Christian is to be willing, able and capable of doing, the “*Good Works*” we are called to do.

***Ephesians 2:8-10*** “***For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—<sup>9</sup>not by works, so that no one can boast. <sup>10</sup>For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.***”

As I had alluded to in the initial commentary; “*Has the Constitution Failed?*” the Founding Fathers understood that a *Republican* form of government had never been successful in the long-term. Also important to note, there had never been a, *Christian Nation*. It was never the intention of our Founding Fathers to establish a *Theocracy*; and they did not. However, America was the first nation which was comprised of *politically-free* Christians.

It is not incidental that when speaking of their allegiance, our Founding Fathers cited: “*God and Country,*” – in that order – because they knew that their first duty was of a *Spiritual Nature* to their Creator and then to the obligation and duty to serve, exercise and exploit, the liberty and freedom delivered to them via the, *certain unalienable Rights*, endowed to them by God.

### ***Declaration of Independence***

*The Unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united\* States of America. July 4, 1776*

*When, in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the Political Bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the Powers of the Earth, the separate and equal Station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent Respect to the Opinions of*

*Mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the Separation.*

*We hold these Truths to be self-evident, that all Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness -- That to secure these Rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just Powers from the Consent of the Governed, that whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive to these Ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its Foundation on such Principles and organizing its Powers in such Form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient Causes; and accordingly all Experience hath shown that Mankind are more disposed to suffer, while Evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the Forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long Train of Abuses and Usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object, evinces a Design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their Right, it is their Duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future Security. Such has been the patient Sufferance of these Colonies; and such is now the Necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government. The History of the present King of Great-Britain is a History of repeated Injuries and Usurpations, all having in direct Object the Establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States. To prove this, let Facts be submitted to a candid World.*

We can know today what our Founding Fathers thought, by what they wrote in documents such as the *Declaration of Independence*.

The source of what they believed and what they cited as their authority to make this political separation from King George III was God and the Laws of God. To them, *[these] Truths were self-evident*. They needed no explanation or justification in the contemporary world that they lived in. (Obviously, not an assumption which could be made today.)

They also believed that it was not just *their Right*, but it was indeed, *their Duty* – to exercise those, unalienable Rights which were endowed to them by God! They understood that, “*Every Deed*” – to include the use of their “*unalienable Rights*” - was going to be judged by the God who had given them!

**Ecclesiastes 12:13-14** “Now all has been heard;  
here is the conclusion of the matter:  
Fear God and keep his commandments,  
for this is the whole duty of man.

**14** For God will bring every deed into judgment,  
including every hidden thing,  
whether it is good or evil.”

This brings me now, to the [**Deeper Question**]!

This website: “*Freedumb In America Today; and the Christian’s Duty*” was prompted primarily by the notion that there was a wide-spread ignorance-at-large – particularly among the greater, *Christian Community-at-large*” regarding the **true** history and Christian heritage of America. A truth which in recent years has been hijacked by *liberal-left history-revisionist statist*s - enemies of America and God!

As I have said, initially, it was my hope to help dispel the lies of the liberal-left revisionists and shine a light on the truth of America’s true history and Christian heritage with the hope that America could once again become the “*Lighted City upon the Hill,*” and a glory to God.

I have felt for quite a few years now – and my brother David Hicks has now most recently confirmed for me – it is not the American Christian’s ignorance of their American History which has been the cause of the demise of the “*Godly Goodness*” of America - it is the failure of the individual who claims Christianity - to actually be a *good* Biblical Christian - that has delivered us to this condition and has jeopardized the future of the *Church* and a good and godly *Christian America*.

Just as we can surmise that it is not the *quality* of our Constitution which is in question; it is also not the *quality* of God’s design for Christ’s Church which should be questioned. The sad commonality here is that both suffer today because of the *People* who tend to either one.

**Hebrews 12:28-29** “*Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, <sup>29</sup>for our "God is a consuming fire."*”

It would seem that *today’s* Christian thinks that they are doing God a big ole’ favor by just showing-up for worship-service, and if they should decide to make some changes here and there - contrary to what the Bible says regarding Christ’s Body, well, God will not mind.

**1 Corinthians 7:1** “*Since we have these promises, dear friends, let us purify ourselves from everything that contaminates body and spirit, perfecting holiness out of reverence for God.*”

Starting with each individual Christian, which all together comprise the *Body of Christ*, how can “*Holiness be perfected*” and how can “*we*” begin to suppose that there is a spirit of “*reverence*” and “*awe*” toward God, if certain and fundamental commands regarding the very leadership of Christ’s Body are not strictly adhered to?

**1 Corinthians 1:10** “*I appeal to you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another so that there may be no divisions among you and that you may be perfectly united in mind and thought.*”

For example; if in a congregation there are no “*Elders*” or “*Deacons*” appointed to fulfill the command of God regarding “*Leadership*,” and some members believe that there must be elders and some do not – “*Is that Unity?*”

In the aforementioned scenario – *two commands* have been broken: “*Un-Scriptural Leadership*” and “*No Unity!*”

Some may then argue that members disagree on *how* to interpret or correctly understand the “*qualifications*” for a man to be an elder. Is this then not an issue subject to the command to reach unity?

How much “*Reverence*” do you feel toward God today? My impression is that for most of Christianity in America today God is viewed as man’s *Pal*; sort of like some sort of *Spiritual Santa Clause* rather than the God of Creation – the One True Living God! Where is the “*Awe?*”

I personally am aware of a well-experienced preacher who – from the pulpit – many times expressed: ...”***I, we, are here to get to heaven.***”  
Forgive me but I cannot agree with that statement personally and I cannot believe that that is the premise which God would desire as our motivation either!

As an adult I became a Christian. I read God’s Word and I fell in love with His ***absolute nature*** and His ***loving character!*** I continue to read God’s Word and serve and worship God because I love Him – not because I want blessings on this earth or to ***get*** to heaven!

**Ephesians 4:1-6** “*As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. <sup>2</sup>Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. <sup>3</sup>Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup>There*

***is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to one hope when you were called—one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.***

There must be a unity in the understanding of God's Truth (Singular!) by the members of the Body! How can it possibly be otherwise – and also be acceptable before God?

There must be a “**Restoration**” (not a *Reformation*) of the First Century Church - as established by the Apostles.

It has become too easy for Satan to disrupt the *Good Works* of the American Christian (which is a Christian's DUTY) with all of the differing perspectives on the one aspect of the Christian's life where there should be **NO** differences or divisions: **Christ's Body** and **God's Truth!**

Conclusion: Before the *Constitution*, or our, *Executive, Legislative* or, *Judicial*, branches of government will ever work again – the professed American Christian citizen must first fulfill his first Duty to God.

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***<sup>14</sup> For God will bring every deed into judgment, including every hidden thing, whether it is good or evil.***”

...”*Every deed*” means *spiritual* and *secular*!

Is an indictment and condemnation of the entire “*Christian Community-at-large*” too broad; too all-encompassing and unfair?

Well, if 93% of the population professes to be Christian, that quite necessarily means that a substantial number of those professing to be Christian voted for President Obama and the evil he represents. Furthermore, with that kind of majority, how is it that the American Christian did not stop the advancement of making the murder of innocent life legal?

***Romans 1:32*** “***Although they know God's righteous decree that those who do such things deserve death, they not only continue to do these very things but also approve of those who practice them.***”

When the American Christian stands before God – how will he answer the question of “*How*” enemies of God were ushered into political and economic power, with a majority of Americans professing to “be” Christian – except that the above-listed scripture will become their condemnation?

How can it be that in just over 200 years since the founding of this nation; a nation who’s Founders cited the Living God of the Bible as the very source and authority of their ***Rights*** and basis for our laws, that Americans can no longer (noting that we could and did!) “Pray to God at *public* events;” “Display the ‘*Ten Commandments*’ in a public school and acknowledge that this nation was indeed, “*Founded Under God?*”

If you did not vote for evil; ...did you vote against evil?

***“For God will bring every deed into judgment, including every hidden thing, whether it is good or evil.”***

As an American Christian in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century – are you *really* “ignorant” about what is happening here in America? There were those in the Apostle Paul’s day who also thought that a *professed* or *pretended* “ignorance” might be an acceptable excuse before God:

### ***Romans 1***

***1Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God— 2the gospel he promised beforehand through his prophets in the Holy Scriptures 3regarding his Son, who as to his human nature was a descendant of David, 4and who through the Spirit<sup>[a]</sup> of holiness was declared with power to be the Son of God<sup>[b]</sup> by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord. 5Through him and for his name's sake, we received grace and apostleship to call people from among all the Gentiles to the obedience that comes from faith. 6And you also are among those who are called to belong to Jesus Christ.***

***7To all in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints:  
Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.***

***8First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is being reported all over the world. 9God, whom I serve with my whole heart in preaching the gospel of his Son, is my witness how constantly I remember you 10in my prayers at all times; and I pray that now at last by God's will the way may be opened for me to come to you.***

**<sup>11</sup>I long to see you so that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to make you strong— <sup>12</sup>that is, that you and I may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith. <sup>13</sup>I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that I planned many times to come to you (but have been prevented from doing so until now) in order that I might have a harvest among you, just as I have had among the other Gentiles.**

**<sup>14</sup>I am obligated both to Greeks and non-Greeks, both to the wise and the foolish. <sup>15</sup>That is why I am so eager to preach the gospel also to you who are at Rome.**

**<sup>16</sup>I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile. <sup>17</sup>For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last,<sup>[c]</sup> just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith."<sup>[d]</sup>**

**<sup>18</sup>The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness, <sup>19</sup>since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. <sup>20</sup>For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse.**

**<sup>21</sup>For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. <sup>22</sup>Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools <sup>23</sup>and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like mortal man and birds and animals and reptiles.**

**<sup>24</sup>Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another. <sup>25</sup>They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator—who is forever praised. Amen.**

**<sup>26</sup>Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural relations for unnatural ones. <sup>27</sup>In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed indecent acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their perversion.**

**<sup>28</sup>Furthermore, since they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, he gave them over to a depraved mind, to do what**

**ought not to be done. <sup>29</sup>They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and depravity. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and malice. They are gossips, <sup>30</sup>slanderers, God-haters, insolent, arrogant and boastful; they invent ways of doing evil; they disobey their parents; <sup>31</sup>they are senseless, faithless, heartless, ruthless. <sup>32</sup>Although they know God's righteous decree that those who do such things deserve death, they not only continue to do these very things but also approve of those who practice them.**

How many Americans could be inserted into the context of Romans chapter one today? How many think that they will be accepted by God – because they may not have actively *worked toward sin* - but unfortunately have also not used their Liberty and Freedom (as endowed to them by God) as American citizens to resist and fight evil?

Could this be the reason we (America) is in the declining moral, political and economic-state that we are?

Is it because our Constitution has failed the people of America – or, could it be that the people of America have failed our Constitution?

We can read in Corinthians that the Apostle Paul had to correct the church at Corinth in an attempt to *restore* them to the Gospel which they had initially confessed. Prior to becoming Christians they were either Jews or Pagans. In just a few short years, some of their previously acceptable *life-choices* were creeping back into their lives – even as *new* Christians. Yet, Paul determined to restore the Church at Corinth! How much more easily should it be for *us* today to restore *Christians* to true accurate scriptural *Christianity*?

Did the Gospel fail? Was God's Word faulty? No. Man failed to maintain that which they had confessed to be true and they began to change. God's Word did not change.

**1 John 5:3-4 “This is love for God: to obey his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, <sup>4</sup>for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith.”**

**2 John 1:8-11 “Watch out that you do not lose what you have worked for, but that you may be rewarded fully. <sup>9</sup>Anyone who runs ahead and does not continue in the teaching of Christ does not have God; whoever continues in the teaching has both the Father and the Son. <sup>10</sup>If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not**

**take him into your house or welcome him. “Anyone who welcomes him shares in his wicked work.”**

...”**“Anyone who runs ahead,”** The Gnostics of John’s day believed that they had an additional knowledge – a knowledge which exceeded the Gospel of Christ. So they had no problem *adding-to* God’s Truth. Many who profess Christianity today also believe that they can serve God according to *their* own preference.

God’s commands are Perfect! They are, Complete! To add to them or, to not obey them – places one out of obedience with God!

We know from scripture that we can **know** God and we can **love** God – **IF** – we obey His commands. How *much* of God’s commands must we obey? Answer: **All!**

Is there really anyone who desires to be a Christian that does not also want to *know* God and to *love* God and to have God *love* them in return? Then scripture says that you **must** obey His commands.

Does that mean that once we are Christians are perfect and will no longer sin?  
Answer: No.

**1 John 3:4-10** “**Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup>But you know that he appeared so that he might take away our sins. And in him is no sin. <sup>6</sup>No one who lives in him keeps on sinning. No one who continues to sin has either seen him or known him.**

**<sup>7</sup>Dear children, do not let anyone lead you astray. He who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous. <sup>8</sup>He who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work. <sup>9</sup>No one who is born of God will continue to sin, because God's seed remains in him; he cannot go on sinning, because he has been born of God. <sup>10</sup>This is how we know who the children of God are and who the children of the devil are: Anyone who does not do what is right is not a child of God; nor is anyone who does not love his brother.**”

Are “you” a *child of God*? If you are a child of God, does that mean that you never sin? Answer: No. The distinction for the child of God is that *he* does not “*practice*” sin. That is, A Christian will sin, but not continue in that sin. A Christian will ask forgiveness, repent - stop the sin and turn-back toward God. He will not desire to continue in that sin and will deeply regret if the sin should reoccur. (If one does not *regret* the sin – then he *is* sinning.)

When you no longer regret your sin and become comfortable in sin – you will be *practicing* sin – you will not have sinned – you will be, *sinning* – an *on-going practice* -with no regrets and no repentance.

Before the Republic of America can be restored – the people of America must be restored! With the incredible level of individual freedom afforded via our “*Constitutional Representative Republican*” form of government – it truly is, as John Adams said: “...***only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other.***”

November, 2010 is nearing – what can the Christian do to glorify God in his own individual service and **Duty** to God? Answer: **VOTE!**

***Voting – According to Noah Webster:***

***“When you become entitled to exercise the right of voting for public officers, let it be impressed on your mind that God commands you to choose for rulers, ‘just men who will rule in the fear of God.’ The preservation of [our] government depends on the faithful discharge of this Duty; if the citizens neglect their Duty and place unprincipled men in office, the government will soon be corrupted; laws will be made, not for the public good so much as for selfish or local purposes; corrupt or incompetent men will be appointed to execute the Laws; the public revenues will be squandered on unworthy men; and the rights of the citizen will be violated or disregarded. If [our] government fails to secure public prosperity and happiness, it must be because the citizens neglect the Divine Commands, and elect bad men to make and administer the Laws.***

***In selecting men for office, let principle be your guide. Regard not the particular sect or denomination of the candidate -- look at his character. It is alleged by men of loose principles, or defective views of the subject, that religion and morality are not necessary or important qualifications for political stations. But the scriptures teach a different doctrine. They direct that rulers should be men who rule in the fear of God, men of truth, hating covetousness. It is to the neglect of this rule that we must ascribe the multiplied frauds, breaches of trust, speculations and embezzlements of public property which astonish even ourselves; which tarnish the character of our country and which disgrace our government. When a citizen gives his vote to a man of known immorality, he abuses his civic responsibility; he not only sacrifices his own responsibility; he sacrifices not only his own interest, but that of his neighbor; he betrays the interest of his country.***

Does it seem as though any of those cautions which our Founding Father, Noah Webster, had issued then may still have an important relevance for America today?

The Bible tells us that we **can know** our spiritual condition by the evidence of our fruits! What can we **know** then about a contemporary America – based upon our current spiritual, moral, economic and political state?

America does not look to me to be representative of a good and godly Christian people! I am more inclined to see **rotten fruit!**

***Restore the Church – Restore the Christian –  
and Restore America!***