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Every year, many celebrate Halloween. Why don't we take the time to celebrate the Protestant Reformation? After all, 10/31/1517, the 95 Thesis were nailed by Luther. Did you know the Reformation almost failed 30 years later, but a little town of Magdeburg instituted the Doctrine of Lesser Magistrates.... the lower magistrates told the higher magistrates they were in the wrong and the lower magistrates stood their ground! Once again history proves "Rebellion to Tyrants is Obedience to God".

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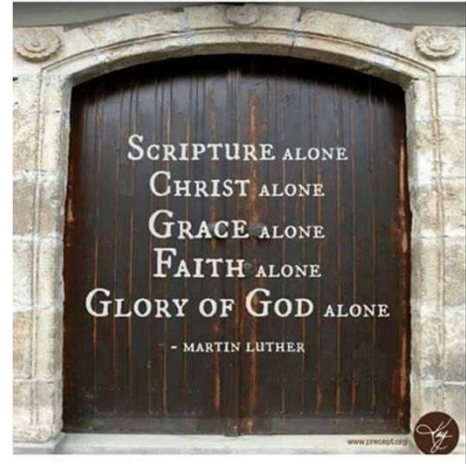
BEHOLD THE
PROUD, HIS SOUL
IS NOT UPRIGHT IN
HIM; BUT THE
JUST SHALL LIVE
BY HIS FAITH.

HABAKKUK 2:4

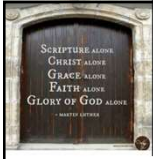
For in the gospel
the righteousness of God is revealed
—a righteousness that is by faith
from first to last, just as it is written:
"The righteous will live by faith."

Romans 1:17

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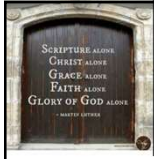
THE PROTESTANT REFORMATION

- 1381: SEEDS OF THE REFORMATION WERE PLANTED BY JOHN WYCLIFFE. HE TRANSLATED THE BIBLE FROM LATIN TO ENGLISH
- 1436: GUTENBERG PRINTING PRESS INVENTED WHICH WOULD GET THE BIBLE IN THE HANDS OF THE PEOPLE, WHICH WOULD SET THE REFORMATION ABLAZE.
- 1492-COLUMBUS SAILS THE OCEAN BLUE
- 1517: LUTHER POSTS HIS 95 THESIS
- 1525: TYNDALE TRANSLATED THE NEW TESTAMENT FROM GERMAN TO THE ENGLISH OF HIS DAY
- 1538 – 1541: KING HENRY THE VIII DISTRIBUTES THE BIBLE AND AT THE SAME TIME LUTHER, CALVIN ZWINGLI AND OTHERS ARE COMING TO THE RISE. WITH THEIR RISE, THEY EXPLAIN IT IS OKAY TO RESIST TYRANNY, WHICH PLANTED THE SEEDS FOR THE PILGRIMS. THE PILGRIMS WERE KNOWN AS THE SEPARATISTS.



THE PROTESTANT REFORMATION

- 1550: THE MAGDEBURG CONFESSION OCCURS – THE FIRST TIME IN WORLD HISTORY WE SEE THE DOCTRINE OF LESSER MAGISTRATES.
- 1599: GENEVA BIBLE IS CREATED
- 1603: KING JAMES TAKES THE THRONE AND WANTS TO KILL PEOPLE AND THE PILGRIMS FLEE TO HOLLAND
- 1611: KJV BIBLE IS CREATED
- 1620: PILGRIMS (SEPARATISTS) LAND WITH THEIR OWN BIBLE (THE GENEVA BIBLE)
- 1630: PURITANS ARRIVE IN AMERICA
- I WOULD RECOMMEND THE MOVIE “MONUMENTAL” BY KIRK CAMERON AS HE BREAKS DOWN THE PASTORS OF PILGRIMS



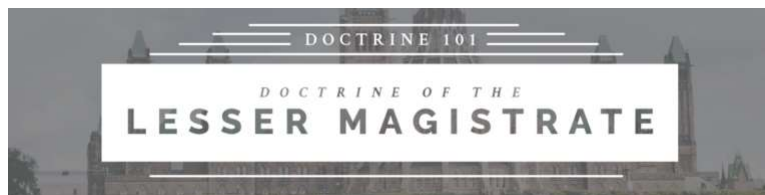
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-1703- THE FAMOUS JONATHAN EDWARDS IS BORN

-1741- THE FAMOUS SERMON TO START THE FIRST GREAT AWAKENING “THE SINNER IN THE HAND’S OF AN ANGRY GOD” IS PREACHED BY JONATHAN EDWARDS. *OTHER GREAT PASTORS TO LOOK UP: JOHN ROBINSON, THOMAS HOOKER, PASTOR JONATHAN MAYHEW, WHITEFIELD, FREDERICK DOUGLASS, JOHN WISE, JONAS CLARK, MUHLENBERG BROTHERS.*

-1770’S BOSTON MASSACRE HAPPENS (SOME HISTORIANS POINT TO THIS BEING THE START OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUIONARY WAR), INDEPENDENCE DAY, CONSTITUITON RATIFIED, BILL OF RIGHTS RATIFIED, THE FIRST WAR ON TERROR HAPPENING – TRIPOLI (1805)

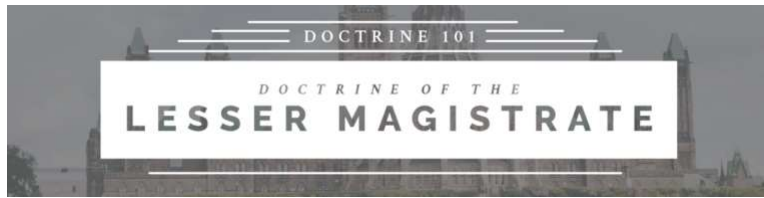
-THE SEEDS THE PILGRIMS PLANTED WOULD CONTINUE ON AS IN 1806, THE HAYSTACK PRAYER MEETING WOULD OCCUR, WHICH WAS THE BEGINNING OF THE MODERN MISSIONARY MOVEMENT IN AMERICA.



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Many Americans seem to know that America's founders gave us three boxes through which we can resist tyranny, namely - the ballot box, the jury box, and the cartridge box. But a lesser-known tool which the founders themselves employed is the lesser-magistrate doctrine.

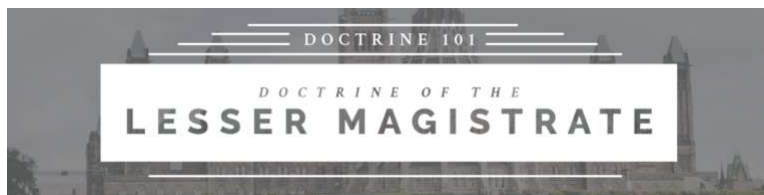
Simply put, the lesser-magistrate doctrine declares that - when a magistrate, who is lower in authority than another higher authority, opposes and/or resists the unjust orders or laws of the higher authority, he is justified in doing so and his actions are morally right, proper, and legitimate (emphasis supplied).



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For example, if Congress or the President makes an unjust or immoral edict, a state legislature or the governor could stand in defiance of their unjust edict and refuse to obey or implement it. They could in fact actively oppose it. Or for that matter, a city council or mayor could act in defiance or opposition of an unjust edict by a higher authority.

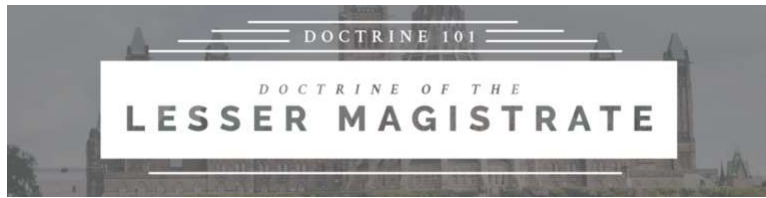
The lesser-magistrate doctrine became important to Christian men during the Reformation, though it had been spoken of and practiced prior to that by Christians. For example, the Magna Carta was written by a group of barons (lesser-magistrates) who had the tyrant King John of England sign it in the year 1215 at Runnymede, which is located southwest of London



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This great document which stands in defiance of tyranny and oppression by making clear that the State has limitations and that all are subject to the law – people and state officials alike - was penned by Christian men.

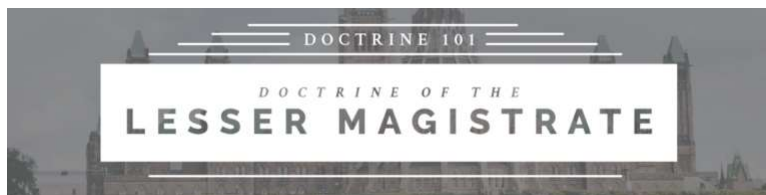
Calvin spoke of the lesser-magistrate doctrine in his Institutes of the Christian Religion. Amazingly, he did not appeal to Scripture in his support of it, rather he appealed to pagan historical examples. But other Reformers did give a Scriptural foundation to the doctrine.



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John Knox for example, in his Appellation written to the nobles of Scotland in 1558, cites many passages to support the doctrine. Knox wrote his appellation (appeal) to the nobles because the Roman church had condemned him and burned him in effigy. He wrote to declare to the nobles, as lesser-magistrates, their responsibility in protecting the innocent and opposing those who had made unjust decrees.

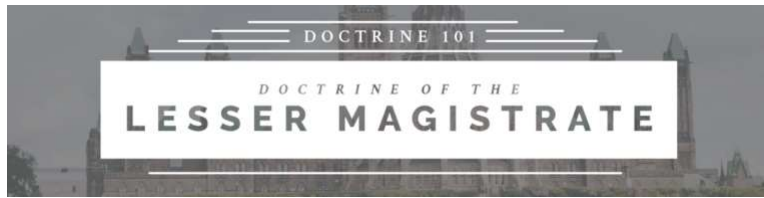
Knox makes it clear that it is the duty of lesser-magistrates to resist the tyranny of chief magistrates when the chief magistrate exceeds his God-given authority or actually makes declarations which are in rebellion to the law of God. (emphasis supplied).



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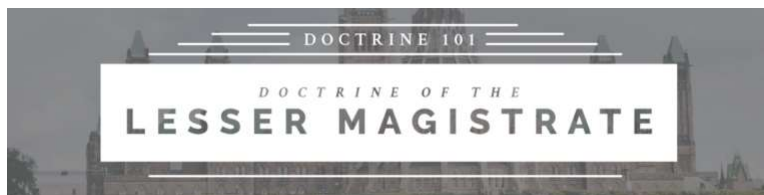
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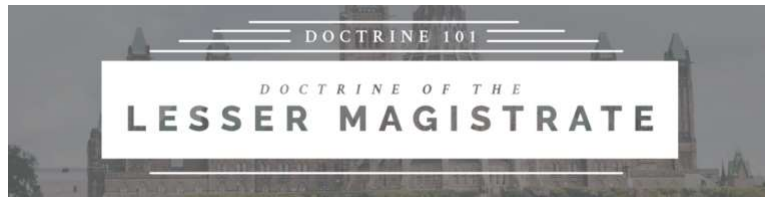
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If ever this nation needs to understand the lesser-magistrate doctrine, it is now. Immoral and unjust edicts are commonplace. The preborn are being murdered, and sodomy is being proliferated.

The assault upon our freedom and liberties is a daily undertaking by those in high office. The attacks upon the law of God are ferocious and relentless. In our nation today, the State has declared good to be evil and evil to be good. The lesser-magistrate has a duty before God to uphold the good regardless of the new definitions created by the State. (Emphasis supplied.)

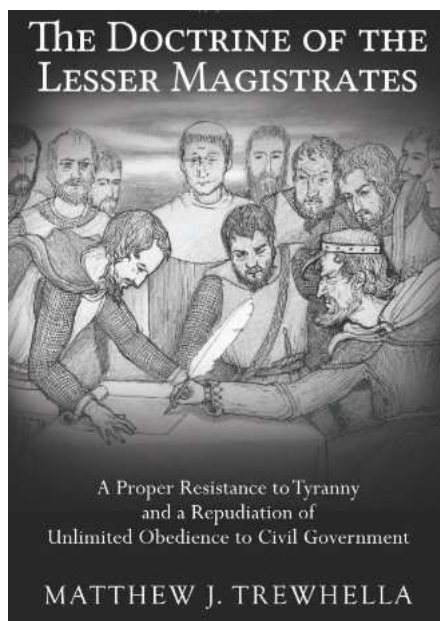


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We must remember that all authority is delegated. No man who holds State office rules autonomously. The authority he has is delegated to him by God. Hence, all those in positions of authority stand accountable to God. This is why the practice of the church historically has been – when the State commands that which God forbids or forbids that which God commands, we have a duty to obey God rather than man. The Bible clearly teaches this principle.

The lesser-magistrate is to apply this principle to his office as magistrate. When an unjust edict is made by a higher authority, the lesser-magistrate must choose to either join the higher magistrate in his rebellion against God, or stand with God in opposition to the unjust edict.

As our nation sinks more and more into rebellion and depravity, the lesser-magistrate doctrine needs to be taught more than ever. May the Lord grant us the strength and favor to do so.



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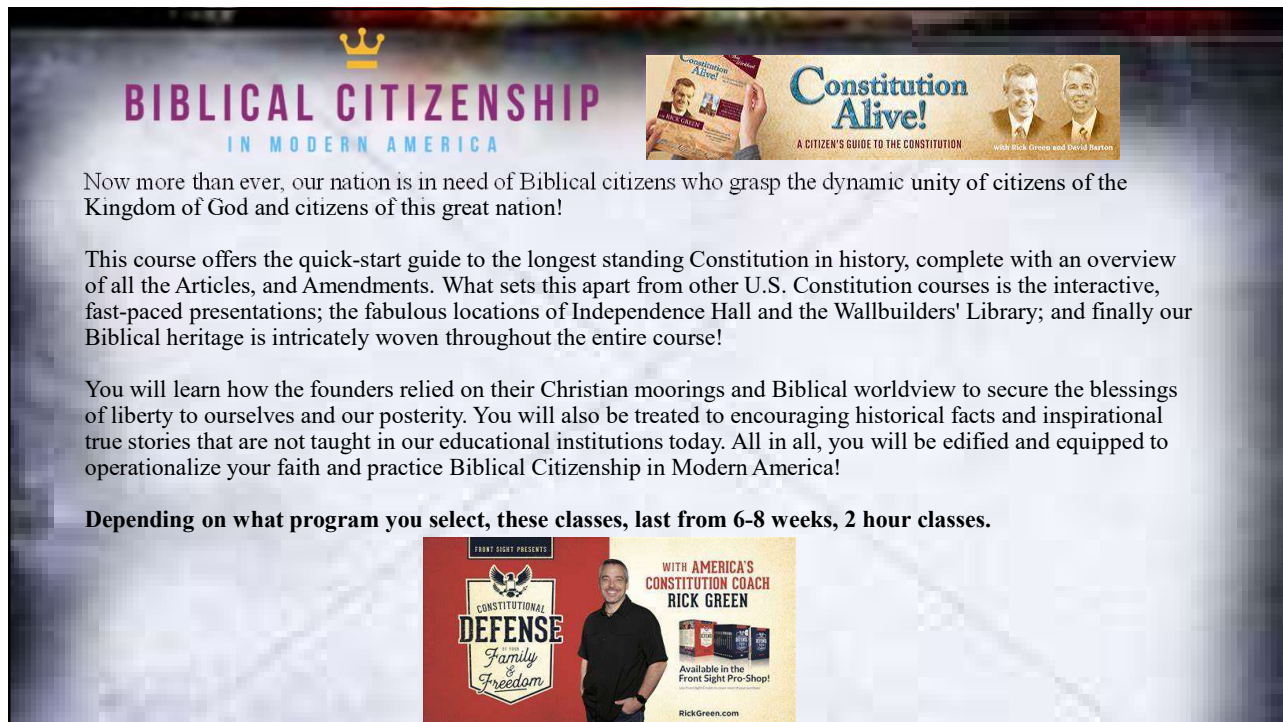
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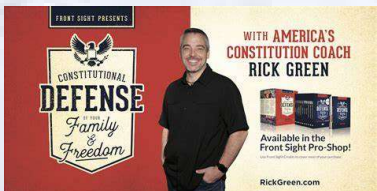
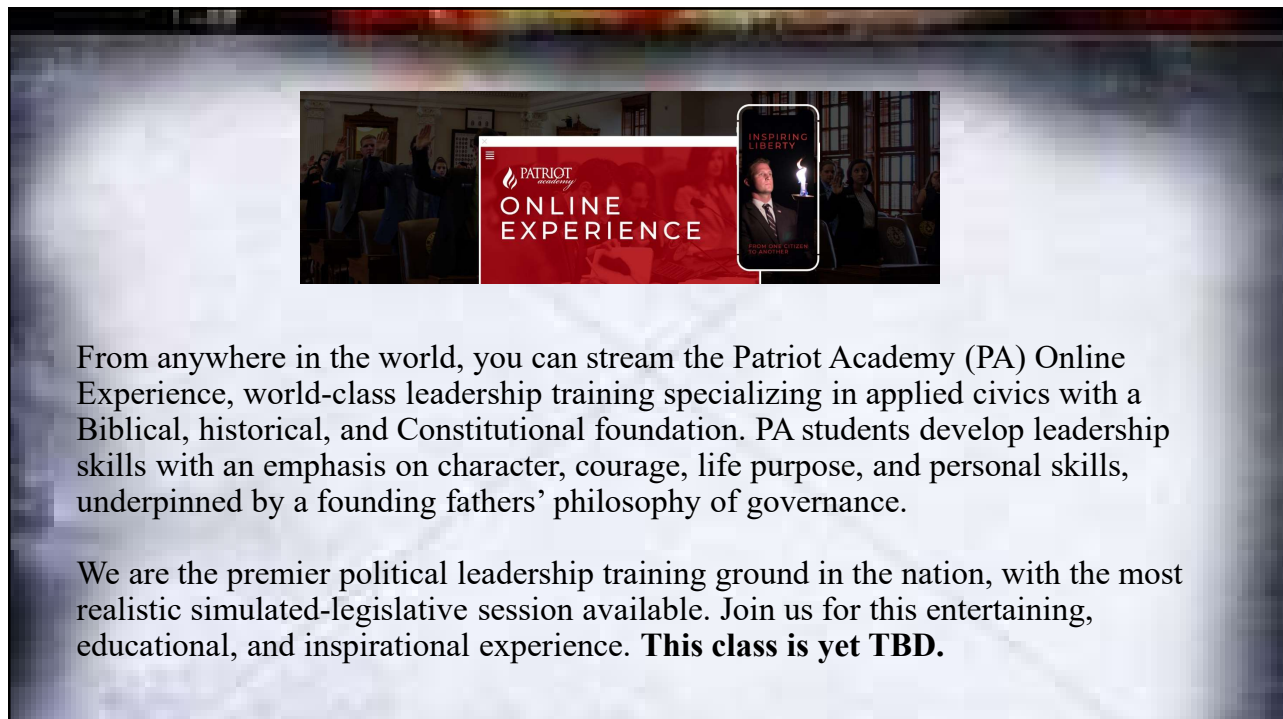
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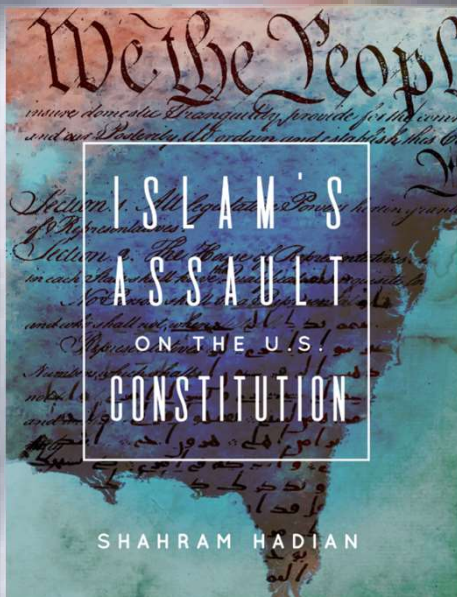
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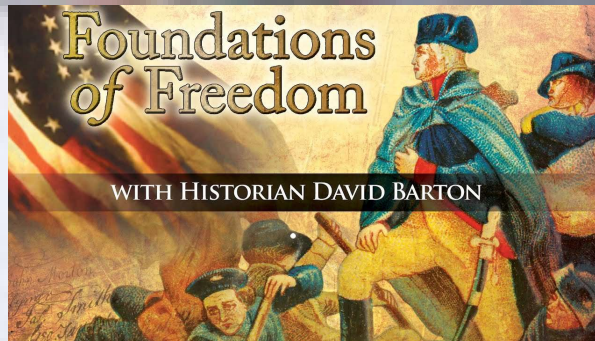
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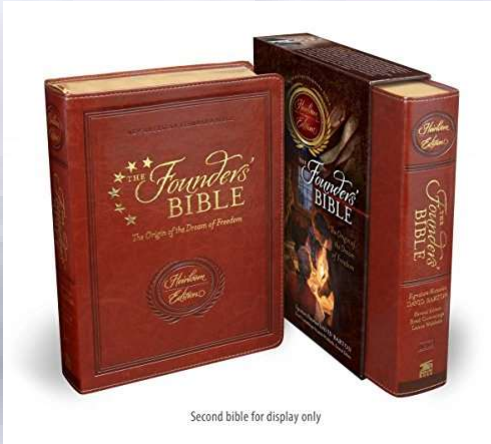
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2) What is your view of Romans 13? Look at the Heroes of the Hall of Faith — all of them defied government.

Revelation 21:8 clearly states the cowards will not inherit the Kingdom of God. Are we cowardly when we are silent?

3) If you are the Shepherd of the sheep, who are the wolves and how do you intend to protect the sheep? Should we defy government? (A good resource is Lex Rex).

4) Are you a theological conservative (actually believing the entire Bible is without error?

5) Do you believe the Bible speaks to all areas of life?

6) Are you willing to preach on all areas of life?

7) How do we make disciples?

8) When should we submit to government and when should we defy government? (A good resource is Lex Rex [\(it can be purchased here\)](#))

9) Why do we render the things unto Caesar that are God's? Do we know what is God's or Caesar's?

-From Tim Barton of Wallbuilders when asked "What do I ask a new potential Pastor as I am the search committee as my Senior Pastor is retiring"? 9/24/2022



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