

REASON TO HOPE

the what & why of our faith

Our Allegiance and Hope

Cascade Community Church

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“We believe that human beings have a direct relationship with God, and are responsible to God alone in all matters of faith; that each church is independent and must be free from interference by an ecclesiastical or political authority; that, therefore, Church and State must be kept separate as having different functions, each fulfilling its duties free from dictation or patronage of the other.”

***-Cascade Community Church
Statement of Faith, Section 11***



Outline

I. God is Our Primary Authority



"So they called them and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus. ¹⁹ But Peter and John answered and said to them, 'Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you more than to God, you judge. ²⁰ For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.'"

-Acts 4:18-20 (NKJV)



“But the midwives feared God, and did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but saved the male children alive.”

-Exodus 1:17(NKJV)



“Therefore God dealt well with the midwives, and the people multiplied and grew very mighty. 21 And so it was, because the midwives feared God, that He provided households for them.”

-Exodus 1:20-21(NKJV)



"Therefore submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake, whether to the king as supreme, ¹⁴ or to governors, as to those who are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and for the praise of those who do good."

-1 Peter 2:13-14 (NKJV)



“The grass withers, the flower fades, But the word of our God stands forever.”

-Isaiah 40:8 (NKJV)



“Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.”

-Matthew 24:35 (NKJV)



Outline

- I. God is Our Primary Authority
- II. God has Our Primary Allegiance



“Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, ¹⁹ that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation. ²⁰ Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ’s behalf, be reconciled to God.”

-2 Cor. 5:18-20 (NKJV)



"But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; ¹⁰ who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy."

-2 Peter 2:9-10(NKJV)



"Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God. 2 Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves. 3 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. 4 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. 5 Therefore you must be subject, not only because of wrath but also for conscience' sake. 6 For because of this you also pay taxes, for they are God's ministers attending continually to this very thing. 7 Render therefore to all their due: taxes to whom taxes are due, customs to whom customs, fear to whom fear, honor to whom honor."

-Romans 13:1-7 (NKJV)



"Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went home. And in his upper room, with his windows open toward Jerusalem, he knelt down on his knees three times that day, and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as was his custom since early days."

-Daniel 6:10 (NKJV)



Outline

- I. God is Our Primary Authority
- II. God has Our Primary Allegiance
- III. God has Granted us Political Autonomy



Application

1. Trust Christ as the One We Hope In



“Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”

-Romans 15:13 (NKJV)



Application

1. Trust Christ as the One We Hope In
2. Follow Christ Even When the Culture Doesn't



“Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it.¹⁴ Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.”

-Matthew 7:13-14(NKJV)

