

Bible: Philippians 4:20-23

Bible Doctrine: God, Government, and the Poor-29

Opening: Matt. 11:28-30; Luke 4:16-20; Matt 22:37-40; 1 Jn 4:19, 16; Rom. 12:1-2; Psa 73:24-25; Matt 28:16-20

A. Through the Bible, verse by verse: Philippians 4:20-23.

B. Bible Doctrine: God, Common Good, Government, the Gospel, and KOG.

- 1. Government, Common Good, the church, and the gospel: John 18:36; Matt. 11:28-30; 28:18-20; John 17:3; Luke 4:17-21; 1 Cor 15:1-8; Rom 2:15-16; 1 Tim 1:8-11; Gal 2:14; Rom 10:14-16; 1 Pet 4:17-19; 2 Thess 1:6-8; Mark 1:15; Gen 3:15; Gal 3:8; Heb 4:2; Isa 52:7; 61:1-3; Luke 4:18-21; Mat 5:3; Luke 6:20; 7:22; Mat 25:41-43; James 2:5-9; Isa 3:13-15; 10:1-2; 11:3-4; Psa 72:12-14; Luke 1:46-48, 51-53; Mat 5:6.**
- 2. God and the poor: Luke 4:17-21; 6:20-26; 7:22; 8:1-3; 12:15-21; 14:12-13; 16:19-23; Acts 2:42-47; 4:34-35; 6:1-6; Gal. 2:10.**
- 3. The Kingdom of God: Col 1:13-18; Matt 6:10; Mat 28:18-19.**
- 4. God's politics: 7 Foundational Principles.**
- 5. James and social justice—the socioeconomics of the Kingdom.**
 - a. James 1: The rich, the poor, & true Christian religion.**
 - b. James 2: Classism, social justice, and dead faith.**
 - c. James 3: Slandering and reviling the image of God.**
 - d. James 4: Spiritual adultery and pride.**
 - e. James 5: God's condemnation of laissez-faire.**

Church and Government: 7 Philosophies

1. **Evangelical: undeveloped, absorbs culture, cherry-picks passages, no foundation.**
2. **Anabaptist: separationist view.**
3. **Lutheran: paradoxical.**
4. **Black church: prophetic.**
5. **Reformed: transformational.**
6. **Roman Catholic: synthetic.**
7. **Metaphysical Realism: God's politics, the better way of Jesus, the nature of man and government, eternal law, natural law, human positive law, divine positive law.**



2-6 = Church goes from lesser to greater involvement in government