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APPROVED ANNO 1648, BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, TO BE A  
DIRECTORY FOR CATECHISING SUCH AS HAVE MADE SOME PROFICIENCY IN THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE  
GROUNDS OF RELIGION,

WITH

THE PROOFS FROM THE SCRIPTURE .

**Q. 191. What do we pray for in the second petition?**

A. In the second petition, (which is, *Thy kingdom come*,<sup>1222</sup>) acknowledging ourselves and allmankind to be by nature under the dominion of sin and Satan,<sup>1223</sup> we pray, that the kingdom of sin and Satan may be destroyed,<sup>1224</sup> the gospel propogated throughout the world,<sup>1225</sup> the Jews called,<sup>1226</sup> the fullness of the Gentiles brought in;<sup>1227</sup> the church furnished with all gospel-officers and ordinances,<sup>1228</sup> purged from corruption,<sup>1229</sup> countenanced and maintained by the civil magistrate:<sup>1230</sup> that the ordinances of Christ may be purely dispensed, and made effectual to the converting of those that are yet in their sins, and the confirming, comforting, and building up of those that are already converted:<sup>1231</sup> that Christ would rule in our hearts here,<sup>1232</sup> and hasten the time of his second coming, and our reigning with him forever:<sup>1233</sup> and that he would be pleased so to exercise the kingdom of his power in all the world, as may best conduce to these ends.<sup>1234</sup>

<sup>1222</sup> **Matthew 6:10.** Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

<sup>1223</sup> **Ephesians 2:2-3.** Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.

<sup>1224</sup> **Psalms 68:1.** Let God arise, let his enemies be scattered: let them also that hate him flee before him.... Thou hast ascended on high, thou hast led captivity captive: thou hast received gifts for men; yea, for the rebellious also, that the LORD God might dwell among them. **Revelation 12:10-11.** And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

<sup>1225</sup> **2 Thessalonians 3:1.** Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you.

<sup>1226</sup> **Romans 10:1.** Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved.

<sup>1227</sup> **John 17:9, 20.** I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine. .... Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word. **Romans 11:25-26.** For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in. And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob. **Psalms 67.** God be merciful unto us, and bless us; and cause his face to shine upon us; Selah. That thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations. Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee. O let the nations be glad and sing for joy: for thou shalt judge the people righteously, and govern the nations upon earth. Selah. Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee. Then shall the earth yield her increase; and God, even our own God, shall bless us. God shall bless us; and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

<sup>1228</sup> **Matthew 9:38.** Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest. **2 Thessalonians 3:1.** Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you.

<sup>1229</sup> **Malachi 1:11.** For from the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same my name shall be great among the Gentiles; and in every place incense shall be offered unto my name, and a pure offering: for my name shall be great among the heathen, saith the LORD of hosts. **Zephaniah 3:9.** For then will I turn to the people a pure language, that they may all call upon the name of the LORD, to serve him with one consent.

<sup>1230</sup> **1 Timothy 2:1-2.** I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.

<sup>1231</sup> **Acts 4:29-30.** And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word, By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus. **Ephesians 6:18-20.** Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints; And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel, For which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

**Romans 15:29-30, 32.** And I am sure that, when I come unto you, I shall come in the fulness of the blessing of the gospel of Christ. Now I beseech you, brethren, for the Lord Jesus Christ's sake, and for the love of the Spirit, that ye strive together with me in your prayers to God for me. That I may come unto you with joy by the will of God, and may with you be refreshed. **2 Thessalonians 1:11.** Wherefore also we pray always for you, that our God would count you worthy of this calling, and fulfil all the good pleasure of his goodness, and the work of faith with power. **2 Thessalonians 2:16-17.** Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace, Comfort your hearts, and stablish you in every good word and work.

<sup>1232</sup> **Ephesians 3:14-20.** For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God. Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us.

<sup>1233</sup> **Revelation 22:20.** He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

<sup>1234</sup> **Isaiah 64:1-2.** Oh that thou wouldest rend the heavens, that thou wouldest come down, that the mountains might flow down at thy presence. As when the melting fire burneth, the fire causeth the waters to boil, to make thy name known to thine adversaries, that the nations may tremble at thy presence! **Revelation 4:8-11.** And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come. And when those beasts give glory and honour and thanks to him that sat on the throne, who liveth for ever and ever, The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying, Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

**Q. 195. What do we pray for in the sixth petition?**

A. In the sixth petition, (which is, *And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,*<sup>1273</sup>) acknowledging, that the most wise, righteous, and gracious God, for divers holy and just ends, may so order things, that we may be assaulted, foiled, and for a time led captive by temptations;<sup>1274</sup> that Satan,<sup>1275</sup> the world,<sup>1276</sup> and the flesh, are ready powerfully to draw us aside, and ensnare us;<sup>1277</sup> and that we, even after the pardon of our sins, by reason of our corruption,<sup>1278</sup> weakness, and want of watchfulness,<sup>1279</sup> are not only subject to be tempted, and forward to expose ourselves unto temptations,<sup>1280</sup> but also of ourselves unable and unwilling to resist them, to recover out of them, and to improve them;<sup>1281</sup> and worthy to be left under the power of them:<sup>1282</sup> **we pray, that God would so overrule the world and all in it,<sup>1283</sup> subdue the flesh,<sup>1284</sup> and restrain Satan,<sup>1285</sup> order all things,<sup>1286</sup> bestow and bless all means of grace,<sup>1287</sup> and quicken us to watchfulness in the use of them, that we and all his people may by his providence be kept from being tempted to sin;<sup>1288</sup> or, if tempted, that by his Spirit we may be powerfully supported and enabled to stand in the hour of temptation;<sup>1289</sup> or when fallen, raised again and recovered out of it,<sup>1290</sup> and have a sanctified use and improvement thereof:<sup>1291</sup> **that our sanctification and salvation may be perfected,<sup>1292</sup> Satan trodden under our feet,<sup>1293</sup> and we fully freed from sin, temptation, and all evil, forever.**<sup>1294</sup>**

<sup>1273</sup> **Matthew 6:13.** And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

<sup>1274</sup> **2 Chronicles 32:31.** Howbeit in the business of the ambassadors of the princes of Babylon, who sent unto him to inquire of the wonder that was done in the land, God left him, to try him, that he might know all that was in his heart.

<sup>1275</sup> **1 Chronicles 21:1.** And Satan stood up against Israel, and provoked David to number Israel.

<sup>1276</sup> **Luke 21:34.** And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares. **Mark 4:19.** And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful.

<sup>1277</sup> **James 1:14.** But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.

<sup>1278</sup> **Galatians 5:17.** For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.

<sup>1279</sup> **Matthew 26:41.** Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

<sup>1280</sup> **Matthew 26:69-72.** Now Peter sat without in the palace: and a damsel came unto him, saying, Thou also wast with Jesus of Galilee. But he denied before them all, saying, I know not what thou sayest. And when he was gone out into the porch, another maid saw him, and said unto them that were there, This fellow was also with Jesus of Nazareth. And again he denied with an oath, I do not know the man. **Galatians 2:11-14.** But when Peter was come to Antioch, I withstood him to the face, because he was to be blamed. For before that certain came from

James, he did eat with the Gentiles: but when they were come, he withdrew and separated himself, fearing them which were of the circumcision. And the other Jews dissembled likewise with him; insomuch that Barnabas also was carried away with their dissimulation. But when I saw that they walked not uprightly according to the truth of the gospel, I said unto Peter before them all, If thou, being a Jew, livest after the manner of Gentiles, and not as do the Jews, why compellest thou the Gentiles to live as do the Jews?**2 Chronicles 18:3.** And Ahab king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat king of Judah, Wilt thou go with me to Ramothgilead? And he answered him, I am as thou art, and my people as thy people; and we will be with thee in the war. **2 Chronicles 19:2.** And Jehu the son of Hanani the seer went out to meet him, and said to king Jehoshaphat, Shouldest thou help the ungodly, and love them that hate the LORD? therefore is wrath upon thee from before the LORD.

<sup>1281</sup> **Romans 7:23-24.** But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death? **1 Chronicles 21:1-4.** And Satan stood up against Israel, and provoked David to number Israel. And David said to Joab and to the rulers of the people, Go, number Israel from Beersheba even to Dan; and bring the number of them to me, that I may know it. And Joab answered, The LORD make his people an hundred times so many more as they be: but, my lord the king, are they not all my lord's servants? why then doth my lord require this thing? why will he be a cause of trespass to Israel? Nevertheless the king's word prevailed against Joab. Wherefore Joab departed, and went throughout all Israel, and came to Jerusalem. **2 Chronicles 16:7-10.** And at that time Hanani the seer came to Asa king of Judah, and said unto him, Because thou hast relied on the king of Syria, and not relied on the LORD thy God, therefore is the host of the king of Syria escaped out of thine hand. Were not the Ethiopians and the Lubims a huge host, with very many chariots and horsemen? yet, because thou didst rely on the LORD, he delivered them into thine hand. For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him. Herein thou hast done foolishly: therefore from henceforth thou shalt have wars. Then Asa was wroth with the seer, and put him in a prison house; for he was in a rage with him because of this thing. And Asa oppressed some of the people the same time.

<sup>1282</sup> **Psalm 81:11-12.** But my people would not hearken to my voice; and Israel would none of me. So I gavethem up unto their own hearts' lust: and they walked in their own counsels.

<sup>1283</sup> **John 17:15.** I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil.

<sup>1284</sup> **Psalm 51:10.** Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. **Psalm 119:133.**

Order my steps in thy word: and let not any iniquity have dominion over me.

<sup>1285</sup> **2 Corinthians 12:7-8.** And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure. For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me.

<sup>1286</sup> **1 Corinthians 10:12-13.** Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall. There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

<sup>1287</sup> **Hebrews 13:20-21.** Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is wellpleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

<sup>1288</sup> **Matthew 26:41.** Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak. **Psalm 19:13.** Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression.

<sup>1289</sup> **Ephesians 3:14-17.** For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love. **1 Thessalonians 3:13.** To the end he may stablish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints. **Jude 24.** Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy.

<sup>1290</sup> **Psalm 51:12.** Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit.

<sup>1291</sup> **1 Peter 5:8-10.** Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world. But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.

<sup>1292</sup> **2 Corinthians 13:7, 9.** Now I pray to God that ye do no evil; not that we should appear approved, but that ye should do that which is honest, though we be as reprobates..... For we are glad, when we are weak, and ye are strong: and this also we wish, even your perfection.

<sup>1293</sup> **Romans 16:20.** And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen. **Luke 22:31-32.** And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.

<sup>1294</sup> **John 17:15.** I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil. **1 Thessalonians 5:23.** And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Q. 192. What do we pray for in the third petition?**

A. In the third petition, (which is, *Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven,*<sup>1235</sup>) acknowledging, that by nature **we and all men** are not only utterly unable and unwilling to know and do the will of God,<sup>1236</sup> but prone to rebel against his Word,<sup>1237</sup> to repine and murmur against his providence,<sup>1238</sup> and wholly inclined to do the will of the flesh, and of the devil:<sup>1239</sup> we pray, that God would by his Spirit take away from **ourselves and others** all blindness,<sup>1240</sup> weakness,<sup>1241</sup> indisposedness,<sup>1242</sup> and perverseness of heart,<sup>1243</sup> and by his grace make us able and willing to know, do, and **submit to his will in all things,**<sup>1244</sup> with the like humility,<sup>1245</sup> cheerfulness,<sup>1246</sup> faithfulness,<sup>1247</sup> diligence,<sup>1248</sup> zeal,<sup>1249</sup> sincerity,<sup>1250</sup> and constancy,<sup>1251</sup> as the angels do in heaven.<sup>1252</sup>

**Q. 35. How is the covenant of grace administered under the New Testament?**

A. Under the New Testament, when Christ the substance was exhibited, the same covenant of grace was and still is to be administered in the preaching of the Word,<sup>133</sup> and the administration of the sacraments of Baptism<sup>134</sup> and the Lord's Supper;<sup>135</sup> in which grace and salvation are held forth in more **fulness,**

evidence, and efficacy, to all nations. 136

**Q. 53. How was Christ exalted in his ascension?**

**A. Christ was exalted in his ascension, in that having after his resurrection often appeared unto and conversed with his apostles, speaking to them of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God,<sup>220</sup> and giving them **commission to preach the gospel to all nations**,<sup>221</sup> forty days after his resurrection, he, in our nature, and as our head,<sup>222</sup> triumphing over enemies,<sup>223</sup> visibly went up into the highest heavens, there to receive gifts for men,<sup>224</sup> to raise up our affections thither,<sup>225</sup> and to prepare a place for us,<sup>226</sup> where he himself is, and shall continue till his second coming at the end of the world.<sup>227</sup>**

Matthew 28

[18] And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, **All power is given unto me** in heaven and in earth.

[19] Go ye therefore, and **teach all nations**, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

[20] Teaching them to observe **all things whatsoever I have commanded you**: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

# THE SHORTER CATECHISM

**Q. 26.** *How doth Christ execute the office of a king?*

**A.** Christ executeth the office of a king, in subduing us to him- self, in ruling and defending us, Y and in restraining and conquering all his and our enemies.<sup>Z</sup>

**Y Ps. 110:3.** Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power, in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning: thou hast the dew of thy youth. **Matt. 28:18–20.** And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

**John 17:2.** ... as thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him. **Col. 1:13.** ... who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son.

**Z Ps. 2:6–9.** Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion. I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee. Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession. Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel. **Ps. 110:1–2.** The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool. The LORD shall send the rod of thy strength out of Zion: rule thou in the midst of thine enemies. **Matt. 12:28.** But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you. **1 Cor. 15:24–26.** Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death. **Col. 2:15.** And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.

**Q. 66.** *What is the reason annexed to the fifth commandment?*

**A.** The reason annexed to the fifth commandment is, a promise of long life and prosperity (as far as it shall serve for God's glory and their own good) to all such as keep this commandment.<sup>1</sup>

**k. Ex. 20:12.** Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee. **Deut. 5:16.** Honour thy father and thy mother, as the LORD thy God hath commanded thee; that thy days may be prolonged, and that it may go well with thee, in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee. **Eph. 6:2–3.** Honour thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise;) that it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.



**Q. 102.** *What do we pray for in the second petition?*

**A.** In the second petition, which is, *Thy kingdom come*, we pray that Satan's kingdom may be destroyed;<sup>y</sup> and that the kingdom of grace may be advanced,<sup>z</sup> ourselves and others brought into it, and kept in it;<sup>a</sup> and that the kingdom of glory may be hastened.<sup>b</sup>

**Y Matt. 12:25–28.** And Jesus knew their thoughts, and said unto them, Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand: and if Satan cast out Satan, he is divided against himself; how shall then his kingdom stand? And if I by Beelzebub cast out devils, by whom do your children cast them out? therefore they shall be your judges. But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you. **Rom. 16:20.** And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen. **1 John 3:8.** He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

**Z Ps. 72:8–11.** He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the earth. They that dwell in the wilderness shall bow before him; and his enemies shall lick the dust. The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall bring presents: the kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts. Yea, all kings shall fall down before him: all nations shall serve him. **Matt. 24:14.** And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come. **1 Cor. 15:24–25.** Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet.

**A Ps. 119:5.** O that my ways were directed to keep thy statutes! **Luke 22:32.** But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren. **2 Thess. 3:1–5.** Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you: and that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men: for all men have not faith. But the Lord is faithful, who shall stablish you, and keep you from evil. And we have confidence in the Lord touching you, that ye both do and will do the things which we command you. And the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and into the patient waiting for Christ.

**B Rev. 22:20.** He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

# THE LONDON BAPTIST CONFESSION OF FAITH

## 24. Of the Civil Magistrate

1. \_\_\_\_\_ God, the supreme Lord and King of all the world, hath ordained civil magistrates to be under him, over the people, for his own glory and the public good; and to this end hath armed them with the power of the sword, for defence and encouragement of them that do good, and for the punishment of evil doers.

( [Romans 13:1-4](#) )

2. \_\_\_\_\_ It is lawful for Christians to accept and execute the office of a magistrate when called there unto; in the management whereof, as they ought especially to maintain justice and peace, according to the wholesome laws of each kingdom and commonwealth, so for that end they may lawfully now, under the New Testament wage war upon just and necessary occasions.

( [2 Samuel 23:3](#); [Psalms 82:3, 4](#); [Luke 3:14](#) ) [12]

3. \_\_\_\_\_ Civil magistrates being set up by God for the ends aforesaid; subjection, in all lawful things commanded by them, ought to be yielded by us in the Lord, not only for wrath, but for conscience sake; and we ought to make supplications and prayers for kings and all that are in authority, that under them we may live a quiet and peaceable life, in all godliness and honesty.

( [Romans 13:5-7](#); [1 Peter 2:17](#); [1 Timothy 2:1, 2](#) )

Notes:

[12] Can the 501c3 contract and the sphere theory of Waldron comport with 24:2?