

Calvin's Institutes of the Christian Religion
13 The Civil Government

1. Twofold Government

- (a) A _____ government
- (b) A _____ government
- (c) Christ rules both, but rules them _____.
- (d) God ordained church and state as _____ institutions with separate _____ for ordering human life and society.
- (e) Active participation in government is a part of the Christian duty of _____ to _____.

2. Role of Government

(a) Three areas of government

- i. The _____
- ii. The _____
- iii. The _____

(b) The _____

Prov. 8:15

- i. The _____ has a _____ to preserve the safety of humanity.
- ii. The Magistrate has the authority to _____, but must remember _____ is almost the very _____ of the people, and unjust taxation is _____ extortion.
- iii. In cases of "extreme necessity" _____ is legitimate to preserve the _____ of the dominion, to restrain _____, to help the oppressed, or to _____ evil deeds.

(c) The _____

- i. No government can be _____ established unless _____ is the first concern.
- ii. Laws need not recreate the _____ system, but must be in conformity to that perpetual rule of _____.

(d) The _____

- i. Magistrates should be esteemed and revered as _____ and _____ of God.

ii. Wicked rulers are a _____ from God.

3. Obedience to Government

(a) If you conclude ... that service ought to be rendered only to _____ governors, you are reasoning _____.

Dan. 9:6-7

Prov. 21:1

(b) ... it is not for _____ to remedy such evils; ... only this remains, to implore _____ help, in whose hand are the hearts of _____, and the _____ of kingdoms.

(c) Some may be raised up _____ to overthrow _____ kings.

This is not appropriate for _____ men, but only where the Lord has _____ it.

(d) Calvin will not forbid those magistrates of the people who _____ the willfulness of kings, because _____ on their part dishonestly _____ the freedom of the people of which God has appointed them protectors.

This became known as _____.

(e) The obvious exception to obedience was that people were not only _____, but _____ that such obedience is never to lead us away from _____ to God.

(f) We are subject to those _____ who are in authority over us, but _____ in God.