

SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE

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1. Religion as a principle always tries to dominate the political situation.
2. Religion must never gain the ascendancy in any nation that values its freedom.
3. Christianity recognizes the freedom of the individual
4. This freedom cannot exist unless there is a separation of church and state.
5. When religion and state become one there is no freedom for the people in that national entity.
6. Religion takes over the state when there is no separation of church and state.
7. Bible Christianity cannot reach the nation when these distinctions are blurred.
8. No nation has ever been ruled by religion without being enslaved. Example: India
9. This applies to Christianity too.
 NN: Authority in Divine Institutions and
 in Christian Institutions.
10. The local church (Christian Institutions) which communicates doctrine, allows the individual to use his volition in regard to it.
 Its bonafide ritual is communion, water baptism.
11. The local church functions as an entity separate from the government (state), but it can have a great deal of influence on government thru witnessing, evangelizing and the presentation of doctrine in a clear manner.
12. The influence of believers, with doctrine, overflows into the life of a nation.
13. The most patriotic thing a believer can do for his nation is to be a believer with Bible Doctrine.

NN: Believer's responsibility to his nation.