

Principles of Internationalism: Nationalism Established in Gen 11; Believers Must Subordinate to Governing Authorities, Rom 13:7; 1 Pet 2:13-17; John 19:10-11; Internationalism Is Satanic Strategy to Centralize Power & Authority

Principles on Internationalism

1. The divine policy on internationalism was established in Genesis 11 where God halted the practice by dividing the people up into nations and languages.
2. The satanic strategy during the Church Age is to create international bodies under one jurisdiction. A current example is the European Economic Community, made up of 27 member nations composed of almost 500 million people, including Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and the United Kingdom with headquarters in Brussels, Belgium.
3. Bordering on internationalism are organizations and treaties that unify several nations for specific purposes: the United Nations (UN), the World Bank, the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT), the World Trade Organization (WTO), the Kyoto Protocol, and the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), to name a few.
4. There is no question that agreements between countries are a necessity but the power that these organizations are granted result in policy- and decision-making that affect all of its member or signatory nations and therefore, their citizens.
5. The Bible views one's civic responsibilities as subordinate to the national entity of which he is a citizen. The biblical standard of nationalism, established in Genesis 10 and 11 is the subject of several New Testament passages.

Romans 13:1 - Citizens, subordinate yourselves to governing authorities. For there is no authority except that delegated by God; the authorities which do exist have been delegated by God.

Romans 13:2 - Therefore, those who resist the authority have opposed the ordinance of God in fact, those who oppose shall receive punishment on themselves.

v. 3 - For governmental authorities are not a cause of fear for moral conduct but for evil conduct. Do you desire not to fear the authority? Keep on doing good and you will have recognition from it.

v. 4 - For he is a minister of God to you for the purpose of good. But if you do evil, keep on being afraid for he does not bear the sword for no reason. He is a minister of God for the purpose of divine wrath to him who practices evil.

v. 5 - For this reason it is necessary to be subordinate to governing authorities not only because of the punishment but also because of the conscience.

v. 6 - So for this reason also keep on paying taxes, for you see they are public servants of God for them who make a career out of this same thing.

v. 7 - Therefore, discharge your obligations to all, taxes to whom taxes are due, custom duties to whom custom duties are due, respect to whom respect is due, honor to whom honor is due.

1 Peter 2:13 - Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man because of the Lord's sake whether it be to the king, as supreme,

v. 14 - or unto governors, and to all those that are sent by him for the punishment of evil doers and for the recognition and honor of them that do well.

v. 15 - For so is the will of God, that with doing well you may muzzle the ignorant speech of foolish men.

v. 16 - Act as free men, and not using your state of freedom as a vale of evil, but use it as servants of God.

v. 17 - Have respect for all people in authority, love fellow believers, have respect for God, honor the king.

John 19:10 - Pilate said to Him ... "Do You not know that I have authority to release You, and I have authority to crucify You?"

John 19:11a - Jesus answered, "You would have no authority over Me, unless it had been given you from above."

6. The principles noted in these verses establish the disposition the believer must have toward establishment authorities. It is instructive to note that the Caesars ruling Rome at the time of the Lord's comment to Pilate, and Paul and Peter's Epistles were Tiberius and Nero respectively.
7. The evils that accompany internationalism are (1) its removal of local authorities to whom the believer is mandated to honor and (2) loss of the freedoms that facilitate one's spiritual growth, e.g., free exercise (worship), speech (communication of doctrine), press (availability of the Bible and study materials), and assembly (freedom of movement).
8. All efforts that become international in scope are devices of the devil to neutralize client nations and to impose central authority over as many people as possible. Satan will make periodic progress but, because of restraint from the Holy Spirit's indwelling of believers, it are short-lived.
9. Lucifer experiences historical up-and-downtrends but in the reverse order of those in client nations. With believers removed by the Rapture, his effort will achieve maximum impact but will be brought to naught by the Second Advent of our Lord.
10. We have noted the biblical mandates related to the believer's responsibilities to the laws of divine establishment. The following passages confirm that until the Second Advent Lucifer is the ruler of this world.

