

UNDERSTANDING THE DIVINE INSTITUTIONS

I. An Introduction to Divine Institutions

1. God's word tells us that God in His grace has provided certain principles, _____
_____ in His word, for the _____, _____, and
_____ of the human race! (all of mankind)

 - The Divine Institutions:
 - 1)
 - 2)
 - 3)
 - 4)
 - 5)
 - 6)

2. "The laws of divine establishment are designed to protect societies which are made up of
_____ and _____ alike. These laws are designed to protect
_____ (reaching the lost) and the teaching of _____ (the
establishment of biblical truth to live by) (Acts 17:26-28)
3. These divine establishments are also designed to protect the _____, _____ and
_____ of believers and unbelievers alike.
4. The adherence to these divine laws of establishment both _____ and _____ any
society of people....the laws of divine establishment provide for man the _____ system_of
_____ for all mankind. "

 - These six institutions were ordained by God, thus are _____ in origin!.
 - God's Truth is absolute _____. Let's not forget that the _____
defines _____, not experience, not the world, nor man's opinion.

- A. The _____ **Mandate (Genesis 1:26-31; 2:15-17; Psalm 8:3-8;
Hebrews 2:5-8; 1 Corinthians 6:2-3)**

 - What does "*subdue & have dominion*" mean?

1. The Responsible Dominion Mandate placed man, God's highest creation, as His _____ to _____ the earth on God's _____!

2. Man's responsibility focused him on " _____ & _____ " the Garden of Eden for God!

3. We need to note in the original creation in Genesis, God gave man authority/dominion _____ over the _____, but that dominion was _____ as time went on to include _____ (Psalm 8:3-8 & Hebrews 2:6-8)

4. Although created _____ than the angels, because of Christ, believers are now made _____ than the angels as _____ of God! (Gal. 3:26; Rom. 8:14-17)

5. In this Responsible Dominion Mandate, man will one day in the future, _____ the mandate _____ given to him by God at creation!

6. We can still be deeply involved in this mandate by our _____, our _____, and _____ ethic on planet earth.

7. Although sin & death have entered the world _____ God's original plan, along with the fact that we are right now working & living in _____ world, we can still live _____ here as part of God's program!

- How is that possible pastor?

8. So, we are actually, from Satan's perspective, _____ living behind _____ who seek to do God's will by _____ to the precepts of scripture, thereby _____ to the very _____ & _____ of God & not that of the dictates of the _____, _____, or _____!

- What does all this mean to you?