

## 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!
2. Because of man's \_\_\_\_\_ of God's truth.... God in His grace gave man 2 \_\_\_\_\_  
of truth:
  - a) \_\_\_\_\_ – reveals that there is a God & that He is a God of \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_
  - b) \_\_\_\_\_ - The bible states that our human conscience \_\_\_\_\_ to us that there is  
a God!

\* Some creation/ Creator distinctions from God's word:

3. The Creator is completely \_\_\_\_\_ from His creation. He is \_\_\_\_\_! Meaning  
He is \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ all His creation!
  - This means...The physical creation had a definite \_\_\_\_\_ when God created it from  
nothing, and it will have a definite \_\_\_\_\_ when God destroys this present evil world & creates a new  
heaven & a new earth, but in *contrast*, God Himself has \_\_\_\_\_ – having  
\_\_\_\_\_ beginning & \_\_\_\_\_ end. That is why He has absolute \_\_\_\_\_ &  
\_\_\_\_\_ over all things!
4. Yet creation itself has 2 aspects:
  - a) The \_\_\_\_\_ world we can see & know around us &...
  - b) The \_\_\_\_\_ world we cannot see apart from God \_\_\_\_\_ it to us in His  
word!
  - Evil originated in the invisible creation with \_\_\_\_\_ fall into sin and this was brought to the  
visible creation in the Garden of Eden by \_\_\_\_\_ taking of the forbidden tree in the Garden
  - Since his fall, Satan has \_\_\_\_\_ all things that God has ordained or established for  
Man's \_\_\_\_\_!

The Divine Institutions:

Involved in these divine establishments we need to acknowledge:

- a) God's \_\_\_\_\_ – as God alone is Sovereign and has total authority over all His creation
- b) His authority is revealed in \_\_\_\_\_
- c) The fact of free \_\_\_\_\_:
- d) Responsibility and accountability to these institutions require \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Divine Institutions are The Laws of Divine Establishment for Man's Good!**

1. "The laws of divine establishment are designed to protect societies which are made up of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ alike. These laws are designed to protect \_\_\_\_\_ and the teaching of \_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 17:26-28)
2. These divine establishments are also designed to protect the \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of believers and unbelievers alike.
3. 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."
- In each of these divine institutions, God requires personal \_\_\_\_\_ to respond by \_\_\_\_\_ in obedience to His will with consequences that follow. (Genesis 2:16-17)
4. These divine institutions are designed...
  - (a) to protect human societies in the \_\_\_\_\_,
  - (b) to protect human individual \_\_\_\_\_ when followed,
  - (c) to provide for the \_\_\_\_\_ functioning of any society,
  - (d) to guard the thinking/training of future \_\_\_\_\_, and
  - (e) to demonstrate human \_\_\_\_\_ to established \_\_\_\_\_
- God's Truth is absolute \_\_\_\_\_. Let's not forget that the \_\_\_\_\_ defines \_\_\_\_\_.

Compare the lies of Satan in Genesis 3:1-7

Behind every thought that is contrary to Scripture is the \_\_\_\_\_ thinking of \_\_\_\_\_!