

Law & Grace

Part 2 (Governmental Law)

1. Governmental Law is in every facet of our lives:

- Federal, State, and local laws
- Businesses
- Schools
- Churches
- Families

2. What is the purpose of Governmental Law?

- A. It defines the consequences of breaking the Moral Law.
- B. It determines cultural norms as long as they do not break Moral Law.

1 Corinthians 14:34 (NASB95)

34 The **women are to keep silent** in the churches; for they are not permitted to speak, but are to subject themselves, just as the Law also says.

Acts 2:1–4 (NASB95)

1 When the day of Pentecost had come, **they** were all together in one place.

2 And suddenly there came from heaven a noise like a violent rushing wind, and it filled the whole house where **they** were sitting.

3 And there appeared to them tongues as of fire distributing themselves, and they rested on each one of them.

4 And **they were all filled** with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit was giving them utterance.

Acts 2:17–18 (NASB95)

17 'AND IT SHALL BE IN THE LAST DAYS,' God says, 'THAT I WILL POUR FORTH OF MY SPIRIT ON **ALL MANKIND**; AND YOUR **SONS AND YOUR DAUGHTERS** SHALL PROPHECY, AND YOUR YOUNG MEN SHALL SEE VISIONS, AND YOUR OLD MEN SHALL DREAM DREAMS;

18 EVEN ON MY BONDSLAVES, **BOTH MEN AND WOMEN**, I WILL IN THOSE DAYS POUR FORTH OF MY SPIRIT And they shall prophesy.

Acts 18:24–26 (NASB95)

24 Now a Jew named Apollos, an Alexandrian by birth, an eloquent man, came to Ephesus; and he was mighty in the Scriptures.

25 This man had been instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in spirit, he was speaking and teaching accurately the things concerning Jesus, being acquainted only with the baptism of John;

26 and he began to speak out boldly in the synagogue. But when **Priscilla and Aquila** heard him, **they** took him aside and **explained to him** the way of God more accurately.

1 Corinthians 14:33–35 (NIV)

33 For God is not a God of disorder but of peace—as in all the congregations of the Lord’s people.

34 Women should remain silent in the churches. They are not allowed to speak, but must be in submission, as the law says.

35 If they want to **inquire** about something, they should **ask** their own husbands at home; for it is disgraceful for a woman to speak in the church.

Leviticus 19: 28 (NASB95)

28 ‘You shall not make any cuts in your body for the dead nor make any tattoo marks on yourselves: I am the LORD.

Leviticus 19:26–27 (NASB95)

26 ‘You shall not eat anything with the blood, nor practice divination or soothsaying.

27 ‘You shall not round off the side-growth of your heads nor harm the edges of your beard.

3. Governmental Law breaks down when it denies morality as defined by God

- **1947 Everson v. Board of Education**

“Under the first amendment, neither a state nor the federal government could pass laws which aid one religion, aid all religions, or prefer one religion over another.”

- **1962 Engel v. Vitale (A Generic school prayer violated the courts new definition of the first amendment.)**

“Almighty God, we acknowledge our dependence upon thee, and we beg thy blessings upon us, our parents, our teachers and our country. Amen”

Matthew 21:42–46 (NASB95)

43 “Therefore I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people, producing the fruit of it.

Isaiah 9:6 (NASB95)

6 For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And **the government will rest on His shoulders**; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.

4. What can we do?

- We can govern ourselves well.
- We can govern our marriages and families well.
- We can govern our church well.

- We can decide to be Light in a dark world. (School boards, City Council, State and Federal)