

Preamble of the Constitution for the United States of America¹

We the People² of the United States³, in Order to form a more perfect Union⁴, establish Justice^{5;6;7;8;9;10;11;12}, insure domestic Tranquility^{13;14;15;16;17}, provide¹⁸ for common defence¹⁹, promote the general Welfare^{20;21;22;23;24;25;26;27}, and secure the Blessings²⁸ of Liberty^{29;30;31;32;33} to ourselves and our Posterity^{34;35} do ordain and establish³⁶ this Constitution³⁷ for the United States of America³⁸.

- 1 A simple, but significant error regarding "The Constitution" made by many Americans is using the word "of" instead of the word the Founding Fathers used which is "for". The word "of" indicates past and present; "for" indicates present and future. By using "of", one suggests the document was created by the delegates of the several states; "for" denotes the Constitution was a gift -- a miraculous gift from God.
- 2 Individuals have inherent value: *Mat6:26; 9:12; 10:31* and endowed rights by God: *2 Cor3:17; Jn 19:11*
- 3 The State is an institution, created by God through man, to protect law-abiding citizens and punish criminals; based on Rule of Law - enforced by the people: *Gen9:1, 6; Deut5; Deut6, Deut8, Deut17:6-7; Rom13:3-4, 12; 1Pet2:13-14*
- 4 Godly citizenship (self-government) allows the union of states to function properly: *1Chron11:3; Deut1:13-17; Rom13:1-7; 1Pet2:13-17*
- 5 Political and legal means can be used to achieve social justice: *Lk19:11-17; Mat12:18-21; Lk18:2-8; Mat23:23*
- 6 Government injustice is to be resisted through petition, protest, flight, and force in self-defense: *Ex18:22; Lk13:31-33; Mk18:1-8; Lk10:11; Mat10:17-23; Lk22:35-38; Mat26:51-52; Lk12:58; Mat27:14; Lk18:1-5; Lk10:10-11; Mat3:1-4; Mk11:15-16; Eph6:10-12*
- 7 The Laws of Moses (The 10 Commandments) still apply today: *Ex18; Deut5; Mat5:17-38; Mat15:4; Mat19:7-19; Jn:1-7; Lev20:22-24*
- 8 Independent judges and juries: *2Chron19:5-10; Ex23:1-3; Deut1:16-17; Deut17:6; Deut19:15-19; Lev20.*
- 9 Fair Trial, Trial by Jury: *Deut16:18-20*. Habeas Corpus: *Ex18:15-16*. Two or 3 Witnesses: *Deut 19:5*
- 10 Equality before the law: *Ex12:49; Ex18:15-16; Lev24:22; Num15:15-16, 29; Deut1:17*
- 11 Lawsuits: *1Cor6:1-8; Ex22:9*
- 12 Restitution by, or prison for, law-breakers: *Rom13:4; 1Tim1:8-10*
- 13 Family relations: *Eph5:22-33; Col3:18-20*
- 14 Child rearing: *Eph6:1-4; Col3:21; Mat18:1-6; 2Cor12:14-15*
- 15 Marriage and divorce: *Mat5:27-32; Lk16:18; 1Cor7:1-10*
- 16 Civilian militia and police forces: *Deut20:9-10; Num31:3, 14; 1Sam25:13*
- 17 Bear Arms for self-defense, peace through strength: *Lk22:36; Rom13:1-4; 1Pet2:13-14; Es8:11*
- 18 Government is due the taxes and services of its citizens: *Mat17:24-27; Mat22:17-21; Deut16:17*
- 19 Military strength can be used to maintain peace: *Lk11:21-22; Lk14:31; Lk22:36-38*
- 20 Honest wages are due the worker: *1Tim5:18; Lk10:7*
- 21 Free-market wage bargaining (grace vs. greed): *Mat20:1-15*
- 22 Employer-employee relationships: *Mat10:24; Eph6:5-9; Lk10:17; Rom. 13:7*
- 23 "Life, Liberty, and Property" means Private property rights: *Acts5:4; Ex22*
- 24 Proper use of finances: *Mat5:14-16; Lk16:1-18*
- 25 The morality of investment: *Mat25:14-30; Lk19:11-26; Mk21:33-43*
- 26 The dangers of debt: *Rom13:8*
- 27 The family as the primary agency of welfare: *1Tim5:8-15*
- 28 God created civil government and may give His Blessings: *Jn19:11-12*
- 29 The power and jurisdiction of Government should be limited: *Mat22:21*
- 30 Decentralization of civil power (Federalism): *Deut16:18-19; 2Chron19:5-10*
- 31 Separation of powers: *Is33:22; Ex4:29*
- 32 Election of representatives: *Deut1:13-17; Ex18:17-27*
- 33 Bicameral legislature: *Ex24:1; Num11:16-17; Ex18:12, 21-22*
- 34 An obligation to leave to our Posterity an inheritance: *2Cor12-14; 1Chron28:8*
- 35 Gradual social change - change the heart of man, save One Nation Under God: *Mat19:3-8; Mat28:19; Acts1:6-8; Lk19:11-17; Ex23:26*. Education operates like a seed: *Deut6:4-9, 10:12-14; Mk4; Mt13; Lk8*
- 36 Consent of the Governed, the right to vote for representatives: *1Chron28:1-8; 1Chron29:22; 2Chron23:11*
- 37 Written Laws, Constitution: *Ex20-23; Ex19:5-8; Ex20:2-17; 1Chron11:3; Deut. 17:14-20*
- 38 Government is to serve all States equally: *Lk22:25-26; Jn4:7-9; Mat20:25-28*

Biblical Foundations of the Preamble to the Constitution for the United States of America.

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