Northwest Bible Church – Oct. 18, 2015 – Worship Service – Alan Conner

**Jn. 19:10-11**

*Jesus and Government – Part 3*

Intro

*1) Pilate’s authority comes from God. Rom. 13:1*

*2) Civil leaders are accountable to God. Rom. 13:4*

*3) Pilate is personally guilty of sin before God.*

**A. PRINCIPLES OF CHURCH STATE RELATIONS.**

1) Two kingdoms (*Lk. 20:25*).

2) Historical attempts to reconcile this relationship.

3) Believers are to have a prophetic voice to government leaders.

**B. THE BELIEVER’S RESPONSIBILITY TO CAESAR.**

1) Pray for our leaders. *1Tim. 2:1*

2) Obey our leaders. *Rom. 13:1-2*

*When is civil disobedience biblical?*

3) Participate.

a) Christ commands “Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar’s” (*Mt. 22:21*).

b) Our Caesar (Constitution) requires our participation.

c) Use the legal system to protect religious liberties.

4) Prophetic voice of the church. What values to do we seek to advance?

a) *Prov. 14:34*

b) Moral law of God. *Rom. 2:14-15.*

5) Prepare for persecution. *2 Tim. 3:12.*

Conclusion