

DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE: BLESSED BY GOD

I. MAIN TEXT ROMANS 13: 1-7

Context: Roman Empire

God's "Minister" – waiter, servant, deacon; main reference is to the service or advantage rendered to another

Usage: Matt. 20: 25-28, 23:11; Jn. 2:5, 12:25-26

Note: both purpose and motive are to benefit others

Requirement for all forms of "government"

II. REPRESENTATION & CONSENT: BASIS OF GOVERNMENT

Exodus 18: 13-27

Examples: 12 Tribes, Boaz, Centurion, First Deacons

The Colonial Charters: Written Covenants w/Greater & Lesser

III. COVENANTAL GROUNDS IN A REPRESENTATIVE COMPACT

Greater party breaks Covenant

Lesser party humbly appeals

Greater party refuses all appeal and usurps authority

Covenant is broken, and legitimate authority is forfeited.

IV. THE DECLARATION OF REDRESS: A COVENANT ACT

GOD ALWAYS FAVORS COVENANT KEEPERS

AMERICA'S ONLY REAL HOPE