

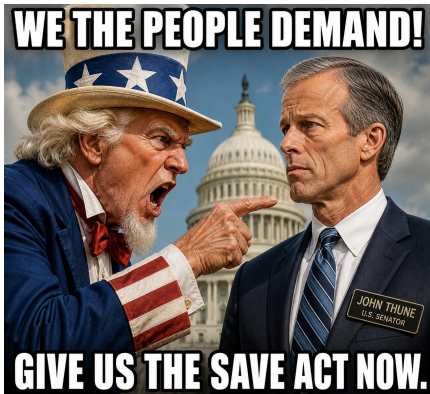


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SCOTUS MADE A MOVE TOWARD RESTORATION OF THE BIBLICAL
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Segment.01 Hello. I'm Dr. Jerry Scheidbach, pastor of the Lighthouse Baptist Church in Santa Maria, CA, and your brain masseur. Get ready for your brain massage.

I want to open today's Brain Massage® with a statement. I want to read GOD's manifesto.

The biblical doctrine of Divine Sovereignty declares GOD is the only absolute ruler over His Creation. The Bible teaches Christ created all principalities, powers, dominions, and thrones, and that He is Sovereign over all.¹ The Bible specifically declares that GOD is the ruler of the kingdom of

¹ Colossians 1:15-18; see Ephesians 1:12-21.

man,² which He created,³ and that His prerogative in the exercise of His power over all the kingdoms of men is independent and absolute.⁴ He declares His use of this prerogative in His revealed Word.

Most imagine GOD would do with His power what they would do if they had it. They imagine God would be like them, arbitrary, fickle, selfish, tyrannical. The Bible reveals that the opposite is true of Him. God grants free will to the creature He made in His image and likeness, and is responsive to his will.

He limited man's power, which is a mercy. We have already seen what power does in the hearts of men, and we have encapsulated it in a maxim: power corrupts, and absolute power corrupts absolutely.

God is not like us! Christ, Who is the image of GOD created all power, and dominion, every principality, and every throne (representing a concentration, or seat of power in the world). Please listen to what He did:

Christ Jesus “Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation,

² Daniel 4, 5: Daniel 4:17 This matter is by the decree of the watchers, and the demand by the word of the holy ones: to the intent that the living may know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will, and setteth up over it the basest of men.

Daniel 4:25 That they shall drive thee from men, and thy dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field, and they shall make thee to eat grass as oxen, and they shall wet thee with the dew of heaven, and seven times shall pass over thee, till thou know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will.

Daniel 4:32 And they shall drive thee from men, and thy dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field: they shall make thee to eat grass as oxen, and seven times shall pass over thee, until thou know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will.

Daniel 5:21 And he was driven from the sons of men; and his heart was made like the beasts, and his dwelling was with the wild asses: they fed him with grass like oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven; till he knew that the most high God ruled in the kingdom of men, and that he appointeth over it whomsoever he will.

³ Genesis 1:26-27

⁴ Daniel 4:34-35

and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross” (Philippians 2:6-8).

This is the “mind of Christ.” God, manifest in flesh, gave up power. He laid down His Scepter, removed His robes of Sovereignty, and stepped down into flesh. And as a man, He humbled Himself, and “learned obedience” through His sufferings (Hebrews 5:8): the excruciating ordeals of Gethsemane and Golgotha.

He calls to us, be likeminded. Let’s read the passage again. It starts with these words: “Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross” (Philippians 2:5-8).

Notice that it is for this reason God has “Highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father” (Philippians 2:9-11).

But vain men think God is like them, and that he uses His power as a tyrant does. God would have you be like Him Whose highest impulse is LOVE, not POWER.

Within the context of this great truth, that GOD is responsive to the will of the people, consider the following as sufficient to

illustrate that truth.⁵ GOD operates on the principle of the consent of the governed. It appears that this is an eternal principle with GOD our Creator.

Some simple examples: in the Garden, He gave Adam and Eve a choice (Genesis 1-3), till the Flood, God left men to the consequences of their own choices, after the flood, he formed His own nation, and ordered it differently than those who followed the pattern of Nimrod: He did not appoint over them a king, but said when your heart is hard and you desire a king, He gave them to law governing the appointment and conduct of kings (Deuteronomy 17). When they asked for a king about 354 years later, Samuel the prophet complained that the people wanted a king like the other nations around them. God told Samuel they had not rejected him; rather, they rejected God as king over them (1 Samuel 8:7). Yet, God was responsive to their will and gave them a king.

Later, when Saul rebelled against GOD and was told he would be replaced, God chose David, and the prophet Samuel anointed David to take the throne. However, Saul continued for about 15 years before he died. When Saul died, David did not do what the heathen nations did. He did not organize his band of men and ride into Israel to take the throne. He asked God whether he should go up to his people, and when God said he should, he paused and asked for direction regarding where to go; God said to go to Hebron. David's own people, the tribe of Judah, embraced him and made him king. He did not force himself on them or demand they submit to the prophecy everyone knew was on him from GOD through Samuel—that he would be king in the place of Saul. They “made him king.” When David was made king of Judah, he did not

⁵ NOTE: I'm speaking of the general dispensations, not the individual dispensations within them. The Bible speaks of the time of this present world, and the present Creation, as distinct from the “world to come” (the millennial—Ephesians 1:21 with Revelation 20) and the new Heaven and New Earth (Revelation 21). It appears, however, that the principle of consent will continue in the world that now is, and in that which is to come.

organize an army and conquer the rest of Israel. He remained king of Judah only for something like 7 years, and when he did finally become king of all Israel, it was not until the rest of the tribes “made him king” of their own free will.⁶

All the good kings of Israel were made kings by the people; only a few of the wicked kings of Israel seized the kingdom by force and violence. The rule of Israel was received, not taken. There is so much more, but one more example. When God complained against Israel for leaving Him, He attributed it to “setting up kings, but not by Me” (Hosea 8:4). They set up kings contrary to God's will. They set up their own rulers without His guidance or consultation. — God allowed it, but did not approve it. God is responsive to the will of the people.

I said that would be the last one, but we also need a witness from the New Testament. Jesus is PRINCE of the kings of the earth (Revelation 1:5). He rules over all principalities, and powers, and dominions, now, in the world that now is, and will continue in the world that is to come (Ephesians 1:21). And yet, Jesus requires the consent of those who will be governed by Him: “If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the LORD Jesus” (Romans 10:9). It’s “whosoever will call upon the name of the Lord” (Romans 10:13). Like I said earlier, this does not mean there are no consequences for making the wrong choice. When He returns, He will say, “But those mine enemies, which would not that I should reign over them, bring hither, and slay them before me” (Luke 19:27).

That’s a big part of what it means when it says, “If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the LORD JESUS, and shalt believe in thine heart that God has raised Him from the dead, THOU SHALT BE SAVED” (Romans 10:9).

⁶ See 2 Samuel 1-5.

And this provides further insight into how this principle operates. It does not mean there are no consequences for making poor or bad choices in the exercise of our will, or volition. A casual consideration of our everyday experience testifies that we can exercise our free will to disastrous effect. This is true personally and collectively, whether that be a family, a church, a city, a state, or a nation.

God is responsive to our choices in matters of consent appropriate to the choice or choices we make. If a people, generally, consent to tyranny, He delivers them to the power of the tyrant. This operates like any natural law. A tyrant cannot continue oppressing any people unless they, by default, consent to his tyranny. Even if they give their consent unwillingly, it is consent nonetheless. They have decided slavery is preferred to death, and so, in fear of death, they give their consent. Or they yield to oppression through bribery. In exchange for what the Demoncrats offer to give them from other people's money, they yield to become their puppets, their "slaves." In the extreme case, a tyrant cannot rule over the dead.

Jesus put it this way, "Fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell" (Matthew 10:28).

As for those who sell their freedom for government freebies, Jesus said, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matthew 6:33). He didn't promise a cell phone to you, though, so!

No tyrant can rule a dead man! This is the reason it's impossible for tyrants to rule over Christians. It's the reason only genuine Christians could ever have produced a nation like ours. Only a

people who declare, “Give me liberty, or give me death,”⁷ can rise from under the tyrant’s boot.

Jesus said, “The truth shall make you free,”⁸ and His Spirit declared through His apostle, Paul, “Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.”⁹ He has removed from Satan the “power of death” (Hebrews 2:14). He has given us the Truth and His Spirit. The only way we lose our freedom and liberty is if we choose tyranny out of fear or covetousness. We cannot be the land of the free if we are no longer determined to be the home of the brave. The fearful cannot be free, nor if they are, remain so!

Okay, hold on through the break. I’ll be right back!

Segment.02 Hello. Welcome back! I’m Dr. Jerry Scheidbach, pastor at the Lighthouse, your brain masseur, and Paul Revere’s lantern lighter, lighting the lamps in the church belfry arch, signaling the enemy is on the march—an enemy that would steal from us our liberty.

⁷ 1089.0.1-William Wirt, 1772-1834. Sketches of the Life and Character of Patrick Henry.pdf <https://docsouth.unc.edu/southlit/wirt/wirt.html> See pages 119-123. Dispute over what parts of the representation of this speech by William Wirt, as found in his 1817 biography titled *Sketches of the Life and Character of Patrick Henry* (2nd edition, 1818), arising from Wirt’s honest confession that some elements of his reconstruction of that speech are the product of creative license, are sometimes used to compromise the legitimacy of his representation. Everything that is known about Henry supports the declaration; multiple witnesses corroborate that this was his sentiment, and other descriptions of his theatrical oratorical skills all corroborate the account. It is generally believed Wirt’s confession was a humble admission that he was not present at the event, and was dependent upon the memory of one who was present, by the name of St. George Tucker, along with possible contributions from another present then, named Edmund Randolph. The honesty of his confession adds to his credibility as an honest reporter.

⁸ John 8:32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

⁹ 2 Corinthians 3:17 Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. See also Isaiah 61:1 The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound.

As I was preparing the show for this weekend, I got word from the Dove that Trump has declared the war with the Iranian Regime is formally concluded. He sent a letter to Congress informing it that he considered the ceasefire to have terminated the hostilities and that the war was, technically, over. Hegseth said the same thing during his hearing before Congress. (As an aside, the Obama/Biden action in Libya went well beyond the War Powers Resolution's 60-day limit without Congressional authorization.¹⁰) Trump is a master at messing with these jerks. Way to go!

Fear not, little flock, it is the Father's will to give you the kingdom.

The blockade has not been lifted, and our military is not withdrawing. Talks with the Iranians continue, and in the latest exchange, the regime sent a new proposal, to which Trump responded, "Not satisfied."¹¹ Trump has declared that the regime remains a threat, and he is keeping his options open for future action if needed. He might just decide to start a new action! Let's see what his next move will be.

God is moving, and Satan is provoking.

When God moves, Satan provokes. Satan provokes us to act in a manner that moves God against us. When this happens, we need to be careful to move with GOD instead of responding to Satan's provocations. Also, when GOD begins to move a nation for good in response to what He sees in the hearts of the people, Satan will enter in to provoke the people to resist God's moving.

This is illustrated by David. Notice 2Samuel 24:1 "And again the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel, and he moved David against them to say, Go, number Israel and Judah." 1 Chronicles 21 presents the same story with one huge difference: "And Satan stood

¹⁰ 1089.11.1-2011 military intervention in Libya - Wikipedia https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2011_military_intervention_in_Libya

¹¹ 1089.27.3-Iran hands over new proposal for talks with US to end war, Trump says 'not satisfied' _ Arab News <https://www.arabnews.com/node/2641972/middle-east>

up against Israel, and provoked David to number Israel” (1 Chronicles 21:1). God “moved,” Satan “provoked.”

God is moving to deliver us from under the pagan notion of rule by force with violence. Violation is in the word violence. When rulers take the kingdom by force with violence, they are operating under the influence of the spirit of Satan, the Prince of the power of the air (Ephesians 2:1-2). As Jesus said, Satan takes the kingdom by force, with violence (Jesus said, “And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force” (Matthew 11:12).

To recap: The political doctrine known as the Consent of the Governed originated in the Bible. God is responsive to the “will of the people.” He is not subordinate to the will of the people. But He acts in this world responsive to the will of the people.

His response to man’s universal abuse of free will is seen throughout the Bible, beginning in the Garden, continuing to the Flood, and demonstrated through His mighty works in and through Israel.

The heathen operate on the principle of power—they take power, they manipulate the consent of the governed and steal the power to consent from the people.

Election tampering, fraud, or infringement is an attack on the doctrine of Consent.

The Save America Act is a “We the people” movement to assert our natural and divine right of consent.

Every. Enemy. Of. The. Save. America. Act. is. an. enemy. of. FREEDOM, LIBERTY, and JUSTICE FOR ALL.

It’s anti-American. It’s the greatest evil of our time. It is the arrogance of Satan working in the children of disobedience, the lawless, the wicked who hate and desire to kill and quash dissent against their arrogant presumption to justify killing, destruction of

property, threats, and intimidation to take away the people's right of consent. Hakeem Jeffries tried that in Florida recently. He got shut down because he could not intimidate Floridians.

Let's take a look at the April 29, 2026 decision in *Louisiana v. Callais*, in which the court ruled, 6-3, that Louisiana's congressional map, which created a second majority-Black district, was unconstitutional: that the Constitution is colorblind, that race cannot be a primary reason for drawing a congressional district.¹²

The ramifications of these decisions are huge! It marks a milestone in the battle against the Demoncrat strategy of using racism to divide America into Black and White. The SCOTUS upended a major obstacle against racial harmony, and blending America into lovers of America as founded, who together stand opposed to those who hate America and want to see the Constitutional Republic replaced with a one-party system with Democrats permanently holding the power in this country, not the People, the Party.

The Court said, 6-3, that Congressional Districts cannot be drawn on the basis of race.

What about the question of whether congressional districts should be drawn along Party lines? It's the same problem, but from a different angle. You see, the reason the Demoncrats want to draw districts by race is that they assume this gives their Party a political advantage. They don't care about racial issues. The Demoncrats have always hated the Black race, they are the most racist people in this country. They are the Party of Jim Crow, the KKK, the SPLC — you know that crowd, right? The Southern Poverty Law Center, supporting White Supremacist leaders. The Demoncrats have always hated the Black people—it's about their Party Power—look what they do to Blacks that leave their “reservation.” Clarence

¹² 1089.5.1-In major Voting Rights Act case, Supreme Court strikes down redistricting map challenged as racially discriminatory _ SCOTUSblog <https://www.scotusblog.com/2026/04/in-major-voting-rights-act-case-supreme-court-strikes-down-redistricting-map-challenged-as-racia/>

Thomas—remember that? I do! The Demoncrats are devils that hate America as founded, and hate the fact that Abraham Lincoln beat them back and freed the slaves.

Congressional Districts should be drawn based on geographic and population criteria, and on the assumption that all voters are American, regardless of race, religion, or creed. If it turns out that American voters tend to vote for American interests against those whose agenda is anti-American, that's just the way that cookie crumbles.

There is zero justification for purposely dividing Congressional Districts with Party or Racial majority aims. We cannot be ONE NATION unless we recognize all citizens as having a shared identity with that NATION. Creating separate “nations” within our ONE NATION UNDER GOD is the surest way to segment our nation into multiple factions within, and that will destroy us. One way to stop this division of our nation into black and white is to stop forcing that division into our politics. The nation is what it is. Red and yellow, black and white, THEY ARE ALL PRECIOUS IN HIS SIGHT.

Anyone coming into this country to be anything else in it but AMERICAN is not welcome here, and that applies whether they are red or yellow, or black or white. It's about Americans versus un-American, American versus anti-American.

When Congressional Districts are drawn according to nothing more than geography and population, you get a true picture of what America consents to as a whole, rather than artificially manipulated results.

Our system protects minority interests in the affirmation and defense of our God-endowed inalienable rights, not the specialized interests of any sub-group. Anytime the special interests of any sub-group are not already covered by the rights of everyone, when any individual right cannot be included in the rights of all men,

defining these special rights as a “human right” is invariably going to create an environment that violates the general rights of everyone.

The Constitution does not guarantee any individual’s claim to a special right that cannot be shared by everyone, nor can anyone claim as a human right something not shared in common with all humans.

Finally, what about the case that a minority group within the Nation must have equal representation in Congress, and therefore, the elections need to be “weighted” in a way that creates parity in representation? In other words, if the black community has interests arising from a subculture experience that is not shared in common with, say, the white or brown communities, should we organize the elections to guarantee a disproportionate number of blacks or browns in Congress to ensure their interests are represented? No!

Should anyone here illegally have any representation in our Congress? No!

Should anyone that is here legally but not citizens have any representation in Congress? No.

Should any group be allowed to hold citizenship who openly demonstrate hatred for our nation, openly declare their allegiance to a foreign power, and steal from the taxpayers through fraud, should they have a representation in our Congress on a par with Americans who have a love for their country and who honor our laws? Answer: NO!

But wait, you say, if someone is here legally, and they are citizens who obtained that status legally, shouldn’t they have representation in Congress? To which I say, yes! But not disproportionate to their numbers. They should be counted as Americans, period!

They should not be counted as forming a separate group within the voting public that, as a group, has an equal share in Congressional representation with any other group within America. If they are Americans, they vote with the rest of Americans, not as some special sub-group within America.

All Black Americans, White Americans, Brown Americans, or Yellow Americans vote as Americans. Congressional Districts must not be drawn to divide Americans by race or ideological orientation.

They should be drawn according to contiguous geography and the number of people living within the boundaries of that area, facilitating access to their representative and providing for easy access by their representative to their constituents: PERIOD!

Imagine the absurdity if White Supremacists argued that they are not fairly represented in Congress and demanded Congressional Districts be drawn to assure they have representation in Congress? Imagine the Haitians, or Islamists, immigrating into our country, and demanding that Haitians and Islamists have Congressional Districts drawn to ensure a parity of representation in Congress? How about LGBTQ+etc. or Pedophiles forming up a political group and demanding that Congressional representation is denied to them because the general population is averse to their evil, but ...

Well, you get the idea. Districts cannot be drawn on any criteria driven by group identity politics, whether that identity is defined by race, religion, personal predilections, or sexual preferences, or by the politics that form around these special interests. It must be driven by a neutral assessment of natural geographical boundaries and the number of people within that boundary, creating, as much as possible, equal population groups within contiguous boundaries assigned to the number of Congressional Representatives that are apportioned for that state—PERIOD!

Using any other criteria allows parties, racial, or other political or ideological divisions in the community to gain a disproportionate representation in our Congress, which is disproportionate to the population as a whole. We are ONE NATION UNDER GOD.

This system has led to political infighting, political power grabs, and mischief; to gridlock, paralysis, and corruption. Because power corrupts and incites the passion for more power, and the corruption increases as more power is created until it is absolute. The only absolute power is GOD, yet GOD is responsive to the will of the people. But the will of the people cannot be demonstrated through an election in a system where some people have a disproportionate share in their representation, or when certain special interests are given the same consideration as human rights that are shared in common by every person.

Okay, join us Sunday beginning at 9:30 as we enjoy Russ Miller, Creation, Evolution, and Science Ministries.

I have lit the lamps in the Church belfry arch. Now let me know if you see them.

You can email me from our website, branmassage.net. That's brainmassage.net. Find the CONTACT button and click send.

You can leave a message on our Listener Response Hotline: 805.314.2114.

God bless you. God bless America! I'll see you in Church.

APPENDIX:

No tyrant can rule a dead man! A fearful or covetous people cannot be free. To the fearful, Jesus put it this way, "Fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell" (Matthew 10:28).

As for those who sell their freedom for government freebies, Jesus said, “Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you” (Matthew 6:33).

This is the reason 1,000 years of torture and murder at the hands of the Catholic whore could not stop the true Christians.

Cardinal Stanislaus Hosius, was a leading Polish cardinal, bishop of Warmia (VAHR-My-Ah), and papal legate, and president of the Council of Trent in the 1500s. He “Acknowledges the long history of persecution against Anabaptist groups who opposed certain Catholic doctrines and practices”¹³: like infant baptism, and the Nicolaitan doctrine of interjecting the Pope and priests between the saint and the Saviour, a doctrine Jesus expressly declared that He hated. A doctrine contradicted by His Spirit through the inspiration of Paul’s letter to Timothy: “For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; Who gave himself a ransom for all” (2 Timothy 2:5-6a).

Here is what this cardinal wrote in his letters: “Were it not that the Baptists have been grievously tormented and cut off with the knife during the past twelve hundred years, they would swarm in greater number than all the Reformers.” [IBID.]

And don’t make the mistake of thinking this “spirit” of exalting the Pope above the scrutiny of the so-called Laity is no longer part of that system. The first American Pope fabricated quotations of Jesus and when we noticed and called him out on that a *Defender of the Catholic Faith*, Cardinal Ludwig Müller, former Prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith (from 2012-2017) come out and said, right in front of God and everybody: “It must be clearly stated that no one has the right to criticize the Pope when he

¹³ 1089.12.1-The Cardinal Stanislaus Hosius Quote on Baptist Succession <https://kentbrandenburg.com/2022/02/25/the-cardinal-stanislaus-hosius-baptist-succession-quote-is-it-legitimate/> See also: 1089.12.2-BAPTIST HISTORY HOMEPAGE: baptisthistoryhomepage.com_perpetuity.statements.ministry127.html.pdf

faithfully follows the mission he received from Christ to bear witness to the Gospel of peace.”¹⁴

Really? Does the Apostle Paul have at least equal authority as your Pope? Did I hear you say Paul was under Peter? Really? No body told Paul. The Apostle Paul said, by the Spirit, “When Peter was come to Antioch, I [Paul] withstood him to the face, because he was to be blamed” (Galatians 2:11). Oh, so you will agree that Paul had the power to rebuke the first Pope, but we don’t? Well, no one told that to the Berean Christians, when they checked on Paul’s preaching to looking into their Bible to verify what he taught them. I’m serious, check it out in Acts 17:10-11:

Acts 17:10 ¶ “The brethren immediately sent away Paul and Silas by night unto Berea: who coming thither went into the synagogue of the Jews. These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so” (Acts 17:10-11). What the Roman church would call laity were examining Paul’s teaching to verify what he taught. Paul congratulated them. He said they were “more noble” than those in Thessalonica.

Anyway, back to Hosius, the Cardinal I told you about earlier, who said: “Were it not that the Baptists have been grievously tormented and cut off with the knife during the past twelve hundred years, they would swarm in greater number than all the Reformers.” He further observed that “No other group had been ‘more cruelly punished’ or had more steadfastly endured death for their beliefs over ‘these thousand and two hundred years.’” [IBID.] He said this in about AD 1550, which means he affirmed the existence of Baptists 1200 years before, or before AD 350, which is about the

¹⁴ 1089.12.3-(2) Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=1572580884440447&set=a.397492538615960&id=100050656501804> See also 1089.12.3-(2) The Shroud of Turin _ Cardinal Muller claims that no one has the authority to criticize the Pope _ Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1189776852310606/posts/1639655093989444/>

time of the marriage between Jezebel's branch of the Thyatira Church and the great whore of Rome.¹⁵

This guy went on to be known as the “Hammer of the Heretics” for the repressive measures he used against the Protestants. He used “Inquisitorial authority” in 1550, and served as “Inquisitor of heretical perversity.”¹⁶ He expelled “heretics” from their homes and country, confiscated their publications, vigorously opposed “toleration,” and praised the role of persecution in suppressing Baptist Christians.¹⁷

Anyway, in case you are interested, this guy did his thing in the 1500s and acknowledged that the Baptists existed 1200 years before the Reformation, which started in 1517. This shows that Baptists were in opposition to the doctrines of the whore right from the start. They were known as Baptists about four years before the Edict of Milan, the formal beginning of the union between Rome and a version of Christianity that had already drifted significantly toward pagan forms and beliefs.

The influence of the Baptists in the colonies cannot be recounted here, but if you study it out, you'll read about the Spirit of liberty in evidence among them as they stood against the oppression of the Protestant churches, all of them coming out of the Roman communion, and who continued their mother's inclination to

¹⁵ See Revelation 2:18-23; see Revelation 17:1-6, 18.

¹⁶ 1089.12.4-Polish Inquisition - Wikipedia https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Polish_Inquisition

¹⁷ An excerpt from Grokopedia: “Hosius's calls for magisterial intervention against Anabaptists drew sharp rebuke from groups advocating nonresistance and voluntary congregations. In his 1558 *Verae christianae doctrinae solida propugnatio*, Hosius described Anabaptists as a “pestilent sect” warranting suppression by “christian magistrates,” praising persecution's role in curbing their spread: they “would swarm above all others, if they were not grievously plagued and cut off with the knife.” [19] Anabaptist leaders, such as those in Moravia and the Netherlands, responded through writings decrying Catholic and Protestant alliances with state power, viewing Hosius's advocacy—rooted in his role as Polish bishop confronting local heresies—as tyrannical enforcement of error over conscience.” See 1089.12.5-Stanislaus Hosius — Grokopedia https://grokopedia.com/page/stanislaus_hosius

persecution and retribution against those who challenged their authority.

Go see *The Awakening*, and take with you this little bit of history skipped over in that excellent representation of the influence of the Gospel upon the founding of our nation. Many Baptists embraced Whitefield, and Whitefield, an Anglican to the end, tolerated them. Whitefield regarded his ministry as calling for a purification of the Anglican priesthood, and as calling all God's "chickens" to gather under the wings of God and into the fellowship of a reformed Anglican church.

When he returned to America from England and learned that virtually all his converts had joined the Baptists, it is reported that he quipped, "All my chickens have become ducks." They went into the water for believers' baptism. Anglicans followed the practice of their "mother," the Roman Catholic church.

Whether or not he made such a comment, the facts underpinning the rumor are true: the converts of *The Awakening* found Whitefield's message and mission more like the Baptist churches than they could find in the "King's Church." Anglicans suppose the king to be the "Supreme Governor of the church of England."¹⁸

This attraction of colonists to identify with the Baptists grew stronger as the tensions between the Colonists and the Anglican "King" increased. The Baptist doctrine of soul liberty (freedom of religion, freedom of speech, and of the press), and the authority of Scripture as the only absolute rule for faith and practice, and Christ the only "Head" of the Church, and other Baptist Distinctives, like the Cromwell declaration, "No king, but Christ," appealed to the

¹⁸ This Supreme business sounds too much like Islamist nonsense. In the days of Henry VIII, the King was declared the "Supreme Head" of the Church of England (The Act of Supremacy, 1534). Under the Act of Supremacy of 1559, Elizabeth I revised the title to "Supreme Governor." See 1089.12.6-Why is the King known as Defender of the Faith_ _ The Church of England <https://www.churchofengland.org/media/stories-and-features/why-king-known-defender-faith>

American converts of the Great Awakening, making the Baptist churches the populist choice, the church of the people.

God is moving in America, turning hearts back to our founding principles and to our roots in the Christian faith. When God moves, Satan always works his way into the movement to plant himself right in the middle of it, if he can. Like the sorceress who attempted to connect herself with the Apostle Paul, following him through town, crying out to everyone, “These men are the servants of the most high God, which shew unto us the way of salvation (Acts 16:17). Paul tolerated this until finally he turned and cast out the evil spirit of divination that possessed her.