

"The Musket"

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"Weapon Of Breakthrough"

"Reformation Through Revelation"

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Throughout history, God, by the power of His Holy Spirit, has been pouring out revelation regarding His purposes for mankind. Intentionally, and systematically, the Master Builder has established for Himself, layer upon layer, the identity of the glorious church. One day He will present His bride to His Son Jesus. As Ephesians 5:27 states, "... that He might present it to Himself as the glorious church, without spot or wrinkle or any such things, but that it should be holy and without blemish."

Throughout the ages, His glorious church has resisted the temptation to conform to this world and has instead opted for the opportunity to be transformed into His image. Enosh called upon the Lord. Abraham walked by faith. Moses established His Law. John baptized by faith in Christ and repentance toward God¹. Peter and the other disciples received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. And of course, all attributes are culminated within Jesus. This is part of the legacy of the church, of which Christ is the Head.

A Spirit of wisdom and revelation is forming our identity in Christ as individuals first, then as members in a family, church, and nation. This is the "Christian idea of man,"² flowing from the inside out.

Christian Form of Government Developing
Pope Leo X (1475 – 1521) required the purchase of the forgiveness of sins through what was called "indulgences." This did not bode well with the German monk Martin Luther who in turn rebelled against such guidance, posted his 95 Thesis, and launched the Church into the Reformation in 1517. Struggle for control of the people by

"controlling" the Church ensued. In 1534, the Parliament in England confirmed that King Henry VIII was the "Supreme Head of the Church," and the state, through the Act of Supremacy.³

Up until the time of the Reformation, man was seen as existent for the purposes of the state. It was never seen in antiquity that the state was here to serve the people.² However, with the advent of the Reformation, and the King James Bible (1611), the world would forever be changed.

Paradigm Shift/Cultural Transformation

Through God's Word, people began to understand that we are all created in God's image, "And God created him in His image; in the image of God He created him, He created them male and female." (Genesis 1:27) We are all created equal and destined for immortality.² The Divine Right of Kings, stating the king was answerable to no one except God and that it was sinful to resist the king,⁴ lost its "validity" and the view of the purpose of government changed.

A Renewed Mind

*Individuals became more cherished than the state, from laborer on up, woman and child alike. Government was now understood to be for the purposes to serve and equip the individual and not the other way around. Biblical Revelation enhanced the definition of government and from there freedom resulted, from the church, to the government, and then throughout the nation(s). The Christian perspective of the individual liberated all from the restrictive philosophies of the state and permitted **His Spirit to arise.***

¹ – John Gill's Exposition of the Entire Bible Acts 19:4

² – Verna Hall, *The Christian History of the Constitution*, Founders Edition, Chesapeake, VA: Foundation For American Christian Education, 2006, 1-2.

³ – <http://academic2.american.edu/~dfagel/HenryVIIIActssummary.html>

⁴ – <http://www.spartacus.schoolnet.co.uk/STUdivine.htm>