

First Thousand Years

(Genesis 1-5. – 0 to 1,000 AM. – 4,000 to 3,000 BC.)

Trends of Government and Law Throughout History

Ancient History	Middle History	Modern History
Law without Liberty	Law of Liberty Internal Law with External Liberty	Liberty without Law
Old Testament Law	Christ	Modern “Rights” of Sin

- **Nation Building**

1. **Ancient Nations** – tyranny – law without liberty
 - a. Conquest with enslavement (like Egypt, Assyria, and Babylon) or
 - b. Conquest with incorporation but no representation (like Rome)
2. **Godly Nations** – law with liberty
 - a. Allow/utilize the concept of representation (like England)
 - b. Basing the nation on a covenant between God and the people (like America)
3. **Modern Nations** – liberty without law
 - a. Trend toward democracy (rule of the people) (like America)
 - b. An ultimate trend towards absolute freedom and anarchy

- **Only in Christ is it possible to have both diversity and unity:**

One and Not Many (Tyranny)	One and Many (Christ)	Many and Not One (Liberty)
Diversity is sacrificed for unity. Everyone must conform to the one, leaving no room for diversity.	The body of Christ is diverse, but is still one body and one bride, with all members brothers and sisters.	Unity is sacrificed for diversity. Everyone is free to go his or her own way, differences exceeding.

God's Child-Raising of Mankind Throughout History

1. Young Child – Emphasis on the Law (obedience)
2. Older Child – Law of Liberty (more freedom, do what is right)
3. Young Adult – Liberty without Law (your own decisions and consequences)

Relationship with God in History

1. You groan under the weight of the law
2. Then Christ comes
3. You run from Christ straight through to sin (liberty without law)

Note that the extremes just don't work. Christ is the only way.