



# CITIZENSHIP

Philippians 3:17-21

# OUR GOVERNMENT

- Republic - a state in which supreme power is held by the people and their elected representatives, and which has an elected or nominated president rather than a monarch.
- Republic – concern of the people

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- Democracy - a system of government by the whole population or all the eligible members of a state, typically through elected representatives.
- Democracy – the people rule.
- “Of the people, for the people and by the people”.

# OUR GOVERNMENT

- To ensure a separation of powers, the U.S. Federal Government is made up of three branches: legislative, executive and judicial. To ensure the government is effective and citizens' rights are protected, each branch has its own powers and responsibilities, including working with the other branches.

## LEGISLATIVE & EXECUTIVE

- The legislative branch is made up of the House and Senate, known collectively as the Congress. Among other powers, the legislative branch makes all laws, declares war, regulates interstate and foreign commerce and controls taxing and spending policies.
- The executive branch consists of the President, his or her advisors and various departments and agencies. This branch is responsible for enforcing the laws of the land.

# JUDICIAL

- The judicial branch consists of the U.S. Supreme Court and the Federal Judicial Center. According to the Constitution, "[t]he judicial Power of the United States, shall be vested in one supreme Court, and in such inferior Courts as the Congress may from time to time ordain and establish." The Federal Judicial Center is the education and research agency for the federal courts.

# VOTING

- "The **right** of citizens of the United States to **vote** shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex. Congress shall **have** power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation."

# OATH OF CITIZENSHIP

- *"I hereby declare, on oath, that I absolutely and entirely renounce and abjure all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty, of whom or which I have heretofore been a subject or citizen; that I will support and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States of America against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I will bear arms on behalf of the United States when required by the law; that I will perform noncombatant service in the Armed Forces of the United States when required by the law; that I will perform work of national importance under civilian direction when required by the law; and that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; so help me God."*

# THEOCRACY

- Theocracy - government of a state by immediate divine guidance or by officials who are regarded as divinely guided.
- 1 Timothy 6:10-16

# CITIZENSHIP - CULTURE

- Acts 21:39 & 22:28
- *Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. (Matt. 7:21 NIV)*
- Ephesians 2:11-22
- Philippians 3:17-21
- Galatians 3:26-29