

St. Andrew's (JKP) Monthly Newsletter
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Edification: When is a door not a door? When it's ajar...get it? A Jar...a-jar... By the same token when is a government "*of the people, by the people and for the people*" no longer a government of, by and for the people? How about when that government is no longer made-up of the people, but of a ruling class elite who are career politicians? Or when that government stops responding to or even listening to the voice of the people (*vox populi*) and only hears its own pontificating in the echo chamber. Or what about when that government drafts laws and policies that are in direct opposition to not only the existing constitution of that land, but to the revealed law of God also. Is that government a government that is of, by and for the people? Though many political pundits would say that we are no longer such a government in all honesty we are. *We the people*, are corrupt people. Being American or conservative or liberal doesn't spare us from that reality. And shock of all shocks, neither does being Christian. A government of, by and for the people is ultimately a government of corrupt people, by corrupt people, for corrupt people. As our pastor frequently reminds us "*all things tend toward corruption.*" including us (we) the people and our institutions. This being the case does it matter that our republic is being systematically deconstructed, to raise in its place (as our President says) a more perfect union? By which he means one of socialistic-style centralized planning and governance and control? Is the effort and sacrifice required to maintain a free republic, built upon laws truly worth it if it can become so corrupted and distorted as we now see ours? Why bother? Why polish brass on the proverbial sinking ship?

Events/Information: Please remember to tithe regularly through the summer weeks. In the midst of vacations and home renovations etc. don't forget the much needed financial support of this ministry. It helps keep the budget level when the tithes are consistent.

"The only investment I ever made which has paid consistently increasing dividends is the money I have given to the Lord." — JAMES L. KRAFT (1874-1953), KRAFT-PHOENIX CHEESE CORP. CHAIRMAN

Encourage: In 2nd Corinthians Paul says "*Where the Spirit of the Lord is there is liberty*". In Galatians he says "*Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free*". Freedom is not a virtue. It is a God-ordained state of existence. God intends His image-bearers to be free men and women. This is proved in the form of government He instituted in ancient Israel. That form of government was a free republic. They were a nation of laws, God's laws. They had a limited federal government, judges to explain the law and authority delegated down to the local (tribal) level. A model of true freedom. But the people despised their freedom and the One who gave it. "We'll have a human king, thank you very much – like the other (degenerate) nations". The consequence of this sin was the granting of the request itself. "*They have rejected Me as their King*" God told Samuel. And thus began Israel's enslavement to a series of tyrants who would be king. Our constitutional republic is patterned after ancient Israel's. We are a nation of laws and limited government. Through this system has come great freedom, to this nation and around the world. With the undoing of it there will arise a new form of tyranny – a federal government monarchy. The Federal Government will be King. And just as Samuel warned Israel of their king our King will take our wealth, our lands, our heritage, our freedom and that of our children. While our free republic can and has become corrupted it is worth the sacrifice and effort to maintain. It is worthy of the cost. "*Eternal vigilance is the cost of liberty.*" Are we worthy of the call? When is a door not a door? When it's a federally constructed wall shutting out freedom.