

## Civil Disobedience - Handout Two

Westminster Confession of Faith Chapter 23 (especially paragraphs 1 and 4)

### • **Five Biblical Examples of Civil Disobedience**

1. Exodus 1:15-22: Shiphrah and Puah f\_\_\_\_\_ God. They practiced civil disobedience instead of b\_\_\_\_\_ the s\_\_\_\_\_ c\_\_\_\_\_ (Romans 13:3, I Peter 2:17).
2. Joshua 2:1-14 and Hebrews 11:31: Rahab had f\_\_\_\_\_ in God and gave a friendly welcome to the J\_\_\_\_\_. She also practiced civil disobedience and thereby p\_\_\_\_\_ l\_\_\_\_\_.
3. Daniel 3:8-28: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego s\_\_\_\_\_ God (3:17, 26, and 28) and t\_\_\_\_\_ in Him (3:28). They practiced civil disobedience instead of breaking the f\_\_\_\_\_ and s\_\_\_\_\_ commandments (I Peter 2:16).
4. Daniel 6: Daniel also s\_\_\_\_\_ God c\_\_\_\_\_ (Daniel 6:5, 16, and 20). He practiced c\_\_\_\_\_ d\_\_\_\_\_ instead of abandoning the godly practice of p\_\_\_\_\_ (Psalm 4:1, 5:1-3, 61:1, 55:16-17; Luke 18:1; I Thessalonians 5:17).
5. Acts 4 and 5: The disciples were s\_\_\_\_\_ of God who were filled with the H\_\_\_\_\_ S\_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 4:23-31). They practiced civil disobedience instead of d\_\_\_\_\_ the Lord's command to t\_\_\_\_\_ and to p\_\_\_\_\_ in His name (Matthew 28:19-20, Acts 1:8, 4:19,20, ad 31, 5:27-28). They "had to o\_\_\_\_\_ God rather than m\_\_\_\_\_" (Acts 5:29).

### • **Three Principles of Civil Disobedience**

1. Godly citizens s\_\_\_\_\_ m\_\_\_\_\_ practice civil disobedience.
2. Civil disobedience does not require u\_\_\_\_\_ d\_\_\_\_\_.
3. Civil disobedience must be p\_\_\_\_\_ when civil obedience will result in s\_\_\_\_\_ b\_\_\_\_\_ on the part of the c\_\_\_\_\_.