



## **The Truth of America's Founding - Your Heritage and Mine**

### **A Four-Lesson Seminar - Syllabus**

**Mission Statement:** Demonstrating the role of God and the Bible in the establishment of the United States of America and how our American and Christian heritage is intertwined.

**Lesson One:** The United States of America was founded on Biblical principles:

- 1492 - Christopher Columbus's real reason for sailing west from Spain, writings from his own diary, written in 1502.
- 1620 - The Pilgrims and the Mayflower Compact, America's first self-government document.
- 1740-1760 - The first Great Awakening and how it impacted some of our key Founders.
- 1776 - The Declaration of Independence - paving the way for the U.S. Constitution - both documents are based on Biblical principles.
- Making an impact - Modern-day applications and actions - What would it look like today if the Church and State worked side-by-side in politics?

**Lesson Two:** Introduction to the U.S. Constitution – Articles I & II

- The Founders' Biblical Worldview and the form of government they established for us (A Constitutional Republic, not a pure Democracy.)
- The Preamble to the Constitution.
- Separation of government powers: Where the idea came from and how it separates us from every other nation in world history.
- Article I - The Legislative Branch
  1. How Article I limits the power to the federal government.
  2. Slavery and the Constitution - Is the Constitution a "pro-slavery document?"
- Article II - The Executive Branch
- Making an impact - Modern-day applications and actions - What would it look like today if the Church and State worked side-by-side to protect life?

**Lesson Three:** The Constitution, Separation of Powers, and the Bill of Rights

- Article III - The Judicial Branch
- The Myth of 3 "Co-Equal" Branches of Government.
- Bill of Rights (First 10 Amendments) with main focus on the First Amendment.
- The changing view of absolute standards and truth - When and how did the United States of America change from the Founders Biblical view of law and government to what we have today?
- Making an impact - Modern-day applications and actions - What would it look like today if the Church and State worked side-by-side to protect property?

**Lesson Four:** Modern-Day Applications - A Game Plan for Action

- Should Christians be involved in Civil Government? What does the Bible say?
- Four Walls of Godly Jurisdiction from the scriptures.
- What should concerned citizens do? What can we do? A game plan for action!
- Making an impact - What would it look like today if the Church and State worked side-by-side to protect liberty?