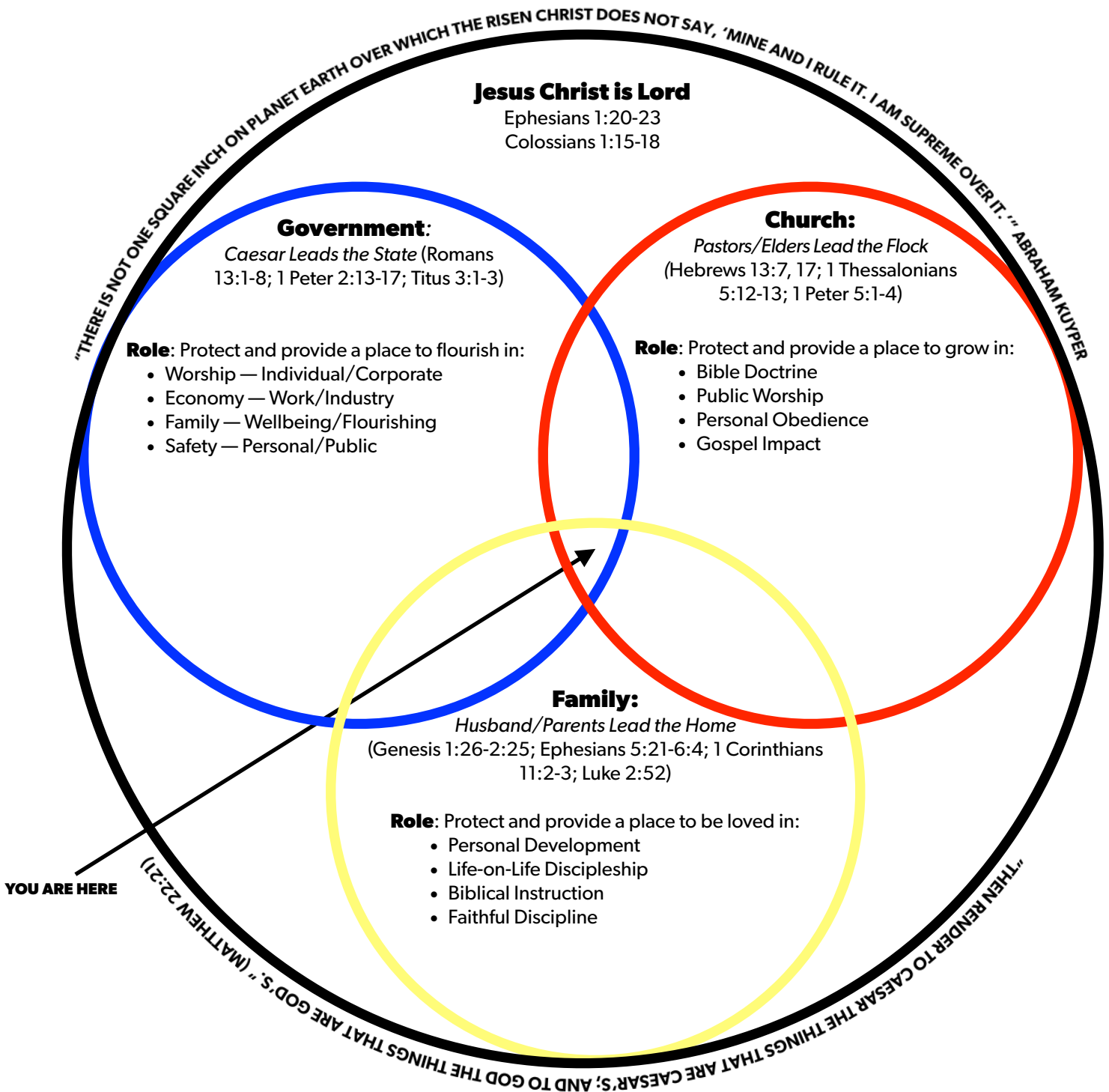
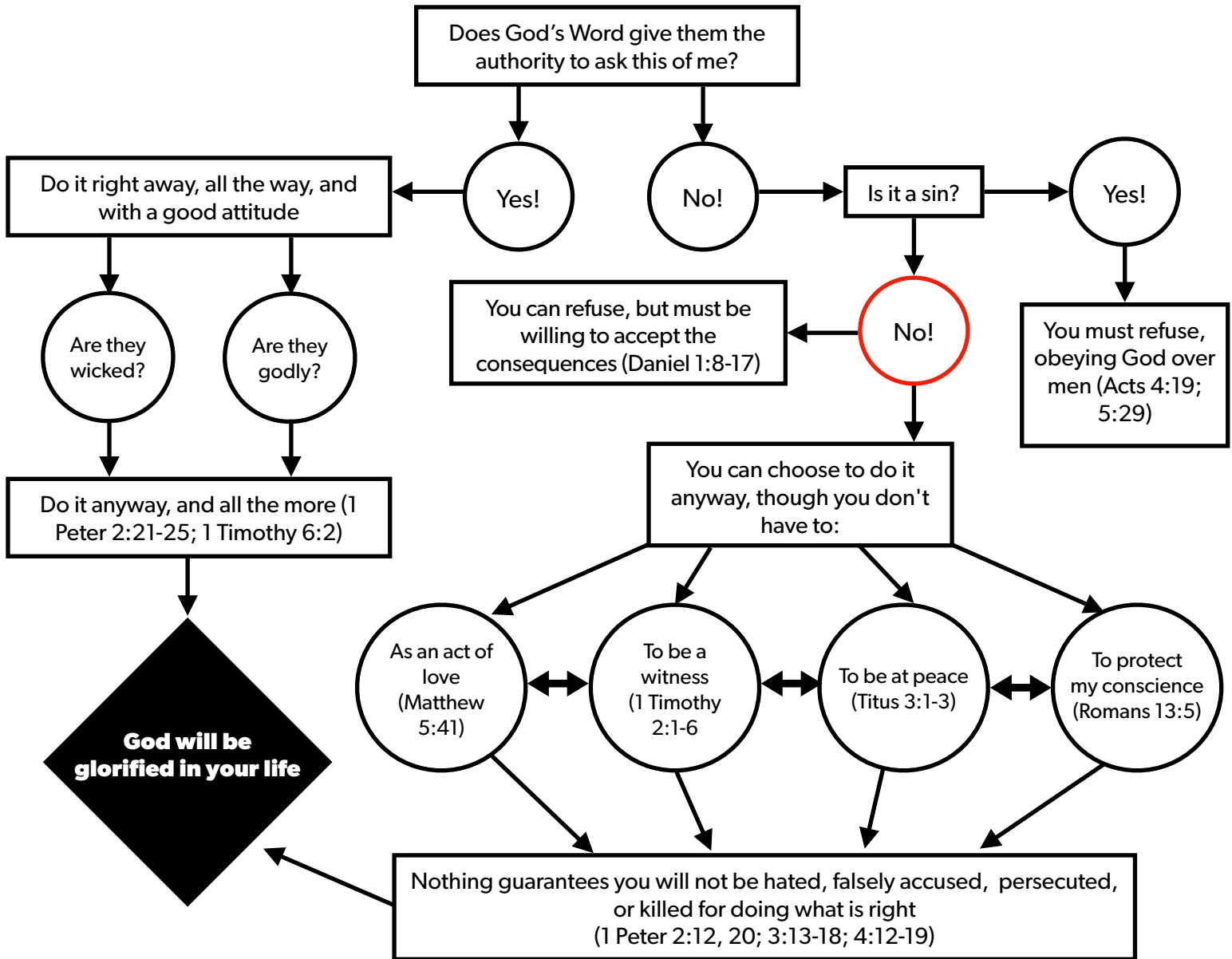


The Christian and Government



Authority: the God given right to direct those under their charge to live as God commands, only in that sphere. It's the right to make decisions and enforce accountability, but it is not unlimited and unqualified. These spheres interact but they do not interlock. They can support and help each other, but remain distinct, and do not assume authority over the other.



- The President of the United States bypasses Congress and issues an executive order requiring mandatory buy-back of all guns from legal owners, stating that our 2nd Amendment does not apply to modern weapons, including those used for personal protection and home invasion. Do you hand over your weapons? What if they only outlaw AR-15's?
- The CDC makes an emergency declaration that churches cannot meet for worship in a pandemic until further notice, that all citizens are required to be vaccinated, and must wear masks at home to avoid contagion. Does God require you to comply?
- You work in the Third Reich as a personal protection guard to Adolf Hitler, who has been exterminating Jews throughout Europe. He trusts you with his life, which if you take it, you can stop the spread of evil and tyranny. Can a Christian (like Bonhoeffer) end Hitler's life and overthrow an evil government?
- You are a Christian in early America, under British rule as a citizen of the Colonies, but the overreach of your government has so exasperated the people that they are beginning to riot. Can you join them? The protests are met with lethal force and a war for independence is forming to throw off the shackles of an oppressive government. Can you be an active part in breaking away and forming a new government, as a Christian?