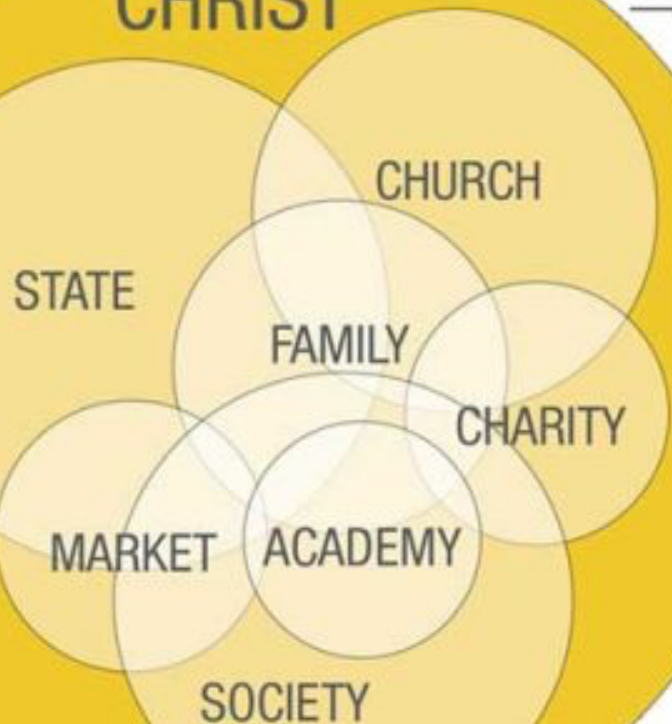


# SPHERE sovereignty

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**Christ...**

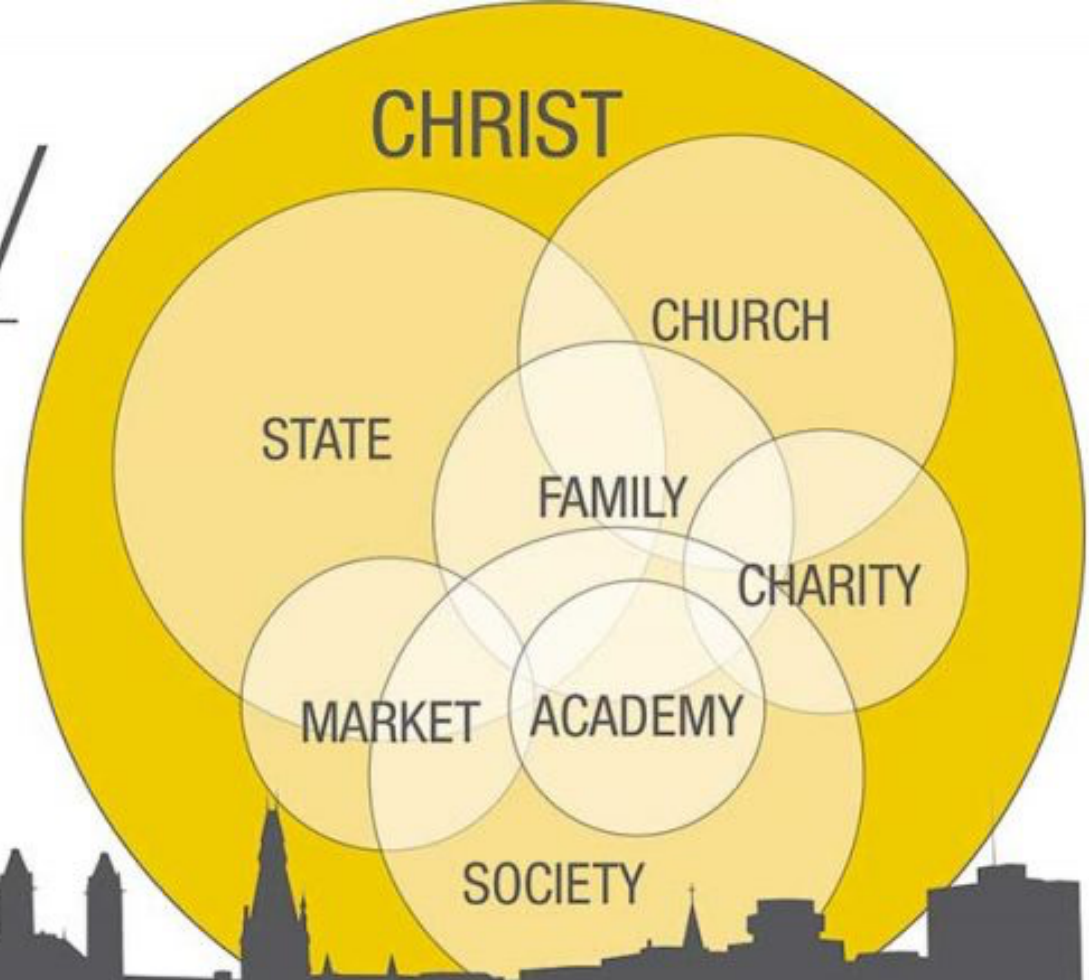
**...or the State?**

**DEFINITION:** Biblical Principle stating we ought to obey God rather than man. Therefore, no human institution has the right to lay a total claim on human life. Human institutions are authorized to lay their claim upon us and exercise authority over us only within their own sphere. (As authorized by God's sovereignty)

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“There is not one square inch in the whole domain of our human existence over which Christ, who is sovereign over all, does not cry, **‘Mine!’**” —ABRAHAM KUYPER

All of this is based on covenants  
Mankind – Covenant  
Family - Covenant  
Church – Covenant  
State - Covenant

# ALL AUTHORITY

Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

*Matthew 28:18*

**All Authority** – includes **everything**  
**Heaven** and **earth** – includes **everywhere**

# ALL AUTHORITY

For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. *Colossians 1:16*

Everything created by Him

Thrones or dominions or ruler or authorities

# Self

So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. *Genesis 1:27*

Created in the Image of God  
Dignity, value, worth

# SELF

It is written: “As surely as I live,’ says the Lord, ‘every knee will bow before me; every tongue will acknowledge God” So then, each of us will give an account of ourselves to God.

*Romans 14:11-12*

Each will give an **account**  
**Accountability**, **responsibility**, **liberty**



# FAMILY

So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”

*Genesis 1:27-28*

## FAMILY

Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord ...  
Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her. *Ephesians 5:22,25*

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*Colossians 3:18-21*

# FAMILY

Husband, wife, children

**Head, Helper, Honor and Respect**

\*Family government will stand accountable to  
the LORDship of Jesus

# CHURCH

For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior.

*Ephesians 5:23*

Christ Head/Lord of the Church  
**Shepherd, Disciple, Preach**

# CHURCH

If I am delayed, you will know how people ought to conduct themselves in God's household, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and foundation of the truth.

*1 Timothy 3:15*

Church pillar and foundation of truth  
entrusted with the truth

# STATE

For the one in authority is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for rulers do not bear the sword for no reason. They are God's servants, agents of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer. *Romans 13:4*

God's Deacon on earth  
**punish** wickedness, **praise** good

# STATE

The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers band together against the Lord and against his anointed, saying, “Let us break their chains and throw off their shackles.” ... Kiss his son, or he will be angry and your way will lead to your destruction, for his wrath can flare up in a moment. Blessed are all who take refuge in him. *Psalm 2:2-3, 12*

Kings of the earth, kiss the Son  
recognize where their authority comes from