



➤ **The Constitution**

■ **Distinctives:**

- *Separation of Powers*

- *Enumerated Powers*

■ **Principles of Understanding:**

- *Originalism*

- ◆ **Definition:** Trying to understand the original meaning, understanding, and intent of the Framers based on the language and definitions of their day versus a “Living Constitution” (Antonin Scalia).

- *Textualism*

- ◆ **Definition:** Textualism means interpreting the text of a written law without going beyond the intent of those legislators who made the law. Judges have no authority to pursue "broader purposes." Judges should interpret legal text as written, not as it “should’ve been written...”

## The Conclusion

❖ **So What?**

- Summary of our Government

- Our Responsibility to (God-ordained) Government

- Text: **\*\*Deuteronomy 31:24-29**

**Soli Deo Gloria**

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