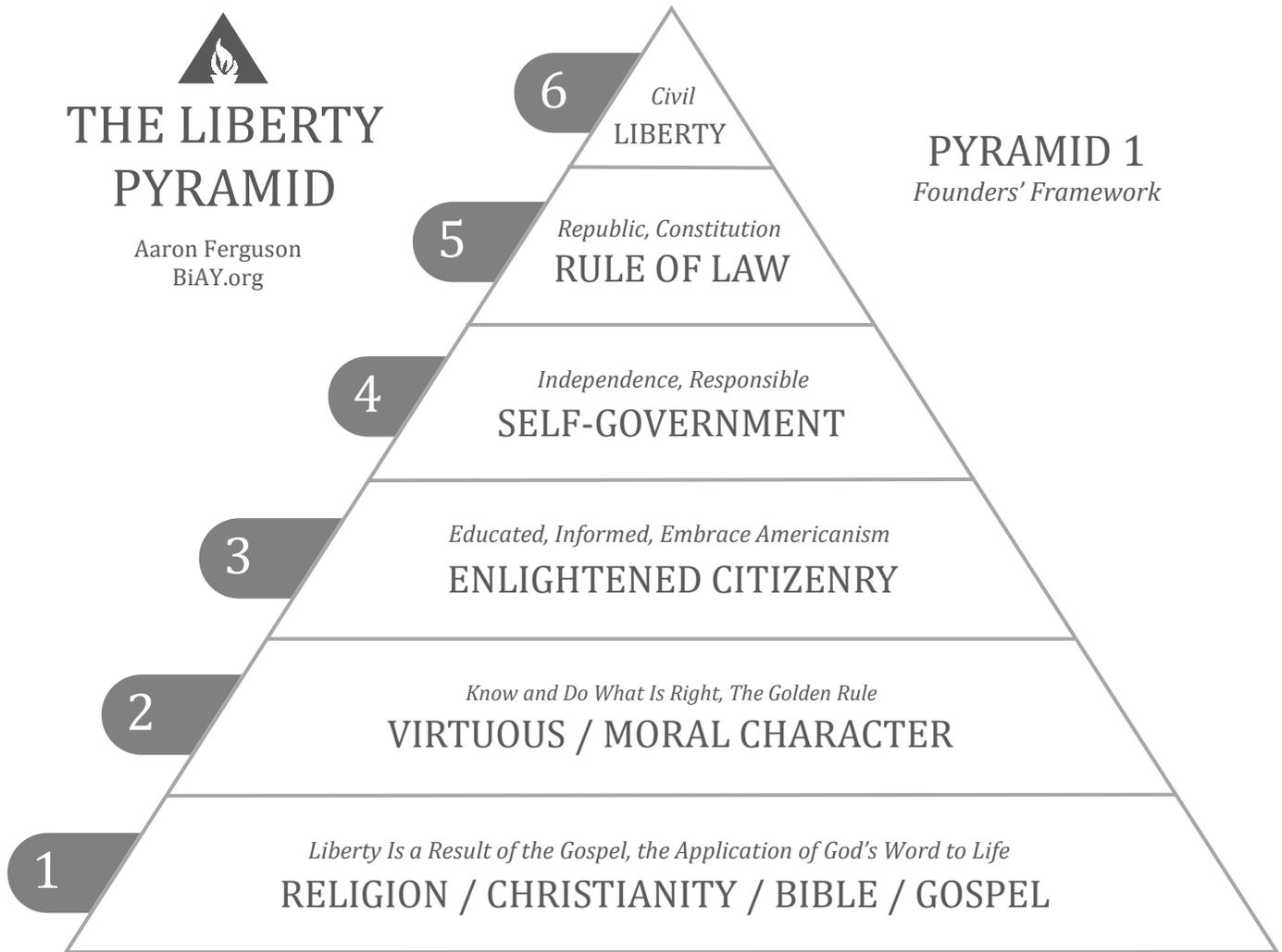




THE LIBERTY PYRAMID

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PYRAMID 1 *Founders' Framework*



Liberty is a gift of God but the responsibility of men.

Level 6 — Liberty

God created us to possess liberty, but our sin ruined everything, jeopardizing life, liberty, and property. Only by the grace of God, through His Son Jesus, did we rediscover the secret to liberty. We all have God-given rights. Only few have the liberty to enjoy them.

Liberty 5 — The Rule of Law

Liberty cannot exist apart from law. Sinful people need regulation and restraint. Even rulers need rules. Thus, societies must establish a fixed common law, grounded in the laws of God.

Level 4 — Self-Government

With limited civil government, we are free to govern ourselves. Therefore, we must have the capacity to do what is right without coercion. They must be controlled by a force within them (conscience).

Level 3 — Enlightened Citizenry

If people are the highest authority, then we must be educated in truth. Only enlightened citizens will protect our God-given liberty.

Liberty 2 — Virtuous / Moral Character

If we are free to govern ourselves, then our conscience must be informed by moral standards. We must learn and do what's right, as our duty to God and service to one another.

Level 1 — Religion / Christianity

We are created by God. We are under His authority. Each of us bears His likeness and has value, purpose, and rights. However, we are also imperfect. Restoration is only possible through Christ. Salvation transforms individuals. Transformed individuals transform societies. Liberty is the result of the Gospel.