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TITLE: **God, Guns and the Second Amendment**

Unfortunately, the growing problem of gun violence in our culture and the debate over gun violence and gun control will continue to rage on for years to come.

Here are three things to believe and consider regarding our response as Christians—those who have been transformed by the gospel:

- 1. The Second Amendment never explicitly states that gun ownership is a God-given right.** However, the Founders likely did believe that we all have inalienable rights as human beings, as image-bearers, of the one true God and Authority. We also have a right and a responsibility (commanded by God) to know and follow the laws of our country. We also have a duty to know what the law *actually* says instead of letting the news, blind emotion, or ignorance guide us. Take the time to know the laws of your country and what you can do to live as a blessing in light of our shifting culture.
- 2. God is great and powerful, so we don't need to be in control.** The false belief that we are only safe by the possession of weapons is a denial of God's sovereignty. *"This is what the LORD says: 'Cursed is the one who trusts in man, who depends on flesh for his strength and whose heart turns away from the LORD.'" (Jeremiah 17:5)* Trust God with your life and safety and seek to be peacemakers and part of the change you want to see in this world. And remember, just as God will never do violence to your will or choice, he has also never commanded us to try and exert our will or opinion on others either.
- 3. Learn more about the complex issues connected to this topic.** Understand the different types of guns that are out there and don't sweep all guns and gun owners into a single category; that will not advance the dialog or lead to any meaningful change or peace in our country. Understand that the life, privilege, and safety you enjoy today is not the same for everyone and absolutely does affect how people of other ethnicities, socio-economic levels, and religions view this issue.

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~Caesar