

The Constitution

Two views - “...‘**living constitutionalism,**’ which suggests that the **definition of the Constitution and written legal statutes should change with the times ... opposing legal theory ... **originalism,**** which argues that the **Constitution should be interpreted as written and read in light of what it meant at the time of its ratification.**”

Aaron Flanigan, *AMAC Magazine* (July/August 2023), p12 [boldmine]

“Constitution” - “a body of
fundamental principles or established
precedents according to which a state
or other organization is
acknowledged to be governed”

New Oxford American Dict., 3rd edition

Constitution of the Church

Mt 28:18-20; Ac 2:42; 1Co 4:17;

Eph 2:20 (our “Supreme Court”);

1Th 5:27; 2Tim 1:13

Interpreting the Constitution

“should be interpreted as written and read in light of **what it meant at the time of its ratification.**”

1Co 14:37; Gal 1:8-9; Jude 1:3

NOT “**change with the times.**”

Mt 5:17-20; Mark 7:1-13

“**accurately**” **2Tim 2:15**

Beware! 2Pt 3:16-18

Extremely critical ...

Being saved

Mk 16:15-16; Ac 2:26-41

Staying saved

Ac 8:12-13...22; Col 1:22-23