

## CHRISTIANS AND POLITICS

### Choosing A Candidate – Part 2

Psalm 33:12 - Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord.

Ezekiel 33:1-6 - The word of the Lord came to me: <sup>2</sup>“Son of man, speak to your people and say to them: When I bring the sword against a land, and the people of the land choose one of their men and make him their watchman, <sup>3</sup>and he sees the sword coming against the land and blows the trumpet to warn the people, <sup>4</sup>then if anyone hears the trumpet but does not heed the warning and the sword comes and takes their life, their blood will be on their own head. <sup>5</sup>Since they heard the sound of the trumpet but did not heed the warning, their blood will be on their own head. If they had heeded the warning, they would have saved themselves. <sup>6</sup>But if the watchman sees the sword coming and does not blow the trumpet to warn the people and the sword comes and takes someone’s life, that person’s life will be taken because of their sin, but I will hold the watchman accountable for their blood.”

### Choosing A Candidate

- 1) We should vote for candidates whose policies most closely align with biblical values.**
- 2) Do not look to a person to save us. Jesus is our only hope.**
- 3) God uses flawed, sinful people.**
- 4) Christians should vote for policies over personalities.**

**Which policies should Christians evaluate?**

#### 1) Religious liberty

Exodus 20:3 - You shall have no other gods before me.

Acts 5:27-29 - The apostles were brought in and made to appear before the Sanhedrin to be questioned by the high priest.<sup>28</sup> “We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name,” he said. “Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and are determined to make us guilty of this man’s blood.” <sup>29</sup> Peter and the other apostles replied: “We must obey God rather than man!”

#### 2) Supporting Israel

Genesis 12:3 - God said, “I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.”

#### 3) Nominating judges

Isaiah 1:26

#### 4) Border security

Acts 17:26 - From one man God made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their land.

Romans 13:1-5 - Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. <sup>2</sup>Consequently, whoever rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. <sup>3</sup>For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and you will be commended. <sup>4</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>Therefore, it is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also as a matter of conscience.

#### 5) Defending biological sex and biblical marriage

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

Romans 1:18-32

#### 6) Protecting unborn babies

Acts 3:15 – God hates hands that shed innocent blood.

Psalm 139:13-16 - For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother’s womb. <sup>14</sup>I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. <sup>15</sup>My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth. <sup>16</sup>Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.

**For those who have had an abortion or are the father of an aborted baby, God will forgive if you ask and you will see the baby in heaven.**

### Two Things Christians Need To Remember

**1) Our citizenship is in heaven.** (Philippians 3:18-21)

**2) Legislation and politicians cannot change a heart. Only Jesus can.**