

"THE CHURCH AND THE COMING ELECTION"

INTRO: The upcoming national election is very significant and perhaps the MOST IMPORTANT ELECTION OF OUR LIFETIME. The issue of this election is not simply Democrat/Republican or Trump/Biden. It is the difference between RIGHTEOUSNESS AND UNRIGHTEOUSNESS. **THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST MUST BE INVOLVED IN THIS ELECTION FROM THE BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVE!** *THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA CANNOT FUNCTION WITHOUT THE CHURCH AND SINCE THIS ELECTION IS GOING TO DETERMINE THE DIRECTION OF THE NATION FOR YEARS TO COME, THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST MUST BE INVOLVED!*

OBSERVATION: God has established THREE INSTITUTIONS: The Home, The Civil Government, and The Church.

-ALL THREE are to work together to ADVANCE AND IMPROVE society biblically.

-ALL THREE are to portray GOD'S AUTHORITY in society. **How?**

- THE HOME - Through the family development - Genesis 1,2
- THE GOVERNMENT - Through the nations - Genesis 9
- THE CHURCH - Through the ministry of believers - Acts 2

RECOGNITION: The scripture gives THE CHURCH great duties to perform:

- To Reveal Absolute Truth - 2 Timothy 3:15
- To Reflect God's Wisdom - Ephesians 3:10
- To Represent Jesus Christ - 2 Corinthians 5:17
- To Restrain Sin - 2 Thessalonians 2:7
- To Reach the Lost - Mark 16:15
- To Raise Up Disciples - Matthew 28:19,20

EXHORTATION: The Church is to MAKE A DIFFERENCE in every aspect of life in every era. Currently the Church must MAKE A DIFFERENCE in the upcoming election. The Church MUST be involved for the Lord.

STIPULATION: The Church speaks of those who are Born Again in Christ.

I. WE MUST EXAMINE PERSONALLY - Psalm 139:23,24

-To Make Sure we are RIGHT with God

II. WE MUST REPENT TOTALLY - Proverbs 1:23

-To Turn Away from Revealed Sins in our lives

III. WE MUST PRAY EFFECTIVELY - James 5:16a

-To Appeal to God for the Election

IV. WE MUST UNITE SPIRITUALLY - 1 Peter 3:8

-To Unite on Righteous Principles

V. WE MUST LEARN CLEARLY - Ephesians 5:10,15

-To Know the Platform and Positions of the Candidates

VI. WE MUST SPEAK BOLDLY - Colossians 4:6

-To Proclaim Biblical Truth

VII. WE MUST CARE GENUINELY - Proverbs 14:34

-To Influence our Nation Biblically

VIII. WE MUST VOTE BIBLICALLY - Proverbs 29:2

-To Promote Righteousness

LESSON/APPLICATION

- This is not an election to skip out on.
- This is an election we must participate in from the biblical perspective.
- This is an election that we must make a difference for Christ
- This is an election that will determine the course of our Nation.

WHAT WILL YOU DO TO HONOR GOD IN THE PREPARATION FOR AND YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THE UPCOMING ELECTION?

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR THE LORD IN THE UPCOMING ELECTION. WILL YOU?