

# THE STATE OF THE WORLD

## AN AMBASSADOR'S POINT OF VIEW ON POLITICS

*"If our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost"*

~ 2 Corinthians 4:4

### 1. The State of the World

- a. Race riots, bombings, gender confusion, religious freedom, ISIS, the internet!? Oh my.
- b. The church offers confusion, families are replaced by a village, comedians are truth tellers.
- c. Publicans and sinners are put in the same boat? – Luke 7:34
- d. How do we approach politics? What is the solution? What is the problem?

### 2. Christian Answers

- a. "God is judging America" (Premill), signs of the times – 2Chr 7:14; Matt 24:3-6
- b. "God sets up kings", "God is in control" (Calvinism) – Dan 2:21
- c. "Bring in the kingdom", "city on a hill" (Post mill) – Mt 5:14
  - i. "every man as he had need" - Acts 2:44-45; 4:35
- d. "Separate church and state" - Nonconformity, nonresistance, pacifist.
  - i. "resist not evil" -Mt 5:38-39; "not of this world" – Jn 18:36; Entanglement - 2Ti 2:4
- e. "Elect our man: God's man" – Ps 118:8-9 – what about our Head? Col 3:1-4
- f. The country is split 50/50 in every election, but 80% of the country is "Christian"
- g. Doctrine affects our perspective of politics

### 3. An Ambassador's Point of View

- a. Our vantage point should always be that as a member of the Body of Christ
- b. Our POV is dispensational, as Bible believers, letting God be true, doing the will of God
- c. The world we live in is evil – Gal 1:4; The world we live in is lost – 2 Cor 4:4
- d. Our conversation/political position is as ambassadors of Christ – 2 Cor 5:20; Phil 3:20
- e. Our light is "*holding forth the word of life*" - Phil 2:15-16
- f. We have access to wisdom, truth, knowledge of God! – 1 Cor 1:20, 2 Tim 2:7, 2 Tim 3:17
- g. God has a will for us to perform – 1 Tim 2:4; 1 Thess 4:3; 5:16-18
- h. God's grace is sufficient, our hope is sure, and God's message is ours. Stay on message.
- i. We must trust in the Lord, and in his provided message applied to our country/family/world

### 4. Boldness to Speak, Peace to Live

- a. We need more workmen who are thoroughly furnished – 2 Tim 3:17
- b. Paul practices prayer – "*First of all...for kings...*" - 1 Tim 2:2
- c. "*Be careful for nothing...*" – Phil 4:6-7
- d. "God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power..." – 2 Tim 1:7
- e. "*[pray] ... that therein I may speak boldly*" - Eph 6:18-20