

HOW TO CHANGE OUR COUNTRY

PART IV OF A SERIES ON AMBASSADORS AND POLITICS

“For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds”

~ 2 Corinthians 10:4

1. The World Needs to Change

- a. If Hillary and Donald are stranded at sea who survives? Answer: America
- b. John Piper says they should both step out of the race
- c. That the world needs to change is evident to all – we live in an evil world - Gal 1:4
- d. Every Miss America wants to bring in world peace – but Christ himself didn't!
- e. Does not God want all men changed? - 1 Tim 2:4, Phil 3:21, Rom 12:2
- f. The question becomes changing toward what end? And by what means?
- g. This is a question of true doctrine, which is the church's responsibility – 1 Tim 3:15

2. Our End

- a. People are divided over the end goal – science cannot tell us where we should go
- b. “maximizing happiness” is an exercise in vanity; as is seeking prosperity
- c. Doctrine is heard everywhere: conservative, liberal, fringe, centrist, mainstream
- d. We are fighting a spiritual war in a world of flesh of blood – 2 Cor 10:3-5, 10:13
- e. Is our goal to conquer and rule or save and serve - Be in power or preach with power?
- f. Liberation theology = deliver us from social oppression and injustice! (Exodus)
- g. Kingdom Dominion/Reconstruction = conquer for Christ! (Gen 1:28; Matthew 6)
- h. Tribulation now = Look out for Christ! Run and hide! (Acts 2:16-17; Matt 24:3)
- i. Grace doctrine = Salvation offered to all; not all receive it; but some will (1Co 9:22)
- j. All things work for good “according to his purpose” - Rom 8:28

3. Our Means

- a. Dead people are voting and being voted into office (if only... Rom 6)
- b. If our end is salvation and edification – then our means is this → 1 Cor 1:18,21
- c. The wisdom and princes of this world “come to nought” - 1 Cor 2:1-8
- d. The devil would distract us from our end or our means – 2 Cor 2:11; 4:4
- e. Often the most engrossed in politics are those least involved in seeing souls saved

4. Our Message

- a. What is our ultimate authority? God or Man – Rom 3:4
- b. How do we view truth? Literal/Absolute – Abstract/Allegorical
- c. How are we saved? (nature of man) Grace (inherently evil) or works (inherently good)
- d. Is our future secure, is there a purpose? Yes (hope), No (hopeless)
- e. Who makes our choices? Free will vs Collective choice/Calvinism
- f. Who's responsible for our choices? Us (judgment) or Our rulers/parents/etc (victims)
- g. When we preach Christ crucified, and God's word rightly divided, we have tools of change