

# AN AMBASSADORS VOTE

## PART V OF A SERIES ON AMBASSADORS AND POLITICS

*“Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit,  
after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world,  
and not after Christ.”*

~ Colossians 2:8

### 1. Why This Series

- a. We have a political position as ambassadors in a present evil world
- b. Politics is seen as salvation for many; but we have the only gospel that saves
- c. Doctrine matters; kingdom doctrine/economics/religion won't work in this dispensation
- d. God's grace doctrine shines in trouble times (election anxiety; Meteor2016) 2Co 1:9
- e. *Now...* how do you vote? Who should you vote for? What about those who can't vote?

### 2. Problems With Voting

- a. Christians put too much emphasis on ballot boxes; many Christians worldwide can't vote
- b. America is a Republic (majority limited by rule of law), not Democracy (mob rule)
- c. Republic – you don't have to vote to exercise political power, you must know rights
- d. The kind of voting system results in lesser of 2 evils, strategic voting, “wasted” votes
- e. Gerrymandering is allowed by law, and is the reason Congress is red today (REDMAP)
- f. Elected officials often take bribes, change views, make mistakes, or are ignorant
- g. Majority vote is not a good way to make right choices – Matt 7:13-14, Rom 3:4
- h. Consider the flood, Babel, Abram, remnant, little flock, Barabbas, Paul – 2Ti 1:15

### 3. Paul and Voting

- a. When Paul voted it was his voice in ignorance against kingdom saints – Acts 26:10
- b. Ignorance is a problem in our elections/country – don't vote out of ignorance!
- c. Paul exercised his Roman rights, for the purpose of souls saved - Acts 22:25-28, 25:11
- d. If you can't vote, care not for it; but if you can be made free, use it rather – 1 Cor 7:21
- e. Liberty can only be had by the righteous and informed; seek understanding; know right
- f. Beware vain deceit, traditions of men, philosophy can spoil you from Christ – Col 2:7-19
- g. Paul prays for opportunity to speak, his speech always with grace - Col 4:1-6, Gal 5:1
- h. We should live in godliness and honesty not ignorance and apathy – 1 Tim 2:1-2

### 4. An Ambassadors Voice

- a. Voting is a voice. What do you have to say? How do you say it? Be engaged. Informed.
- b. If you do not care about politics – perhaps it is apathy to know truth, evangelize, charity
- c. If all you care about is politics – perhaps your faith is misplaced from the gospel of Christ
- d. If you don't know, get informed, start with the Bible; fulfill your ministry – 2Ti 4:5
- e. Contending about *who* to vote for is unprofitable (Titus 3:9), but what and why is not
- f. Christianity teaches how we can speak in love with those we disagree with – Eph 4:15
- g. When you vote don't forget your ministry – Ro 13:14; 14:22; 1Th 4:21-22; 2Co 6:1-10
- h. I can't tell you who will win, but truth will lose unless more amb. voice the gospel