



Confused Christianity Series

Part 5: "They are Confused about Politics"

How so?

Well, they are taught by their religious group leaders that "we are not of that Kingdom." Plus, isn't politics often a cesspool of corruption to avoid? And did not Y'hshua say that my Kingdom is not of this world, (John 18:36)? Yet did he say to not get involved, to be lukewarm, like the Laodiceans?

That's our starting point. There are only two Kingdoms: one is Light, one is Darkness, (Darkness being the world-system in the lap of Satan). Both Kingdoms are expressed through people, waging war in & through us. Though not of the world system, we are in it, positioned to push back the darkness by shining as Lights. Think of Joseph, Moses, David, Daniel, Cyrus, Esther, Obadiah, Jehu, Elijah, Paul, etc. who were very involved in politics. As change-agents on earth we bring restoration. All creation groans for us to arise. Together, we can be a shining city on a hill. It's all about who will rule.

Beyond being Light, we are to be Salt too, to bring flavor & to keep the stew from going bad. So, yes, while we don't participate in corruption, we certainly are to act to bring change in the midst of that corruption! We do this as we are led by His Spirit within us, to take up godly rulership & come against ungodly rulership. That's how the Biblebased Constitution was set up, for "we the people" to take up godly authority!

How so? As a minimum, we vote for the candidate that best stands for Biblical values, support them; and even pray about becoming one of those candidates, at any level of government. Our Light is not to be under a basket. By avoiding being change-agents, not expressing His standard in the political realm, we leave a void for the agents of darkness to step in and take over, as the church system has done. So we arise & shine. We don't bury our talent. We advance, not retreat. As a minimum we can vote. Politics is about who is in control in government. When the righteous rule the people rejoice, but everybody groans when the wicked are in control, (Proverbs 29:2).

By voting, we are counted among those who are making a positive difference. Our

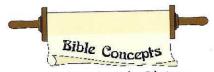
weapons are not those of the enemy. We don't use their weapons of lies, bribery, deception, theft, dishonesty, intimidation, blackmail, threats, bloodshed, & hate. We use truth, prayer, love, forgiveness, faith & good works, in both Word & Spirit, the two witnesses of our Kingdom. Irresponsibility is <u>not</u> one of our weapons. To not vote is like hiring any passer-by to babysit, and I would not bank on a rapture to bail us out.

We are to give judgment (rule), in our gates (vote/take a stand), for truth, justice and peace, (Zechariah 8:16). We are to take up godly rulership and to come against ungodly rulership.

Keep in mind that religious groups have salaries, buildings & good-works programs to support. They don't want our resources going elsewhere; which is why they tend to try to prevent "their sheep" from networking with believers/hubs of truth outside of their church system. We recall that they were largely silent when prayer & the 10-commandments were removed, and when Roe vs. Wade was passed. But we are called to be part of the great awakening!

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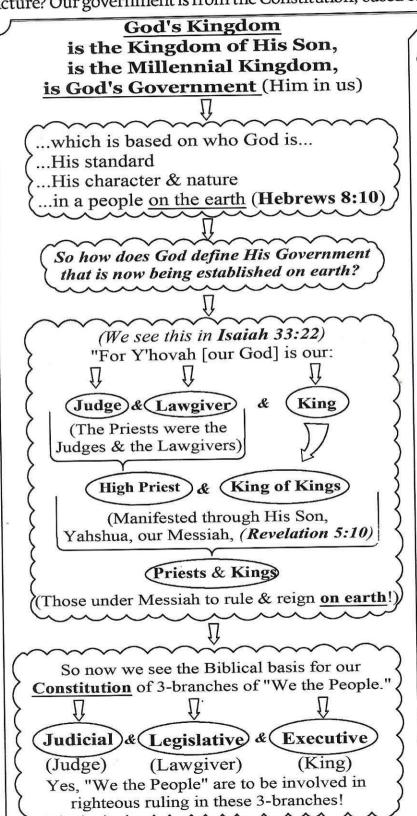
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Revealing the Big Picture

Snapshot Bible Concept: "Politics"

Christianity is confused on several points about "Politics," not surprisingly since religious tradition teaches, "We are not of that Kingdom," quoting John 18:36. But is that the whole picture? Our government is from the Constitution, based on the Bible as a Covenant with God.



Like Israel, the USA was established in Covenant with Y'hovah. Both countries called its people to be a light to the nations to bring both judgment & righteousness. Then the nations would turn to Y'hovah.

"church" is a very misleading translation from the Greek "Ekklesia," which means "the ruling council." Ekklesia had been used that way over 100-years before the Apostles. There is a different Greek word for "church," which means building / system, (not our Kingdom!).

The believers, like Priests & Kings, were called to be the ones in charge in government, (from which the term "town elders" stems). With righteous rulership, families would flourish & the Gospel could be quickly spread. Yes! believers are not only to be involved with politics, but also to be the rulers. Believers not voting, not running for office & not supporting righteous candidates all left a void for the wicked to step into & rule.

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