Who To Vote For?

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Acts 2:22–24; 36 "Men of Israel, listen to these words: Jesus the Nazarene, a man attested to you by God with miracles and wonders and signs which God performed through Him in your midst, just as you yourselves know— 23 this Man, delivered over by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put Him to death. 24 "But God raised Him up again, putting an end to the agony of death, since it was impossible for Him to be held in its power. 36 "Therefore, let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ—this Jesus whom you crucified."

They are times in our life when we need help, and we have to seek out a resource or resources to provide us with the help we need. Then they are those times when we need saving and/or rescuing from financial distress, emotional distress, from danger, and even from death. We bestow upon the one who comes to our rescue the title or status of Hero, and to them we are indebted to give all our sincerest gratitude.

Today, we are just weeks away from electing a new president for our country and there seems to be so much at stake. Our nation is experiencing perilous times to say the least. Those who are running for election make promises to us that they have the solution. We desperately need good, strong leadership!

Who is your candidate? Who do you trust? Where is your hope? Chances are you have lost all hope and trust in our government. Even if your candidate wins, how will they be able to save you?

My friend don't be overcome with angst about the outcome of the upcoming election for there is a savior! There is one who has all authority! There is one who has all power, and His name is Jesus Christ! He is the greatest hero of all mankind! He has been elected by God from all eternity!

The future of our nation may seem bleak, but there is a kingdom to which you can belong that has a future and a hope. And the leader of that kingdom has all power and authority over all the evil and corruption, and corrupt rulers of this world, and most importantly, over the one who is pulling all the strings and that is Satan himself!

God is still on the throne, and our God is a savior! God spoke through His prophet Isaiah saying,

Isaiah 43:11–13 "I, even I, am the Lord, And there is no savior besides Me. **12** "It is I who have declared and saved and proclaimed, And there was no strange god among you; So you are My witnesses," declares the Lord, "And I am God. **13** "Even from eternity I am He, And there is none who can deliver out of My hand; I act and who can reverse it?"

God saved His people Israel, and God has saved and will save us, His church, through His Son, Jesus Christ! Jude 24–25 Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy, 25 to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

Acts 2:**36** "Therefore, let all the house of Israel know (and all the church) for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ—this Jesus whom you crucified."

Yes, the world crucifies Christ today - rejecting Him and denying Him, but know this...

Jesus is Lord!

Philippians 2:9–11 God has highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, **10** so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, **11** and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Have you bowed before Him and made Him the Lord over your life? If you have, then give Him praise!!!

He must be your Lord in order to receive His salvation! A Lord is a Master; One who rules over another by His greater power. Christ's rule and reign in our heart sets us free from the power of sin and gives us life in abundance and life that is eternal. In Christ we have a hope and a future!

Luke 6:46 "Why do you call Me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say?

Jesus is Christ!

The Christ (O.T. Messiah) is the anointed one. He is our anointed high priest forever! As our priest, He offered Himself as the supreme sacrifice for our sin. He is our advocate with the Father who intercedes on our behalf, and He is a faithful High Priest who identifies with our experiences.

Hebrews 4:15 For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin.

Jesus is King

Daniel 7:14 "And to Him was given dominion, Glory and a kingdom, That all the peoples, nations and men of every language Might serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion Which will not pass away; And His kingdom is one Which will not be destroyed.

Matthew 13:37–43 And He said, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man, **38** and the field is the world; and as for the good seed, these are the sons of the kingdom; and the tares are the sons of the evil one; **39** and the enemy who sowed them is the devil, and the harvest is the end of the age; and the reapers are angels. **40** "So just as the tares are gathered up and burned with fire, so shall it be at the end of the age. **41** "The Son of Man will send forth His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all stumbling blocks, and those who commit lawlessness, **42** and will throw them into the furnace of fire; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. **43** "Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.

Make His Kingdom Priority in Your Life!

Matthew 6:33 "But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

Colossians 3:1–4 (TPT) 1 Christ's resurrection is your resurrection too. This is why we are to yearn for all that is above, for that's where Christ sits enthroned at the place of all power, honor, and authority! **2** Yes, feast on all the treasures of the heavenly realm and fill your thoughts with heavenly realities, and not with the distractions of the natural realm. **3** Your crucifixion with Christ has severed the tie to this life, and now your true life is hidden away in God in Christ. **4** And as Christ himself is seen for who he really is, who you really are will also be revealed, for you are now one with him in his glory!