WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE? …after the election

Philippians 2:12-16a

IN REGARD TO POLITICS?

Keep Voting our Christian Values!

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1. Keep voting against socialists (as long as we can, since God's Word does not support that worldview)
2. Keep voting against Muslims/Islamists (as long as we can since it is a Satanic heresy)
3. Teach our children why these perspectives/worldviews are anti-God, antichrist.

WHAT ELSE SHOULD WE DO?

- 2 First of all, then, I urge that entreaties *and* prayers, petitions *and* thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men, 2 **[pray for them]**for kings and all who are in authority, **[why?]** so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity. 3 This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, 4 who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth (1 Tim. 2:1-4).

IN REGARD TO OUR LIVES AS CITIZENS?

12 So then, my beloved, just as you have always **obeyed**, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, **work out your salvation with fear and trembling**; 13 **for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for *His* good pleasure**. 14 **Do all things without grumbling or disputing**; (Phil. 2:12-16)

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- [15] **so that** you will prove yourselves [demonstrate by your lifestyle] to be **blameless** and **innocent**, **children of God above reproach** ["as a sacrifice without spot or blemish"] in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, **among whom you appear as [spiritual] lights in the world,** [16] **holding fast the word of life**, (Phil. 2:15-16a).

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[11] Beloved, I urge you as aliens and strangers to abstain from fleshly lusts which wage war against the soul. [12] Keep your behavior excellent among the Gentiles, so that in the thing in which they slander you as evildoers, they may because of your good deeds, as they observe *them*, glorify God in the day of visitation (1 Pet. 2:11-12).

MEANING?

13 **Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human institution**, … as sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and the praise of those who do right. 15 For such is the will of God that by doing right you may silence the ignorance of foolish men. 16 *Act* as free men, and do not use your freedom as a covering for evil, but *use it* as bondslaves of God. 17 **Honor all people**, **love the brotherhood**, **fear God**, **honor the king** (1 Pet. 2:13, 14b-17).

LIVE OUT AND SHARE THE GOSPEL

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life (John 3:16).

WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER?

He who believes in Him **is not** judged; **he who does not believe** has been judged **already**, because **he** has **not believe**d in the name of the only begotten Son of God (John 3:18).

ARE WE LIGHTING THE WAY? TO EVERYONE?

We are not the judge.

For not even the Father judges anyone, but He has given all judgment to the Son (John 5:22).

WHO IS THE LIGHT?

"**The Light** shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it" (John 1:5).

"**I am the light of the world**. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life" (John 8:12).

13 “You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt has become tasteless, how can it be made salty *again*? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled under foot by men.14 “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden; 15 nor does *anyone* light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. 16 Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven (Mt. 5:13-16).

WE ARE NOT OUR OWN…

19 Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? 20 For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body (I Cor. 6:19-20).

AND THIS WORLD IS NOT OUR HOME

20 For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ (Phil. 3:20).

WE ARE CALLED TO BE OBEDIENT BONDSERVANTS

"Moreover, it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful" (I Cor. 4:2).

'**Well done**, **good and faithful** slave. You were **faithful** with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." (Matt. 25:21)