

From the Pastor



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Election Day

In a very few days the presidential election will be over. It looks like it is going to be a very close election. This could mean that we will be a nation divided. Here are some thoughts about the elections.

Whoever wins the election is our political leader. Look at what the apostle Paul says about our leaders.

Romans 13:1-2 ¹ Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. ² Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. (ESV)

First of all, I see that every person is to be “subject to” their political leaders. To be subject to is to be under the authority of our leaders. This is hard for many of us. We have been raised to challenge authority. This is not what God wants. He commands us to support whoever wins the election.

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Next, I see that God is the One who places people in authority. God is in control.

I also see that if we oppose authority then we should be ready to face the judgment that awaits. God uses government as His instrument of justice.

Remember that Paul wrote these words during first century Rome. The government believed in false gods and considered the killing of Christians as entertainment. This is the authority that Paul said Christians were to be subject to.

Our country has a strong Christian history. There are many today who have faith in Christ. This is a faith in a mighty God who is in control of our country. With this in mind, there are two passages I want you to consider. Here is the first one.

2 Chronicles 7:14 *...if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land. (ESV)*

Pray for our nation. As we turn our hearts toward God we are to pray for revival in our land. I also think of this passage.

Proverbs 21:1 *The king's heart is a stream of water in the hand of the LORD; he turns it wherever he will. (ESV)*

We can pray for our leaders to follow God's commands. Their hearts are like water in the hand of God.

Make sure that after the elections you follow God's lead by following God's leaders.

In Him and for His glory,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Art". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.