

The Christian and Politics

As we begin our series on “The Christian and...” we want to look at the area of politics. There is no more emotionally charged a discussion in society today than politics. Blogs and other computer sites reveal the animosity between those of various parties and the issues that have so divided the country. What is the role of the Christian in such considerations?

Very simply, the Bible tells the child of God that he must submit to those in places of authority (1 Pet. 2:13-17). Remember that when some attempted to trap Jesus regarding taxes, He did not say, “Forget it because the government is corrupt.” He said, “Render to Caesar what is Caesar’s” (Matt. 22:21). Yes, “Caesar” was corrupt, but that did not remove the obligation to pay taxes levied by government officials.

As Christians we can be vocal, but respectful. As Christians we can express our opinions, but respect the opinions of others. As Christians we can and should vote for candidates that share our moral values (a vote for an abortionist is a vote for abortion). We must obey the laws of the land, unless they call for us to violate that which God has clearly portrayed as sin. In short, we must take a stand where we can, recognize the authority of government, and strive within legal and peaceful limits to state our cases when given the opportunity.

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1. Our role should be one of peace, lawfulness and honor (Mt. 26:52; 2 Cor. 10:3-6; Rom. 13:1-6; Rom. 12:17)
2. We must respect the opinions of others (Rom. 14:19; 14:13; 1 Jno. 2:10)
3. We must always be concerned with promoting that which is true and righteous (Prov. 14:34; Prov. 6:17; Rom. 1:26-32; James 2:1-7; Eph. 4:29)