

The Message Notes

Series: Kingdom and Politics

Message: *Birth of a Nation*

Sunday: October 18th 2020

Scripture: Romans 13:1-2



Introduction: We're in a new series titled, *Kingdom and Politics*. This morning, we will discuss the *Birth of a Nation*. We want to look at Christ Followers' relationship with walking with God and their involvement with politics.

Review: Last week, we concluded series, *Seven Deadly Sins* -- we have overcome: pride, envy, anger, gluttony, greed, slothfulness, and sexual immorality.

I Thessalonians 4:4-6

- We once lived in our lustful **passions** – “*sexual sins*”
- We were like the **pagans** – “*did not know God*”
- We now live in **purity** – “*we live holy unto God*”

Sexual Relationships:

- Defined by the two shall “*become one – genitalia*” *All other acts of sex are not defined by this term of sex between a man & a woman.*
- Restricted to “*marriage only.*”
- Sex before marriage is called “*sexual immorality.*”

Hebrews 13:4. Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; but **fornicators** and **adulterers** God will judge. (NKJV)

Overcome Sexual Immorality

1. Walk in the Spirit – separates you from your sexual cravings
2. Stay Away – avoid things that awaken your sexual nature
3. Get Married – this solves the sexual temptations

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Introduction: God and Government – Romans 13:1-2

The command: submit to governing authorities

- Government is instituted by God – v1a. “*all authority comes from God*”
- Politicians have been placed in office sovereignly by God – v1b. “*those in positions of authority have been placed there by God*”
- Rebellion against government is rebellion against God – v.2. “*anyone who rebels against authority is rebelling against what God has instituted*”

References: Proverbs 14:34, 16:12

I. The _____ of America:

- A. They were religious, deist, and atheist (culture/church)
- B. They wanted freedom of religion (not a state religion)
- C. They understood the republic/democracy was an experiment

Quotes: George Washington, John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, John Locke, Winston Churchill, Noah Webster, and Justice Anthony Kennedy

II. The _____ of America: Declaration of Independence. **“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness.”**

A. **Declaration of Independence**

- 1) **Equality** – *“all men are created equal”*
- 2) **Inherent Value** – *“endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights”*
- 3) **Personal Responsibility** – *“life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.”*

B. **Core Values** – beliefs, ethics, and morals of the culture

- 1) Divine accountability – *all people are answerable to God*
- 2) Nation of Laws – *law and order*
- 3) Republic – *a government by the people and for all the people*
- 4) Judeo-Christian – *moral ethics (right or wrong)*
- 5) Family – *marriage and children* – Genesis 2:24
- 6) Education – *God centered education and science* – Proverbs 1:7
- 7) Work ethic – *hard work is inherently worthy (godly)* – Exodus 20:5

C. **21ST Century Culture** – beliefs, ethics, and morals

- Secular – God is displaced – Romans 1:28
- Depraved mind – Romans 1:28

III. The _____ of America (church and culture)

- A. We must seek and display - Matthew 6:33, 5:16
- B. We must pray - Matthew 6:9-10, I Timothy 2:1-4
- C. We must educate – Proverbs 1:7