

The Message Notes

Series: Kingdom and Politics

Message: *Unity in Christ with Political Diversity*

Sunday: November 1, 2020

Scripture: St. John 17:9, 22-23



Introduction: We're in a new series entitled, Kingdom and Politics. We will conclude last week's message, *Kingdom Independent Voter* and finish our series with ***Unity in Christ with Political Diversity***.

Message #1. Government and Birth of America

God **instituted** governments to carry out His **plan** and **purposes**.
Romans 13:1-2

Leaders are **sovereignly chosen** by God: Daniel 2:21

Birth of America

- A. **Founders** of America - religious, deists, and atheist
- B. **Foundation** of America - Declaration of Independence
 - Equality
 - Inherent Value
 - Personal Rights
- C. **Faith** of America (church – influencers – culture)

Pause - break – **Ponder** – reflect - **Practice** - apply

Message #2: Kingdom **Independent** Voters

PT1. Jesus initiated a **political** movement (His Kingdom)

References: Luke 4:43

“Gospel, repent and believe is the way we enter into God's kingdom.”

- Jesus **deploys** His followers to preach the kingdom:
Reference: Matthew 24:14
- God's kingdom comes in **three phases**:
 - ✓ **Spiritual** Kingdom – (Church Age) – Luke 17:20-21
 - ✓ **Millennial** Kingdom – (Christ, Judgment, Destruction)
I Corinthians 15:24
 - ✓ **Eternal** Kingdom – (New Heaven and New Earth)
Revelation 21:1
- God's kingdom is **unshakable** – Reference: Hebrews 12:28

PT2. Born into God's kingdom – Reference: Mark 1:14-15 John 3:5-7

- a) Citizens of heaven – Philippians 3:20
- b) Jesus Christ is Lord – Romans 10:9

- c) Ambassadors for Christ – 2 Corinthians 5:20

PT3. Kingdom citizens are **independent** voters

- a) They have no party loyalties (influencers): John 18:36
- b) They vote according to kingdom policies
- c) They choose qualified leaders: Exodus 18:21

Vote – Quid pro quo – favor for my vote

- d) They **remain unified** in Christ: I Corinthians 1:12-13

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Mark 3:24. If a **kingdom** is **divided** against itself, that kingdom **cannot stand**. **25.** And if a **house** is **divided** against itself that house **cannot stand**. (NKJV)

Introduction:

Why is the Body of Christ **divided** on politics?

- 1. Voting is **not** a kingdom concept
- 2. Political **divisiveness** – Republicans/Democrats – 2 Timothy 1:7
- 3. Cognitive biases
 - a) Where we **sit** determines where we **stand**
 - b) We must **learn to listen** and **listen to learn**
 - c) We create a **version** of our **faith** to **support** our **politics**
 - d) We have different **convictions** – Romans 14:1

Application: Unity in Political Diversity:

- 1. Pray for _____ - St. John 17:9, 22-23
- 2. Embrace _____ - Galatian 3:28

Galatian 3:28. There is neither **Jew** nor **Gentile** (race), there is neither **slave** nor **free** (status) there is neither **male** nor **female** (gender); for you're all **one in Christ Jesus**.

- 3. Maintain _____ – (response after election)
 - a) Love unconditionally – St. John 13:34-35
 - b) Assemble faithfully – Hebrews 10:25
 - c) Seek the kingdom devotedly - Matthew 6:33
 - d) Pray for our leaders continually – 2 Timothy 2:1-4
 - e) Share the gospel fervently – Mark 16:15

Words of Frederick Douglass