

Yes, Christians Are Called to Vote

With the election just a few days away, many people are preparing to go on Nov. 5 to cast their ballot and exercise their American freedom to choose the candidate of their preference. Some have already gone to the polls in early voting and via mail-in ballots. However, for the hesitant Christian, publications like Christianity Today are trying to convince them not to vote.

This couldn't be further from the truth.

Millions of Christians around the globe wished they had the freedom to vote and the freedom to worship. Persecution against Christians is real, and many do not have the right to voice their opinion about the kind of world they want to live in. Having the freedom to vote is a gift we've been given by God, and if we do not utilize what He's placed in our hands, it will be taken away someday.

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Just as the servants who took the talents their master gave them and sowed them well were declared, "good and faithful" the one who did nothing with what he was given was called "wicked and slothful" (Matt. 25:26). If we do not use the vote we have, the talent that has been placed into our hands, then we can be sure that the unjust will rise to power and that gift will be lost one day.

In fact, not only will this talent be taken away, but there are consequences for not actively participating when God has called us to be the light of the world.

When the people of Judah were to be taken away into captivity

by the Babylonians because of their sinfulness, the prophet Jeremiah not only warned them of what was coming, but he made it clear that their wickedness had brought destruction on them. However, the people were deceived by false prophets.

We as a nation have sinned greatly by the things we've allowed to come into society, and instead of speaking up about it, Christians have just lamented over "the good old days." Yet, it is the people of faith who should've been sharing the gospel to see transformation happen. Instead, we have accepted the indoctrination of children, the murder of unborn babies, the use of illegal substances and the degradation of the family unit and have called it "loving."



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Lamentations 4:12-13 tells us, "The kings of the earth, and all the inhabitants of the world, would not have believed that the adversary and the enemy could enter the gates of Jerusalem. This was for the sins of her prophets and the iniquities of her priests, who poured out in her midst the blood of the righteous."

The false prophets kept telling the people that there was nothing to worry about; God surely would not bring destruction on His people. Why would they need to take action and change course? In the same way, sitting out of voting is acting passively, believing nothing bad could ever happen to our nation and that it doesn't matter who wins. It absolutely does.

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Christianity Today's claims that "Not voting may be the best

way for for many Christians to to heed their consciences and the promptings of the Holy Spirit” is part of this false hope that nothing catastrophic will ever happen. This claim rests under the assumption that persecution to the First Amendment will not come. However, with one side actively promoting socialistic ideology, we have already seen the fruit of this agenda at work.

Verse 13 in Lamentations 4 should also ring as terrifying for us: “This was for the sins of her prophets and the iniquities of her priests, who poured out in her midst the blood of the righteous.”

It was the religious people, the leaders in this instance, who had the blood of the innocent on their hands. Christians are called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. We cannot lead people toward deception and believe that God does not care about what we do.

Christianity Today’s cop-out of not voting because “His omniscient use of imperfect people in his redemptive work is hardly comparable to me voting for a deeply flawed candidate...” underscores all the other issues we are also voting for. We vote for senators, and state and local representatives. These are the people who will have an impact on our everyday lives. In Florida, Amendments 3 and 4 revolving around marijuana and abortion are reason enough to get out to the polls to keep these dangerous schemes from infiltrating the state.



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God placed us in this nation for a reason. If we do not steward it well by voting in the people and policies that will bring revival to our land and the world, then we cannot expect that right to someday be there when we most desire it.

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