

"THE GOSPEL AND POLITICS"

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I. "The Politics of the Kingdom"

A. Broad scope of "Christian" political viewpoints.

1. "Jesus votes for me, won't you?"
2. Widespread confusion.
3. Resulting apathy.

B. God's Politics in the Gospel.

Palestine was a hotbed of conflict between the Jews and the Roman occupying authorities.

1. Gospel emerges in the midst of this situation.

Luke 1:5

Luke 2:1,2

Luke 3:1,2

2. Jesus rejects both "Parties"

a. Jews

Matthew 3:9

Matthew 21:43

Matthew 24:2

Luke 21:24

John 6:15

b. Romans.

Luke 1:52-55

Luke 1:69-75

Luke 4:18,19

John 19:11

3. The Kingdom of God - The "Jesus Party"

Matthew 5:41,44

Matthew 8:11

Matthew 10:3,4

Luke 13:1-9

Luke 19:5

4. Calvary - The Strange Convention.

a. Bad Guys - Psalm 2:2; Luke 23:12

b. Good Guys - Luke 23:47,50

5. Resurrection - God's Landslide Victory.

Psalm 2:4,8

Matthew 28:18

Acts 28:31

Romans 10:9

Philippians 2:11

Revelation 11:15

C. Lifestyle of Kingdom Politicians.

1. Tension of Dual Citizenship.

Luke 20:25

Acts 4:13-30

Romans 13:1-7

2. Corporate Wisdom of the Church.

I Peter 4:10,11

II. "The Nature of Kingdom Politics".

A. In Contrast to the World.

1. Not of "this world".

John 18:36

Galatians 1:4

2. Characterized by Humility.

Mark 10:42-45

B. The Gospel and Warfare.

1. God our Warrior.

Exodus 14:13

2 Chronicles 20:17

Romans 16:20

Revelation 19:11

2. Future Day of Peace.

Isaiah 2:4

3. Futility of the Sword.

Matthew 26:52,53.

C. Kingdom Warfare.

1. God's Superior Power.

I Timothy 6:13-16

Revelation 1:4-9

2. The Gospel Weapon.

Romans 1:16.

2 Corinthians 10:3-5

D. Kingdom Lifestyle.

1. Vulnerability of Servanthood.

Luke 7:18-23

2. International Brotherhood

Galatians 6:10