# How should Christians vote? Understanding God's System Of Governments

Romans 13

When it comes to politics & elections, far too many Christians spend more time appealing to family, history, tradition, culture, racial expediency, & personal preference than they do to what the Bible teaches.

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### The Good News is... We don't need to change books.

My son, give attention to My wisdom, Incline your ear to my understanding; That you may observe discretion And your lips may reserve knowledge. Proverbs 5: 1, 2

# It Is Time To Return To The Book

...that these dead shall not have died in vain—that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom- and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.

~Gettysburg Address November 19, 1863~

# God's 4 areas of Government

- Self-Government
- Family-Government
- Church-Government
- Civil-Government

#### Sovereignty

The Lord has established his throne in heaven, and his kingdom rules over all. Psalm 103:19

The boundary lines of God's sovereignty are the non-negotiable areas He has established.

Unbelief and Its consequences

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness,

because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them.

For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes His eternal power & divine nature, have been clearly seen being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse.

For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their speculations, & their foolish heart was darkened.

Professing to be wise, they became fools, and exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible man and of birds and four-footed animals and crawling creatures. Therefore God gave them over in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, so that their bodies would be dishonored among them.

For they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen. Romans 1:18–32

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people he chose for his inheritance. Psalm 33:12

Whoever sheds man's blood, by man his blood shall be shed, for in the image of God He made man" Genesis 9:6

Listen to Me, O islands, and pay attention, you peoples from afar. The Lord called Me from the womb; From the body of My mother He named Me. Isaiah 49:1

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So what have we established today?

1. It's vital to ask the proper question to arrive at the correct answer.

- 2. The bible is sufficient to reveal who God is and What his opinion is
- 3. When we differ from the book only 1 opinion counts
- 4. What God says about Governments are designed for our good.
- 5. God has designed for systems of governments: Self- family- Church -Civil

#### Next time

- How these governments are to be followed.
- How they are to be called into question and appealed to.
- When and in what instances should they be objected to and disobeyed
- What that disobedience should and should not look like

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