

Pastor's Pen

He removes kings and establishes kings. Daniel 2:21

This is an election year, and you may feel anxious about the outcome this upcoming Nov. 5th. As a follower of Christ, it is hard to watch what has happened to our country over the years. We have a sitting Supreme Court Judge who would not answer when asked to define what a woman was. Even though the Supreme Court struck down Roe V. Wade, abortions are still legal in many states. The open borders and the election of progressive district attorneys in many cities have many Americans concerned for the future of our nation.

Like the Nation of Israel during the times of the Kings, we have turned our back on God. Even the Republican party platform for 2024 has acquiesced to the changing culture. At President Trump's urging, the Republican party has backed off from ending all abortions. Trump made it clear he supports the legal use of medication to murder children. USA Today reported from the first Presidential debate the following; During the CNN Presidential Debate on Thursday night, former President Donald Trump said he wouldn't block abortion medication if he is re-elected when asked a question about his stance on reproductive rights. He noted that the U.S. Supreme Court struck down a challenge to mifepristone, the pill commonly used in medication abortions, said he agrees with that decision, "and I will not block it."

So, what is a Christian to do when both candidates support the murder of the unborn? We must understand we are not voting for someone who will lead our church. Neither man would qualify to be an Elder at Grace Harvest. We are voting for a "Caesar" that will affect our lives in the future. These are not Christian men who seek to glorify God and obey His commands. I have heard Christians say that they cannot vote for either candidate. I want every Christian to vote. We must understand that we are privileged to participate in who will lead this country.

Even though we may not agree with everything that President Trump stands for, he is the candidate who most aligns with preserving families and giving Christians the freedom to continue to worship without the fear of being convicted of some hate crime for calling sin, sin.

No matter what happens this November, we know it is God's sovereign will. He removes kings and establishes kings. Not one person leads their nation that God has not appointed.

"Every person is to be in subjection to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those which exist have been appointed by God" (Romans 13:1).

Your shepherd,
Pastor Mark

Grace Gems

God's Nature! - Arthur Pink

Who is regulating affairs on this earth today, God, or the Devil? That God reigns supreme in Heaven, is generally conceded; but that He reigns supreme over this earth, is almost universally denied, if not directly, then indirectly. More and more men are relegating God to the background in their philosophizing and theorizing.

Take the material realm. Not only is it denied that God created everything by personal and direct action, but few believe that He has any immediate concern in regulating the works of His own hands. Everything is supposed to be ordered according to the impersonal and abstract "laws of Nature". Thus is the Creator banished from His own creation! Therefore we need not be surprised that men, in their degrading conceptions, exclude Him from the realm of human affairs.

Quote of the Week

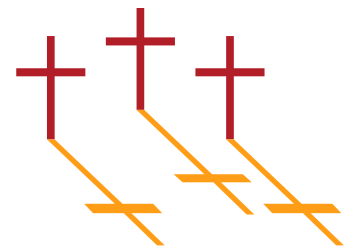
"Whatever we are deprived of, no one can rip Christ away from us."
— Owen Strachan

Throughout Christendom, with an almost negligible exception, the theory is held that man is "a free agent", and therefore, man is the master of his fortunes and the determiner of his destiny. Who is regulating affairs on this earth today, God, or the Devil? What do the Scriptures say? If we believe their plain and positive declarations, no room is left for uncertainty. They affirm, again and again . . . that God is on the throne of His universe; that the scepter is in His hands; that He is directing all things **"after the counsel of His own will"**. **Ephesians 1:11**

The Scriptures affirm, not only that God created all things, but also that God is ruling and reigning over all the works of His hands. They affirm . . . that God is the Almighty, that His will is irreversible, that He is absolute sovereign in every realm of all His vast dominions. And surely it must be so. Only two alternatives are possible: God must either rule, or be ruled; God must either sway, or be swayed; God must either accomplish His own will, or be thwarted by His creatures. Accepting the fact that He is the "Most High God", the only Potentate and King of kings, vested with perfect wisdom and illimitable power, the conclusion is irresistible, that He must be God in fact, as well as in name!

It is in view of what we have briefly referred to above that we say, present-day conditions call loudly for a new examination and new presentation of God's omnipotence, God's sufficiency, and God's sovereignty. From every pulpit in the land it needs to be thundered forth, that God still reigns! What is needed now, as never before, is a full, positive, constructive setting forth of the Godhood of God. Drastic diseases call for drastic remedies. We know of nothing which is more calculated to infuse spiritual vigor into our souls, than a scriptural apprehension of the full character of God!

"Our God is in Heaven! He does whatever He pleases!" Psalm 115:3
"Hallelujah! For our Lord God Almighty reigns!" Revelation 19:6



Weekly Gatherings

Bible Classes

Old & New Testament Classes
Ladies Class
Young Adults Young Parents
Youth Surge
Sunday Morning @ 9:00AM



Weekday Meetings

Mondays | 7PM Men's Bible Study
1st and 3rd Saturday
Women of Grace | 9AM
Wednesdays | 6:30PM AWANA



Family Groups

Thursdays @ 7PM
Please check church website
for start date and directions to each



Build the Body Teams

If you would like to serve on a BtB Team
and need to sign up, please contact the
team leader at the appropriate email
address on the back of this bulletin.



Youth Study

Wednesdays @6:30PM
Youth Study; AWANA & Surge!



Service Times

Sunday Services 10:30AM
Sunday School 9:00AM
Children's Church @11:00AM



Giving from service on 08/18/2024

General Offering\$6,946.03
Building Fund \$1,326.20
Uganda Missions \$182.00

Total.....\$8,454.23
Attendance 236
Online27

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