

# THE WORLDVIEW SERIES

A DEFENSE FOR AN ACTIVE, ENGAGING AND CULTURALLY RELEVANT FAITH

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

**“POLITICS AND YOU BEING A CHRISTIAN”**

*POLITICS - WHY SHOULD THE CHRISTIAN CARE?*

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

*Leadership, Politics, Government, Worldview,  
Apologetics, Righteousness. Marriage*

**Introduction to the Text:**

**Acts 17:28**

**True Biblical Christianity will never be at home in this world. Everything that we stand for Biblically is at war with the schemes & agendas of this earth.**

**James 4:4b**

...Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself **an enemy of God.**

**1 John 4:1-3**

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world. :2 By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God, :3 and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is **the spirit of the Antichrist**, which you have heard was coming, **and is now already in the world.**

**It is possible that we are heading into a time unlike any other in American history. I am personally convinced that as the world goes – we are in the opening dynamics of what might lead up to global issues that will affect the entire world.**

**#1 – the issue of global economics. #2 – lawlessness. #3 – family. #4 – radical worldviews. #5 – natural events. #6 - a looming third world war in the middle east.**

# THE WORLDVIEW SERIES INTENT, TIMING & EFFECT

## 2 Peter 3:11-12

Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, **what manner of persons ought you to be** in holy conduct and godliness, :12 **looking** (1) **for** and (2) **hastening** *the coming of the day of God*, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat?

## The Apostle Paul Challenged The Worldview Perspective of the Greeks (*thinkers*) of His Day.

(Their gods were both invented and impotent in reality.)

## Acts 17:28 NKJV

For in Him we **live** and **move** and have our **being**,

**\*\*and so that “spirit of antichrist” is at work in our world today\*\***

**It is a Demonic Spirit That Seeks to Gain Power and Influence Over People Thru Lies and Intrigue.  
But Where? - When? - And How?**

In Any and Every Area That Can Wield Power, Control and Governance over People.

**Think – This is why There’s a Constant Clash Between  
**Politics and The Definition of Natural Marriage**  
**Politics and Israel’s Right to Exist**  
**Politics and The Pre-Born Child****

## POLITICS AND YOU BEING A CHRISTIAN

**1.) We are to proclaim the Gospel everywhere**

## Matthew 28:18-20

And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. :19 Go therefore and make disciples of **all the nations**, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, :20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even to the end of the age.*” Amen.

# Ungodly Politics will seek to Criminalize Evangelism.

Free speech laws / Offensive Language Laws / Public Use Laws

Howard Stern and Bill Maher can spew their Porn and Opinions, but Franklin Graham is Boycotted for "Always telling people about Jesus Christ".

## Isaiah 5:20

Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who put darkness for light, and light for darkness.

When The Ten Commandments are Removed and The Gospel Censored Then  
**Freedom of Speech in America is only a Perception,  
- Not a Reality.**

**Are you willing to go to jail for being a Christian?  
The days may come when we will be tested in this area.**

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### 2.) We are to pray for righteous leaders over us

#### Israel told the Prophet Samuel to ask God

to give them a king that they could trust in like all the other nations on earth.

#### 1 Samuel 8:7

And the LORD said to Samuel, "Heed the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected Me, that I should not reign over them.

#### Proverbs 29:2

When the **righteous** (*those who do right*) are in authority, the people rejoice; But when a wicked *man* rules, the people groan.

#### 1 Timothy 2:1-4

Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, *and* giving of thanks be made for all men, :2 for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. :3 For this *is* good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, :4 who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

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### 3.) We are to engage the culture for Jesus

David / Isaiah / Jeremiah / Daniel / Esther / Paul / Jesus Himself

#### Colossians 3:17

And *whatever* you do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

### But How? // But Where? // But When?

#### Acts 17:16-17, 22-28

:16 Now while Paul waited for them at Athens, his spirit was **provoked** (*exasperate*) within him **when he saw** that the city was given over to idols. :17 Therefore he **reasoned** (*challenged*) **in the synagogue** with the Jews and with the *Gentile* worshipers, **and in the marketplace** daily **with those who happened to be there...** :22 Then Paul **stood** in the midst of the Areopagus and said, “*Men of Athens, I perceive that in all things you are very religious; :23 for as I was passing through and considering the objects of your worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Therefore, the One whom you worship without knowing, Him I proclaim to you: :24 God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands. :25 Nor is He worshiped with men’s hands, as though He needed anything, since He gives to all life, breath, and all things. :26 And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings, :27 so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us; :28 for in Him we live and move and have our being,*

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### 4.) We are to look for every opportunity to shine

There are people in power right now that are making decisions that will forever affect your marriage / freedom / your children’s mind and emotions / your \$.

We are to shine on the job – at home – in our leisure – living !!!

**Matthew 5:13-16**

“You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men. :14 “You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. :15 Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all *who are* in the house. :16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

**As a Christian  
You Will Have a Solemn and Holy Opportunity  
to Vote Next Week – Just You & Jesus**

And you will select people to be in power who will make decisions that will forever affect your marriage / freedom / your children’s mind and emotions / your \$.

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**5.) We are to do what is right**

Regardless of popularity or trends or political correctness / likability / situations  
***The Lord is Seated Upon His Throne***

The wisest man that has ever lived recognized in his old age that in it all and through it all God is intimately involved in the issues of life.

**Ecclesiastes 3:1-8**

To everything *there is* a season, A time for every purpose under heaven: :2 A time to be born, And a time to die; A time to plant, And a time to pluck *what is* planted; :3 A time to kill, And a time to heal; A time to break down, And a time to build up; :4 A time to weep, And a time to laugh; A time to mourn, And a time to dance; :5 A time to cast away stones, And a time to gather stones; A time to embrace. And a time to refrain from embracing; :6 A time to gain, And a time to lose; A time to keep, And a time to throw away; :7 A time to tear, And a time to sew; A time to keep silence, And a time to speak; :8 A time to love, And a time to hate; A time of war, And a time of peace.

**– Benjamin Franklin July 28, 1787**

To that kind Providence we owe this happy opportunity of consulting in peace on the means of establishing our future national felicity. And have we now forgotten that powerful Friend? or do we imagine that we no longer need His assistance? I have lived, Sir, a long time, and the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth - that God Governs in the affairs of men. And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without His notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without His aid? We have been assured, Sir, in the Sacred Writings, that "Except the Lord build the House they labour in vain that build it." I firmly believe this; and I also believe that without His concurring aid we shall succeed in this political building no better, than the Builders of Babel.

**I've Already Voted.**

Some people I voted for **are not Christians;**  
**but they have a righteous voting record.**

*(Pro-Life, Pro-Marriage, Pro-Israel)*

Some I voted for **might be a Christian;**  
**but they have a righteous voting record.**

*(Pro-Life, Pro-Marriage, Pro-Israel)*

And some I voted for **are definitely Christians;**  
**they have a righteous voting record.**

*(Pro-Life, Pro-Marriage, Pro-Israel)*

**Romans 2:13-15**

For not the hearers of the law are just in the sight of God, but the doers of the law will be justified; :14 for when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do the things in the law, these, although not having the law, are a law to themselves, :15 who show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and between themselves their thoughts accusing or else excusing them.

**Let's Unite in Prayer for Our Nation Right Now**

**I Wanna Invite You to Come Forward Now  
and Make Your Confession for Jesus Christ**

**>>>> The Cross, The Christ, The Call <<<<**

*End of Study*

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