

# BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH OF ERIE

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## SERMON SERIES GLAD THAT YOU ASKED

### “What Are We To Do Now That The Election is (Almost) Over?”

#### DANIEL 2:20-23

Background material about how that Nebuchadnezzar had a dream, but none of his wise men could interpret that dream, but Daniel did. What Daniel said I believe still applies to our situation today and I want to speak this morning on the subject in this series: **Glad That You Asked** on *What Are We To Do Now That The Election Is (Almost) Over?*

We are living in one of the most critical times in American history, and I speak these words with a real sense of urgency. Please give me your best ear for the next few minutes as you listen.

So, let me share with you this morning my heart and God’s Word on this important subject. **FIRST**....

#### I. FIVE TRUTHS WE AS CHRISTIANS WE NEED TO HOLD TO AFTER THE ELECTION

1. **God is primary; a political party is secondary.** Paul reminds all Christians, *“Our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ”* (**Philippians. 3:20**).
2. **You do not unite under a political figure, but are united in the person of Jesus Christ.** You are united with Christ in his resurrection (**Roman. 6:4-5**), adopted into his Sonship (**Galatians 4:5**), and have been blessed with every spiritual blessing in heaven (**Ephesians 1:3**).
3. **It’s your faith that defines you, not politics.** Politics has become a religion for many people. John affirms, *“For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world - our faith”* (**1 John. 5:4**). Can I get a **LOUD AMEN!**
4. **The Bible is your standard, not your political views.** The Bible teaches you how you ought to live. So, no matter what policies are legislated in your state or the country, keep turning to the infallible Word of God for direction and solace.
5. **Spend more time with Jesus than listening to political leaders and the BIAS News.** It’s good to stay informed, but not at the expense of not spending time with Jesus and His Word.

#### II. HOW CAN CHRISTIANS RESPOND REDEMPTIVELY TO OUR CHAOTIC CULTURE?

Historians commonly rank Abraham Lincoln as our greatest president. If the democratic process by which he was reelected was this controversial, we should not be surprised that the current election is contentious. Such divisions are especially exacerbated these days because of the great divide between liberal and conservative values that are so important. **How then should Christians respond to the chaos of our culture?**

1. **Be The Hands of Jesus** - You and I are metaphorically and literally the hands of Jesus (cf. **1 Corinthians 12:27**). As the temple of his Holy Spirit (**1 Corinthians 3:16**), we are the physical expression of Jesus’ continued earthly ministry.
2. **Be gracious to those with whom you disagree** – The Biblical pattern is in (**1 Peter 3:15a**), we must also answer the biblical mandate to *“do it with gentleness and respect”* (**v. 15b**).
3. **Pray for Our Leaders** - Paul was adamant: *“I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions”* (**1 Timothy 2:1-2**).

#### III. HOW CAN CHRISTIANS TRUST GOD IN THESE DIFFICULT DAYS?

Let’s close by focusing on our personal lives and faith. Whoever wins this year’s election, our nation will continue to face enormous challenges. How do we turn to God for the strength and hope we need each day?

I suggest three keys to reframing obstacles as opportunities and challenges as invitations to hope.

1. **LOOK BACK** - (**Deuteronomy 6:12**).
  2. **LOOK UP** - Our Father encourages us: *“Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand”* (**Isaiah 41:10**). Paul added: *“My God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus”* (**Philippians 4:19**).
  3. **LOOK AROUND** - Our Lord’s call is clear: *“As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace”* (**1 Peter 4:10**).
- When we **look back** at what God has done, we can see His help. When we **look up** at who He is, we can see His heart. Then, when we **look around**, we can extend His hands to a hurting world.
- Now that the election is over, what then should we be doing now? **WE need to be LIVING AS HOPEFUL CITIZENS OF HEAVEN.** We need to be people who display hope and not despair. If we wallow in despair, then we’re telling the world that our faith is in the electoral process, not in Christ when Paul said; *“we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.”* (**Rom.8:37**)