

Pastorial REFLECTIONS

October 11, 2020

“For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind” **2 Timothy 1:7.**

The **Coronavirus** is real, however through faith with God we can overcome it! Listed below are tips and precautions that we as a church are taking and are encouraging you to practice.

Take steps to protect yourself



Clean your hands often

- **Wash your hands** often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds especially after you have been in a public place, or after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- If soap and water are not readily available, **use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.** Cover all surfaces of your hands and rub them together until they feel dry.
- **Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth** with unwashed hands.



Avoid close contact

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Put **distance between yourself and other people** if COVID-19 is spreading in your community. This is especially important for people who are at higher risk of getting very sick.



Stay home if you're sick

- **Stay home** if you are sick, except to get medical care.



Cover coughs and sneezes

- **Cover your mouth and nose** with a tissue when you cough or sneeze or use the inside of your elbow.
- Throw used tissues in the trash.
- Immediately **wash your hands** with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not readily available, clean your hands with a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.



Wear a facemask if you are sick

- **If you are sick:** You should wear a facemask when you are around other people (e.g., sharing a room or vehicle) and before you enter a healthcare provider's office. If you are not able to wear a facemask (for example, because it causes trouble breathing), then you should do your best to cover your coughs and sneezes, and people who are caring for you should wear a facemask if they enter your room.
- **If you are NOT sick:** You do not need to wear a facemask unless you are caring for someone who is sick (and they are not able to wear a face-mask). Facemasks may be in short supply and they should be saved for caregivers.



Clean and disinfect

- **Clean AND disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily.** This includes tables, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, desks, phones, keyboards, toilets, faucets, and sinks.
- **If surfaces are dirty, clean them:** Use detergent or soap and water prior to disinfection.



SERMON SERIES

POLITICALLY INCORRECT

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1 TIMOTHY 6:13-16

BEGINNING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4TH

PASTOR PAUL CANNINGS, D. PHIL.

UPCOMING Events

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| | <p>Trunk-or-Treat Drive Up Everyone is invited to our “Trunk-or-Treat” drive-up event on October 31st at 6pm. Candy donations and volunteers would be greatly appreciated. Feel free to contact Sylvia Edwards via phone (281)260-2404 or email sedwards@lwfellowshipchurch.org</p> |
| | <p>Counseling Ministry We are here for you! The Counseling ministry wants to help connect and navigate those who may be suffering in silence. Contact Cici Sharpe for more information (281) 433-0646</p> |
| | <p>Tuesday Bible Study Free Conference Call Join us for our weekly Bible study on “Free Conference Call” every Tuesday at 12pm & 7pm. Dial: 1 (978) 990-5374 Access Code: 1165799</p> |
| | <p>Center for Christian Living “Making it Through the Valley” Despite the pandemic, get ready for an exciting time in the Word of God as we walk through the valley with His protection and presence. Allow God's Word to comfort and keep you on Tuesday nights at 7pm starting November 3rd on Free Conference Call System.</p> |
| | <p>Hurricane Laura Supply Drive The LEGACY Youth Ministry is organizing a resource & supply drive for those who were impacted by the devastations of Hurricane Laura starting on October 5th- 30th 2pm-4pm. To donate, please call Valerie Miller at 832-752-5976 We are asking each deacon family to provide the specific resource in order to be collected and given to those who are in need.</p> |



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Communion

Praise & Worship

Visitor's Welcome / Announcements

Worship In Giving
Offering boxes are located at all perimeters under crosses

Special Music

The Word of God
In the Beginning PT. 2
1 Timothy 6:15

Dr. Paul Cannings, Senior Pastor

*Sermon notes available online at www.lwfellowshipchurch.org
Click on the “Media” tab and click “Sermon Outline”*

Call to Discipleship

Please remain seated at this time

Benediction & Closing Song

In The Beginning

1 Timothy 6:15

A. GOD'S NOT IN POLITICS? This is not true, especially since He is King of Kings and Lord of Lords? (1 Timothy 6:15). Not only is God in politics, but He controls all that takes place in all the governments of the world (Psalm 76:11-12; 2 Chronicles 16:9-10).

1. God, as King of Kings, has always been engaged in politics because His government was established to rule the earth forever (Psalm 110:5-6; 1 Chronicles 29:11).

2. After Adam sinned and Cain killed Abel God determined how everything (Genesis 4:9-26) will function.

3. After the flood, God reestablished that He is king, Lord over all the earth (Genesis 1:26-31; 9:8-19).

4. After the Tower of Babel, God established a nation through whom He will bless the earth (Genesis 11:10-12:3) by calling Abraham.

5. How did God rule as King legislating His agenda throughout the earth through Israel?

a. God viewed Himself, King, over His nation Israel (1 Samuel 8:7).

- Israel's choice to have a king was a rejection of His kingship (1 Samuel 10:19).
- God still influenced the decisions of the Kings through prophets (1 Samuel 12:1-16; 1 Kings 17-19).

b. Again, even though God relents and lets Israel pick a king God's mindset is that His nation is still a theocracy (led by His Word, statutes, ordinances, and commandments; Isaiah 9:6-7), not a democracy. God has never led by way of democracy. A democracy is 'for the people by the people'.

God is not asking for a vote.

c. In a theocratic structure, everything is done for His glory, His honor (Revelation 4:11), and our blessing (Psalm 112:1-3; 128; Proverbs 24:1-5).

d. God plans to come back and rule the earth (Revelation 13:1-10; Psalm 22:28; Psalm 21:1).

B. Why did God decide to create the human government? God didn't, man did. The Lord is His own government (Isaiah 9:6-7). He accepted the people wanting their own government and then told them what government will do to them (Deut. 17:14-17; 28:36; 1 Sam. 8:10-22).

C. When God directed the people to choose a king, who does God choose (Deut. 17:14-17)?

1. God chooses 'a man after his own heart (1 Sam. 13:14; 16:6-11).' He still leads.
2. The line of David leads to Christ (2 Sam. 7:16) who is now head over the church (Eph. 1:22-23), and He has all things below His feet (Phil. 2:9-11; Col. 1:15-20) because Christ is King of Kings and Lord of Lords (1 Timothy 3:15; Revelations 17:14; 19:16; Isaiah 9:6-7).
3. The Lord establishes His throne over all kingdoms forever through David (1 Samuel 7:1-17) – Christ (Daniel 2:44; Revelation 19:11-18)

D. God's Eternal Purpose from Mankind's Kings to His Kingdom:

1. God was establishing a nation (Genesis 12:1-5) to rule the earth. This is the same in the New Testament because the church is a nation unto to God (Ephesians 1:22-23; 1 Peter 2:9-10).
 - a. We find the same emphasis (Christ as King of Kings) with Christ when questioned by Pilate. Christ admits that He is King of the Jews (Matthew 27:11).
2. The keys to controlling Satan's activities are in the church, not the government (Matthew 16:13-20; Ephesians 3:10).
3. His kingdom is from heaven to earth (Matthew 6:10). This is how righteousness and justice are instituted (Ps. 89:14).
4. His government on earth for His nation is the same as the church (Exodus 18:17-27; Numbers 11:10-23; 1 Timothy 3:1-15; 1 Peter 5:1-5).
5. His government for Israel was from the temple to the people, now it is from the church to the world (Ephesians 1:22-23).
6. Everything is to glorify God (Colossians 3:17), and we are created to give Him glory (Rev. 4:11).

E. Summary:

'God and Politics' has never been a separation of church and state. It has always been how His nation operates from the temple to kingdoms or how the church impacts every aspect of society (Matthew 5:13-16). He views His church as a nation (1 Peter 2:9-10) with a court system (1 Cor. 6:1-6) that impacts the world (Ephesians 1:22-23). It is His people that save the earth, not the government (Matthew 5:16-18).

Even attached to the Lord's prayer God reminds us to salute Him "Pray, then, in this way: 'Our Father who is in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven.'" (Matthew 6:9-10).

PRAYER REQUEST

Grieving: Nicole Boykins & family, the family of Elizabeth Harper, Mary Wheatley, Carol Dickerson & family, Melanie White & family, P.J. Smith & family, Michael Harris & family, Margaret Baptiste & family, Joella Howard & family, Delicia Parker & family, Natividad Smith & family, Maria Perkins & family, Darrell and Angela Lea & family, Jerry Griffin & family.

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IN THE BEGINNING

1 TIMOTHY 6:15