

# Why Should Christians Vote?

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# God sets up governing authority

Daniel 4:17

This decision is by the decree of the watchers, And the sentence by the word of the holy ones, In order that the living may know That **the Most High** rules in the kingdom of men, **Gives it to whomever He will**, And sets over it the lowest of men.

Daniel 2:20-21

20 Daniel answered and said: "Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, For wisdom and might are His. 21 And He changes the times and the seasons; **He removes kings and raises up kings**; He gives wisdom to the wise And knowledge to those who have understanding.

John 18:36

Jesus answered, "**My kingdom is not of this world**. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight, so that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now My kingdom is not from here."

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Matthew 4:8-9

8 Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. 9 And he said to Him, "All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me."

# God promises, but we act, too.

James 5:14-15

14 Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. 15 And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and **the Lord will raise him up**. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.

*But we take care of ourselves and get medical care.*

# God promises, but we act, too.

3 John 2

Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers.

*But we work for money.*

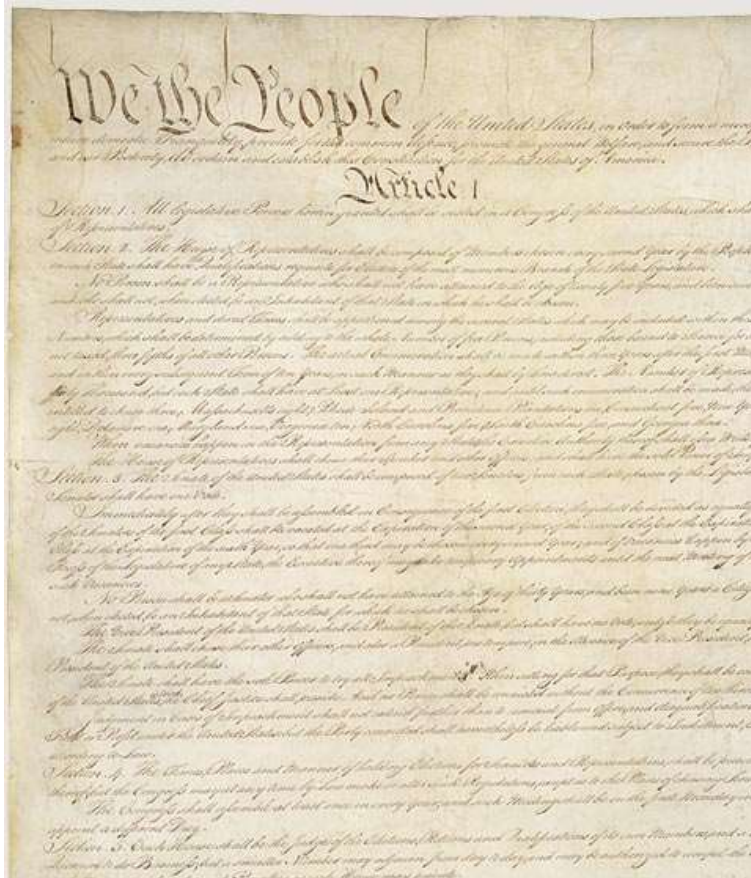
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Revelation 7:9-10

9 After these things I looked, and behold, **a great multitude which no one could number**, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, 10 and crying out with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

*I pray for God to hold things together, so there can be an innumerable multitude.  
I voted to help hold things together and to make life better for the country.*

# We the People...



Romans 13:1-2, 6-7

1 Let every soul be subject to **the governing authorities**. For there is no authority except from God, and **the authorities that exist are appointed by God**.

2 Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves... 6 For because of this you also pay taxes, for they are God's ministers attending continually to this very thing. 7 Render therefore to all their due: taxes to whom taxes are due, customs to whom customs, fear to whom fear, honor to whom honor.

*In a republic, the citizens are included in the governing authorities.*

# Dual citizenship

Philippians 3:20

For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,

Acts 16:36-38

36 So the keeper of the prison reported these words to Paul, saying, "The magistrates have sent to let you go. Now therefore depart, and go in peace." 37 But Paul said to them, "**They have beaten us openly, uncondemned Romans**, and have thrown us into prison. And now do they put us out secretly? No indeed! Let them come themselves and get us out." 38 And the officers told these words to the magistrates, and they were afraid when they heard that they were Romans.



# Dual citizenship

Acts 22:25-29

25 And as they bound him with thongs, Paul said to the centurion who stood by, "Is it lawful for you to scourge a man who is a Roman, and uncondemned?" 26 When the centurion heard that, he went and told the commander, saying, "Take care what you do, for this man is a Roman." 27 Then the commander came and said to him, "Tell me, are you a Roman?" He said, "Yes." 28 The commander answered, "With a large sum I obtained this citizenship." And Paul said, "But I was born a citizen." 29 Then immediately those who were about to examine him withdrew from him; and **the commander was also afraid after he found out that he was a Roman, and because he had bound him.**

# Dual citizenship

Acts 25:10-12

10 So Paul said, "I stand at Caesar's judgment seat, where I ought to be judged. To the Jews I have done no wrong, as you very well know. 11 For if I am an offender, or have committed anything deserving of death, I do not object to dying; but if there is nothing in these things of which these men accuse me, no one can deliver me to them. I appeal to Caesar." 12 Then Festus, when he had conferred with the council, answered, "**You have appealed to Caesar?** To Caesar you shall go!"

Genesis 41:39-41

39 Then Pharaoh said to **Joseph**, "Inasmuch as God has shown you all this, there is no one as discerning and wise as you. 40 You shall be over my house, and all my people shall be ruled according to your word; **only in regard to the throne will I be greater than you.**" 41 And Pharaoh said to Joseph, "See, I have set you over all the land of Egypt."

# Dual citizenship

Daniel 2:47-48

47 The king answered Daniel, and said, "Truly your God is the God of gods, the Lord of kings, and a revealer of secrets, since you could reveal this secret." 48 Then the king promoted **Daniel** and gave him many great gifts; and **he made him ruler over the whole province of Babylon**, and chief administrator over all the wise men of Babylon.

Esther 4:14

For if you remain completely silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's house will perish. Yet **who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this?**

# Dual citizenship

Esther 10:2-3

2 Now all the acts of his power and his might, and the account of the greatness of Mordecai, to which the king advanced him, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Media and Persia? 3 For **Mordecai the Jew was second to King Ahasuerus**, and was great among the Jews and well received by the multitude of his brethren, seeking the good of his people and speaking peace to all his countrymen.

# We are informal representatives

2 Corinthians 5:20

Now then, we are ambassadors [4243 **representative**] **for Christ**, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God.

# In God we trust

Matthew 6:24

**No one can serve two masters**; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.

*We serve God and our employer, but God is infinitely superior.*

# In God we trust

Psalm 40:4

**Blessed is that man who makes the LORD his trust**, And does not respect the proud,  
nor such as turn aside to lies.

Psalm 118:8-9

8 It is better to trust in the LORD Than to put confidence in man. 9 **It is better to trust in the LORD Than to put confidence in princes.**

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