

## Happy Election Day?

Yes...it is finally Election Day! That means several things. After today, we will have a new president elect. After today, we may have a new political party as majority in the legislative branches of government. But, mostly, we won't have to endure any more commercials for the candidates or receive junk mail endorsing one person or the other! Yes, I vote. However I have never voted for a particular candidate because I saw an ad on TV or received junk mail.

This journey I am on will not stop me from going to the polls. The chemo I receive not only depletes my ability to stave off infections; it also makes me very tired and weak. Standing in long lines may prove to be difficult, but I am insisting on going. Some things we can vote on, others we cannot. Certainly no one votes to get cancer. I know I didn't. We don't get to vote on what day we will die. We don't get to vote on the color of our hair and eyes. (Of course those things can be changed, but you only have one natural color.)

What we do get to "vote" on is acceptance of salvation. We get to choose our eternal destination. Salvation is free for all, but many choose the high price of denial.

*For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord*  
*Romans 6:23 King James Version (KJV)*

This election season has been unusually fought with controversy and negativity. Not just between the candidates, but between the followers of the candidates. Our country is torn by what's been said and done over the past few decades. No one person is to blame. What we are suffering comes from God being taken out of our country. It's been a slow steady decline, involving many past and current leaders of our great nation.

*For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,*  
*1 Thessalonians 5:9 (KJV)*

No matter whom you may vote for, or what the outcome is, one thing remains true and steadfast and that is God. He is in control of everything.

*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.*  
*Romans 13:1 NKJV*

God, in His infinite wisdom, sitting on His throne, is watching everything going on. He has given us free will. The Constitution of the United States gives us rights and freedoms as well. Combining those two things has become cause for great discourse. Of course I am stating the obvious!

What is not so obvious to many is the decline of the Christian presence in this country. We, as Christians, are obligated to do what is Christian. It doesn't matter who you vote for or who wins. What matters is that we stick together in our love of Christ and for one another. What matters is that we know God is in charge. There is nothing that can separate us from the love of God and the Salvation of Christ.

*Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*  
*Romans 8:37-39 (NKJV)*

If you vote or don't; whether you choose this one or that one. If you are just grateful that it is almost over. Regardless of any politics, God is in charge and we must trust in Him!

*I exhort therefore, first of all, that supplications, prayers, intercessions, thanksgivings, be made for all men; for kings and all that are in high place; that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and gravity.*  
*1 Timothy 2:1-2 (ASV)*

Blessing to you always,



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