

A TIME OF REFLECTION

[Pastor Pier]

It is our contention that it is the duty and responsibility of every Christian to vote and to vote for leaders who promote Christian principles. God is most certainly in control, but that does not mean we should do nothing to further His will. We are commanded to pray for our leaders (1 Timothy 2:1-4). In terms of politics and leadership, there is evidence in Scripture that God has been displeased with our choices of leadership at times (Hosea 8:4). The evidence of sin's grip on this world is everywhere. Much of the suffering on earth is because of godless leadership (Proverbs 28:12). Scripture gives Christians instructions to obey legitimate authority unless it contradicts the Lord's commands (Acts 5:27-29; Romans 13:1-7). As born-again believers, we ought to strive to choose leaders who will be themselves led by our Creator (1 Samuel 12:13-25). **Candidates or proposals that violate the Bible's commands for life, family, marriage, or faith should never be supported** (Proverbs 14:34). **Christians should vote as led through prayer and study of both God's Word and the realities of the choices on the ballot.**

In our day and age, there are many who want to drive the name and message of Christ completely out of the public arena. Voting is an opportunity to promote, protect, and preserve godly government. Passing up that opportunity means letting those who would denigrate the name of Christ have their way in our lives. The leaders we elect—or do nothing to remove—have great influence on our freedoms. They can choose to protect our first amendment right to religious freedom and the right to spread the gospel, or they can restrict those rights. They can lead our nation toward righteousness or toward moral disaster. As Christians, we should stand up and follow our command to fulfill our civic duties (Matthew 22:21).

Consider how God sees our choices as to those with whom we support. **Our vote supports the one we vote for.** Read Psalm 119:63 & 139:21-22:

I am a companion of all who fear You, of those who keep Your precepts. Do I not hate those who hate You, O Lord? And do I not loathe those who rise up against You? I hate them with complete hatred; I count them my enemies.

Welcome!

October 13th, 2024



"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so they can have life. I want them to have it in the fullest possible way."

SERVICES

Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 AM
Unity in Prayer & Youth: 6:00 – 7:00 PM
Wednesday – Bible Study: 7:00 PM; Kid's Club
Prayer ½ hour before services

SERMON NOTES

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Reverend Eduardo Sánchez Buitrago is a writer and international speaker. He is an ordained minister of the Assemblies of God of Colombia and has been a pastor for over thirty-eight years.

Currently, together with his family, he leads the Hosanna Christian Worship Community in the city of Bogotá.

God has blessed him with his wife, Pastor Blanca Nelly, and his children, Gracia, Ruth and Daniel.

His daughter Gracia serves the Lord in the country of Spain, ministering according to God's will. Ruth serves the Lord in the country of Argentina helping in the work there. Daniel is the pastor of adolescents and youth in his father's church. He is also a light in Colombian politics working in the Senate.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



Wednesday Bible Study – we continue our new study, “The Great Disappearance” – Rapture of the church, taken from Dr. David Jeremiah’s study. We have student study guides available for \$10 each. Please see the Pastor for more details.

Flagging Class – Wednesdays, at 6:00 PM prior to our Bible study. Special thanks to all the participants of this praise ministry.

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