

Introduction: How can you say you love God and...

➤ **Yet talk about political issues in church?**

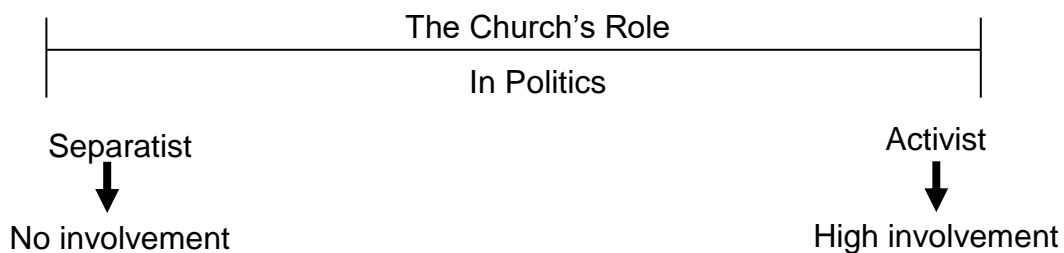
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➤ **Yet not take a stand on political issues in church?**

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The Question: How to navigate through the maze of the church/politics conflict?

The Answer: Four biblical absolutes for building a theological framework to think clearly about the Church and politics

1. There Are Two Kingdoms In Conflict. John 18:36-37, 19:10-12
2. Every Believer Has Dual Citizenship. Mark 12:13-17
3. Human Governments Are Ordained By God To Restrain Evil. Romans 13:1-7
4. The Church Is Ordained By God To Make Disciples. Matthew 28:18-20

The Next Question: How do we move from a theological framework to specific applications for daily living?

The Answer: Understanding the roles and responsibilities of the church, the government, and the individual believer in the political arena.

1. Let the _____ be the _____!
2. Don't expect the _____ to achieve what only the _____ can _____!
3. Don't expect the Church to accomplish what only _____ believers can _____!

Application:

- A Word to **Separatists** -
- A Word to **Activists** –

Discussion Questions:

1. Why is talking about politics and the church such a delicate issue?

2. What did you learn in this message that clarified God's role for . . .

The church?

The government and its political process?

The individual believer?

3. What specific responsibility do you have as a "citizen of heaven" with regard to politics?

4. What specific responsibility do you have as a citizen of the United States of America?

5. How will you choose to fulfill the responsibilities you identified in questions #3 and #4 in the coming weeks?