

VOTING IN AMERICA as a CHRISTIAN

Matt. 5:13-14 NIV ¹³“You are the **SALT** of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.”
(*Salt is needed for flavor and as a preservative*)

¹⁴“You are the **LIGHT** of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house.”
(*Light is needed to dispel darkness.*)

From the Declaration of Independence: (1776)

“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness---That to secure these Rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just Powers from the Consent of the Governed....”

From the Holy Scriptures:

Matt 24:4 “And Jesus answered and said to them: “Take heed that no one **deceives** you.”

Psalms 33:12 “Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, The people He has chosen as His own inheritance.”

Proverbs 29:2 “When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice; But when a wicked *man* rules, the people groan.”

Regarding Boundaries/Borders/Walls:

Nu. 34:1-2 (-12) ⁻² God spoke to Moses: “Command the People of Israel. Tell them, When you enter Canaan, these are the borders of the land you are getting as an inheritance: (*see v. 3-12*)

Deut. 19:14 “When you arrive in the land the Lord your God is giving you as your special possession, you must never steal anyone’s land by moving the boundary markers your ancestors set up to mark their property.”

Acts 17:26-27 “ From one man He made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and He marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. ²⁷ God did this so that they would seek Him and perhaps reach out for Him and find Him, though He is not far from any one of us.”

Neh.2:17-18 ¹⁷“But now I said to them, “You know very well what trouble we are in. Jerusalem lies in ruins, and its gates have been destroyed by fire. Let us rebuild the wall of Jerusalem and end this disgrace!” ¹⁸Then I told them about how the gracious hand of God had been on me, and about my conversation with the king. They replied at once, “Yes, let’s rebuild the wall!” So they began the good work.”

Neh.4:6-8 ⁶“At last the wall was completed to half its height around the entire city, for the people had worked with enthusiasm.⁷ ^[a]But when Sanballat and Tobiah and the Arabs, Ammonites, and Ashdodites heard that the work was going ahead and that the gaps in the wall of Jerusalem were being repaired, they were furious. ⁸They all made plans to come and fight against Jerusalem and throw us into confusion.”

Isaiah 26:1 “In that day, everyone in the land of Judah will sing this song: Our city is strong! We are surrounded by the **walls** of God’s **salvation**.”

Regarding Identity and Marriage:

Gen. 1:27 “So God created man in His *own* image; in the image of God He created him; **male and female** He created them.” **5:2** “He created them **male and female, and** blessed them **and** called them Mankind in the day they were created.”

Eph. 5:31-32 ³¹“As the Scriptures say, “A man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one.”³² This is a great mystery, but it is an illustration of the way Christ and the church are one.”

Rom.1:23-27 ²³And instead of worshiping the glorious, ever-living God, they worshiped idols made to look like mere people and birds and animals and reptiles.²⁴ So God abandoned them to do whatever shameful things their hearts desired. As a result, they did vile and degrading things with each other’s bodies. ²⁵They traded the truth about God for a lie. So they worshiped and served the things God created instead of the Creator himself, who is worthy of eternal praise! Amen. ²⁶That is why God abandoned them to their shameful desires. Even the women turned against the natural way to have sex and instead indulged in sex with each other. ²⁷And the men, instead of having normal sexual relations with women, burned with lust for each other. Men did shameful things with other men, and as a result of this sin, they suffered within themselves the penalty they deserved.

Regarding Abortion:

Psalms 139: 13-16 “You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother’s womb.¹⁴ Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous—how well I know it. ¹⁵You watched me as I was being formed in utter seclusion, as I was woven together in the dark of the womb.¹⁶ You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed.”

Deut. 30:15,19 ¹⁵“See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil.” ¹⁹“I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, *that* I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live.”

Psalm 106:34-39 “Israel failed to destroy the nations in the land, as the Lord had commanded them. ³⁵ Instead, they mingled among the pagans and adopted their evil customs. ³⁶ They worshiped their idols, which led to their downfall. ³⁷ They even sacrificed their sons and their daughters to the demons. ³⁸ They shed innocent blood, the blood of their sons and daughters. By sacrificing them to the idols of Canaan, they polluted the land with murder. ³⁹ They defiled themselves by their evil deeds, and their love of idols was adultery in the Lord’s sight.”

Regarding Role of Parents:

Deut.64-7 ⁴“Listen, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. ⁵And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength. ⁶And you must commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these commands that I am giving you today. ⁷Repeat them again and again to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up.”

Gen.18:18-19 ¹⁸“For Abraham will certainly become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth will be blessed through him. ¹⁹I have singled him out so that he will direct his sons and their families to keep the way of the Lord by doing what is right and just. Then I will do for Abraham all that I have promised.”

Eph. 6:1-4 “Children, obey your parents because you belong to the Lord, for this is the right thing to do. ²Honor your father and mother. This is the first commandment with a promise: ³If you honor your father and mother, things will go well for you, and you will have a long life on the earth. ⁴Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger by the way you treat them. Rather, bring them up with the discipline and instruction that comes from the Lord.

Regarding Israel:

Gen. 12:2-3 “I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name great; And you shall be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

Gen. 17:8 “And I will give the entire **land** of Canaan, where you now live as a foreigner, **to** you and your descendants. **It** will be their **possession** forever, and I will be their God.”