

## ONE WEEK FROM YESTERDAY

Dear Friend:

One week from yesterday we are supposed to wake – up and know who our next President will be, Donald Trump or Joe Biden. I say “supposed to know” because many political prognosticators predict the election will be too close to call until absentee ballots, etc. are counted. I agree with this and many of you do too. You know how important it is to vote but please, please exercise your constitutional privilege and vote. I hope I am preaching to a choir! Please do not vote without praying first – pray that whoever lives at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue the next four years governs by the Constitution, protects our religious freedom and will actually care about the kind of nation that He (God) wants.

So...how are we to respond towards all of our politicians from Mayor to the President? I Timothy 2:1 Paul tells us that we should pray prayers of intercession for all people – for kings and all those in authority and that we may live peaceful and quiet lives. To be told to pray for Roman politicians was shocking. They made all of our current politicians look like saints (not an easy task). Paul gives us further instructions in Romans 13:1-5. Be subject to the governing authorities. Again, not an easy task – especially in the Roman world. According to Romans 13:4 our political leaders are put in place as God’s servant for your good. This is widely interpreted but I think it does give us some direction on how we should vote. The only exception to obeying governing authorities is when we would be forced to act against God’s instructions in the Bible.

This past summer I was scheduled to go to a country where evangelism was strictly illegal. Taking a Bible into the country would at least raise suspicion or perhaps be confiscated at customs. Was our team going to go in country and do “open” evangelism? No, that may earn us a quick trip back home. We were going in as teachers and praying for private one-on-one conversations about God. God’s law instructs us to evangelize, that trumps (no pun intended) man’s law. Obey the governing authorities unless they don’t let you obey God’s authority. Back to the beginning...one week from yesterday no matter who the winner is start praying for him immediately.

In Christ’s Love,

Pastor Mike

**Prayer: Helen Martindale, Dick Hickernell, Dick Fisher, Ken Carter, National Elections, COVID 19 Paramedics**

**Events: Sunday – Communion, Revelation Bible Study**

**Reminder: Turn your clocks back one hour Saturday night!!!**