

It's NOT Political
It's Biblical
Part 5

1 Peter 1:1-19 AMPC

1 Peter, an apostle (a special messenger) of Jesus Christ, [writing] to the elect exiles of the dispersion scattered (sowed) abroad in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia,

2 Who were chosen and foreknown by God the Father and consecrated (sanctified, made holy) by the Spirit to be obedient to Jesus Christ (the Messiah) and to be sprinkled with [His] blood: May grace (spiritual blessing) and peace be given you in increasing abundance [that spiritual peace to be [a]realized in and through Christ, [b]freedom from fears, agitating passions, and moral conflicts].

3 Praised (honored, blessed) be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah)! By His boundless mercy we have been born again to an ever-living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

4 [Born anew] into an inheritance which is beyond the reach of change and decay [imperishable], unsullied and unfading, reserved in heaven for you,

5 Who are being guarded (garrisoned) by God's power through [your] faith [till you fully inherit that [c]final] salvation that is ready to be revealed [for you] in the last time.

James 2:26 AMPC

26 For as the human body apart from the spirit is lifeless, so faith apart from [its] works of obedience is also dead.

6 [You should] be exceedingly glad on this account, though now for a little while you may be distressed by trials and suffer temptations,

7 So that [the genuineness] of your faith may be tested, [your faith] which is infinitely more precious than the perishable gold which is tested and purified by fire. [This proving of your faith is intended] to redound to [your] praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One) is revealed.

8 Without having seen Him, you love Him; though you do not [even] now see Him, you believe in Him and exult and thrill with inexpressible and glorious (triumphant, heavenly) joy.

9 [At the same time] you receive the result (outcome, consummation) of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

10 The prophets, who prophesied of the grace (divine blessing) which was intended for you, searched and inquired earnestly about this salvation.

11 They sought [to find out] to whom or when this was to come which the Spirit of Christ working within them was indicating when He predicted the sufferings of Christ and the glories that should follow [them].

12 It was then disclosed to them that the services they were rendering were not meant for themselves and their period of time, but for you. [It is these very] things which have now already been made known plainly to you by those who preached the good news (the Gospel) to you by the [same] Holy Spirit sent from heaven. Into these things [the very] angels long to look!

13 So brace up your minds; be sober (circumspect, morally alert); set your hope wholly and unchangeably on the grace (divine favor) that is coming to you when Jesus Christ (the Messiah) is revealed.

14 [Live] as children of obedience [to God]; do not conform yourselves to the evil desires [that governed you] in your former ignorance [when you did not know the requirements of the Gospel].

15 But as the One Who called you is holy, you yourselves also be holy in all your conduct and manner of living.

16 For it is written, You shall be holy, for I am holy.

17 And if you call upon Him as [your] Father Who judges each one impartially according to what he does, [then] you should conduct yourselves with true reverence throughout the time of your temporary residence [on the earth, whether long or short].

18 You must know (recognize) that you were redeemed (ransomed) from the useless (fruitless) way of living inherited by tradition from [your] forefathers, not with corruptible things [such as] silver and gold,

19 But [you were purchased] with the precious blood of Christ (the Messiah), like that of a [sacrificial] lamb without blemish or spot.

1 Peter 3:8-20 AMPC

8 Finally, all [of you] should be of one and the same mind (united in spirit), sympathizing [with one another], loving [each other] as brethren [of one household], compassionate and courteous (tenderhearted and humble).

9 Never return evil for evil or insult for insult (scolding, tongue-lashing, berating), but on the contrary blessing [praying for their welfare, happiness, and protection, and truly pitying and loving them]. For know that to this you have been called, that you may yourselves inherit a blessing [from God—that you may obtain a blessing as heirs, bringing welfare and happiness and protection].

10 For let him who wants to enjoy life and see good days [good—whether apparent or not] keep his tongue free from evil and his lips from guile (treachery, deceit).

11 Let him turn away from wickedness and shun it, and let him do right. Let him search for peace (harmony; undisturbedness from fears, agitating passions, and moral conflicts) and seek it eagerly. [Do not merely desire peaceful relations with God, with your fellowmen, and with yourself, but pursue, go after them!]

12 For the eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous (those who are upright and in right standing with God), and His ears are attentive to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who practice evil [to oppose them, to frustrate, and defeat them].

13 Now who is there to hurt you if you are [a]zealous followers of that which is good?

14 But even in case you should suffer for the sake of righteousness, [you are] blessed (happy, to be envied). Do not dread or be afraid of their threats, nor be disturbed [by their opposition].

15 But in your hearts set Christ apart as holy [and acknowledge Him] as Lord. Always be ready to give a logical defense to anyone who asks you to account for the hope that is in you, but do it courteously and respectfully.

16 [And see to it that] your conscience is entirely clear ([b]unimpaired), so that, when you are falsely accused as evildoers, those who threaten you abusively and revile your right behavior in Christ may come to be ashamed [of slandering your good lives].

17 For [it is] better to suffer [unjustly] for doing right, if that should be God's will, than to suffer [justly] for doing wrong.

18 For Christ [the Messiah Himself] died for sins once [c]for all, the Righteous for the unrighteous (the Just for the unjust, the Innocent for the guilty), that He might bring us to God. In His human body He was put to death, but He was made alive in the spirit,

19 In which He went and preached to the spirits in prison,

20 [The souls of those] who long before in the days of Noah had been disobedient, when God's patience waited during the building of the ark in which a few [people], actually eight in number, were saved through water.

Note: _____

2 Peter 1:1-4 AMPC

1 Simon Peter, a servant and apostle (special messenger) of Jesus Christ, to those who have received (obtained an equal privilege of) like precious faith with ourselves in and through the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ:

2 May grace (God's favor) and peace (which is [a]perfect well-being, all necessary good, all spiritual prosperity, and [b]freedom from fears and agitating passions and moral conflicts) be multiplied to you in [the full, personal, [c]precise, and correct] knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

3 For His divine power has bestowed upon us all things that [are requisite and suited] to life and godliness, through the [[d]full, personal] knowledge of Him Who called us by and to His own glory and excellence (virtue).

4 By means of these He has bestowed on us His precious and exceedingly great promises, so that through them you may escape [by flight] from the moral decay (rottenness and corruption) that is in the world because of covetousness (lust and greed), and become sharers (partakers) of the divine nature.

2 Peter 1:12-21 AMPC

12 So I intend always to remind you about these things, although indeed you know them and are firm in the truth that [you] now [hold].

13 I think it right, as long as I am in this tabernacle (tent, body), to stir you up by way of remembrance,

14 Since I know that the laying aside of this body of mine will come speedily, as our Lord Jesus Christ made clear to me.

15 Moreover, I will diligently endeavor [to see to it] that [even] after my departure (decease) you may be able at all times to call these things to mind.

16 For we were not following cleverly devised stories when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah), but we were eyewitnesses of His majesty (grandeur, authority of sovereign power).

17 For when He was invested with honor and glory from God the Father and a voice was borne to Him by the [splendid] Majestic Glory [in the bright cloud that overshadowed Him, saying], This is My beloved Son in Whom I am well pleased and delight,

18 We [actually] heard this voice borne out of heaven, for we were together with Him on the holy mountain.

19 And we have the prophetic word [made] firmer still. You will do well to pay close attention to it as to a lamp shining in a dismal (squalid and dark) place, until the day breaks through [the gloom] and the Morning Star rises ([j]comes into being) in your hearts.

20 [Yet] first [you must] understand this, that no prophecy of Scripture is [a matter] of any personal or private or special interpretation (loosening, solving).

21 For no prophecy ever originated because some man willed it [to do so—it never came by human impulse], but men spoke from God who were borne along (moved and impelled) by the Holy Spirit.

What is taking place in America has or is taking place all throughout the world. Globalism is occurring and the fight between good and evil, freedom and slavery to a godless government system or the 7th Beast of Bible Prophecy is happening.

The Bible tells you and I that there will be signs to Jesus returning to gather up His Bride (the Church) not church attendees, but those who are habitually righteous according to God's Word. These "things" or signs must happen to wake up the God's People as a sign of His Love towards you and I.

2 Peter 3:9 AMPC

9 The Lord does not delay and is not tardy or slow about what He promises, according to some people's conception of slowness, but He is long-suffering (extraordinarily patient) toward you, not desiring that any should perish, but that all should turn to repentance.

Jesus said regarding the Time of the End or End of Days...

Luke 21:34-36 AMPC

34 But take heed to yourselves and be on your guard, lest your hearts be overburdened and depressed (weighed down) with the [a]giddiness and headache and [b]nausea of self-indulgence, drunkenness, and worldly worries and cares pertaining to [the [c]business of] this life, and [lest] that day come upon you suddenly like a trap or a noose;

35 For it will come upon all who live upon the face of the entire earth.

36 Keep awake then and watch at all times [be discreet, attentive, and ready], praying that you may have the full strength and ability and be accounted worthy to escape all these things [taken together] that will take place, and to stand in the presence of the Son of Man.

It is going to be more spiritually difficult at the Time of the End or End of Days... Paul told Timothy this is one of the “things” to watch out for.

2 Timothy 3:1-13 AMPC

1 But understand this, that in the last days will come (set in) perilous times of great stress and trouble [hard to deal with and hard to bear].

2 For people will be lovers of self and [utterly] self-centered, lovers of money and aroused by an inordinate [greedy] desire for wealth, proud and arrogant and contemptuous boasters. They will be abusive (blasphemous, scoffing), disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy and profane.

3 [They will be] without natural [human] affection (callous and inhuman), relentless (admitting of no truce or appeasement); [they will be] slanderers (false accusers, troublemakers), intemperate and loose in morals and conduct, uncontrolled and fierce, haters of good.

4 [They will be] treacherous [betrayers], rash, [and] inflated with self-conceit. [They will be] lovers of sensual pleasures and vain amusements more than and rather than lovers of God.

5 For [although] they hold a form of piety (true religion), they deny and reject and are strangers to the power of it [their conduct belies the genuineness of their profession]. Avoid [all] such people [turn away from them].

As we continue in this series, remember that these “things” or signs must occur. The coming of the 7th Empire of Bible Prophecy which is globalism, save the planet, man can save the world without God is happening.

You and I are not going to change when Jesus returns, we are commanded to be remain faithful in everything we say and do...

Colossians 3:17 AMPC

17 And whatever you do [no matter what it is] in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus and in [dependence upon] His Person, giving praise to God the Father through Him.

As we continue in the is series, I want to remind you that these “tings” we are seeing were foretold thousands of years ago and they are taking place just as the Bible said they would. To navigate the days we are living, not just a Presidential election but in general regarding the Time of the End, God’s Word doesnt want us to be in the dark or naive to what is taking place. You and I can use this time to witness to others, these "things are in the Bible.

Also, by knowing what is talking place and where it is in the Bible, it increase our faith.

Romans 10:17 AMPC

17 So faith comes by hearing [what is told], and what is heard comes by the preaching [of the message that came from the lips] of Christ (the Messiah Himself).

John 1:1 AMPC

1 In the beginning [before all time] was the Word (Christ), and the Word was with God, and the Word was God Himself.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 AMPC

16 Every Scripture is God-breathed (given by His inspiration) and profitable for instruction, for reproof and conviction of sin, for correction of error and discipline in obedience, [and] for training in righteousness (in holy living, in conformity to God’s will in thought, purpose, and action),

17 So that the man of God may be complete and proficient, well fitted and thoroughly equipped for every good work.

As a follower of Jesus Christ, we are given instructions on how to conduct ourselves and the signs to look out for in the Last Days, End of Days or Time of the End. Jesus told His followers that He was foretelling these End Time events so when they started to occur we could have peace and knowing that He was telling us the Truth so we could rely on His Word regarding what would happen next.

Satan wants to keep people fearing about provision and all things regarding life in general. Faith and fear can't coexist, fear tolerated is faith contaminated.

Until Jesus comes, more and more we will see Christians in a spirit of anxiety, fear, sinful thoughts and actions... the Bible said this would happen at the Time of the End. Paul said perilous or spiritually difficult times would happen in the church. There is a separation taking place in the church, the wheat and the tares, the sheep and goats, a religious mindset which is in denial of God's transformational power leading to a one world religion and government or Globalism.

From a lack of knowledge spoken by the Never Wrong Prophet Hosea, many deserting the faith found in the New Testament speaking of the Time of the End and many people in fear of what the future will hold, this is not something that has happened overnight but a pattern can be traced back throughout history. We can see these changes in religion and in government... fear is used to shape and placate to feelings and emotions.

2 Timothy 1:7 AMPC

7 For God did not give us a spirit of timidity (of cowardice, of craven and cringing and fawning fear), but [He has given us a spirit] of power and of love and of calm and well-balanced mind and discipline and self-control.

2 Timothy 1:7 KJV

7 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

Isaiah 41:10 AMPC

10 Fear not [there is nothing to fear], for I am with you; do not look around you in terror and be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen and harden you to difficulties, yes, I will help you; yes, I will hold you up and retain you with My [victorious] right hand of rightness and justice.

Isaiah 41:13 AMPC

13 For I the Lord your God hold your right hand; I am the Lord, Who says to you, Fear not; I will help you!

Philippians 4:19 AMPC

19 And my God will liberally supply (fill to the full) your every need according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

We have to stop the fear, satan uses fear to manipulate and so do politicians. The enemy puts thoughts in your mind like...But what about my pension? my retirement ? causes for people with no or little voice? what about the planet?

Well Pastor Grant, I have to vote for this candidate because they are for the unions and that is my retirement. They say they won't do a nations tax even though though is for abortion, for gay marriage, against religious freedom and liberties, for open borders and no personal responsibility, taking away our God given right to protect ourselves..."I need to think about me".

From all the different groups, organizations, causes, needs and "things" that are out there where you might think, how are all these needs going to be met? the answer is Jesus and not government.

An economic system contrary to God's Word contains payments for things that the Bible says are a sin and or that God said He will provide.

When you watch a political commercial about risking, saving, investing you start to understand that this candidate doesn't think money grows on trees or comes from other people, it has to be produced.

But when you watch a political commercial that starts with a guy walking with his wife on a beach, holding hands and he's giving her a big kiss....don't get lost in the imagery, listen to the words.

When the candidate says "I'm fighting"... what do you mean fighting? Fighting means you're going to take something that belongs to someone else...you don't have to fight otherwise. When you hear, "I'm fighting to help you" that is a very dangerous term.

We have looked at economics and how it is employed in government. Remember, there are 2 political thoughts: *one person believes* that government improves the standard of living and *the other understands* that government destroys the standard of living. One side always wants more government and the other wants less government.

How do you get more government? you take more money out of the paycheck at the end of the day through higher taxes. The other side says, you don't want to do that. You want less taxes.

The one side says the every dime I spend to defend the country to buy more tanks and planes takes away from how many food stamps that I can give away to get votes. So, they will always want to weaken defense. The other side says I want a strong defense.

These 2 sides that I'm speaking about are, liberals and conservatives. Liberals are people who want more and more government, they liberate, they come up with new ideas. The conservative says, lets preserve the freedom that we have. Let's conserve that which makes us great as a nation. The liberal will say, you just want to hold on to what you have - greed, no the conservative wants to hold on to the freedom that we have.

We concluded part 4 with the importance of voting at all levels of government. Who is ever in charge voted in by you and I will: choose the leader of the house of representatives, which is called the speaker. Then they choose the head of the senate which is the majority leader.

Every democratic votes for the Democrat candidate for speaker and every Republican votes for the Republican candidate for speaker. So, why does this matter? Because, those two people decide what goes on in the government, from the state legislator in Nevada or in the Congress of The United States.

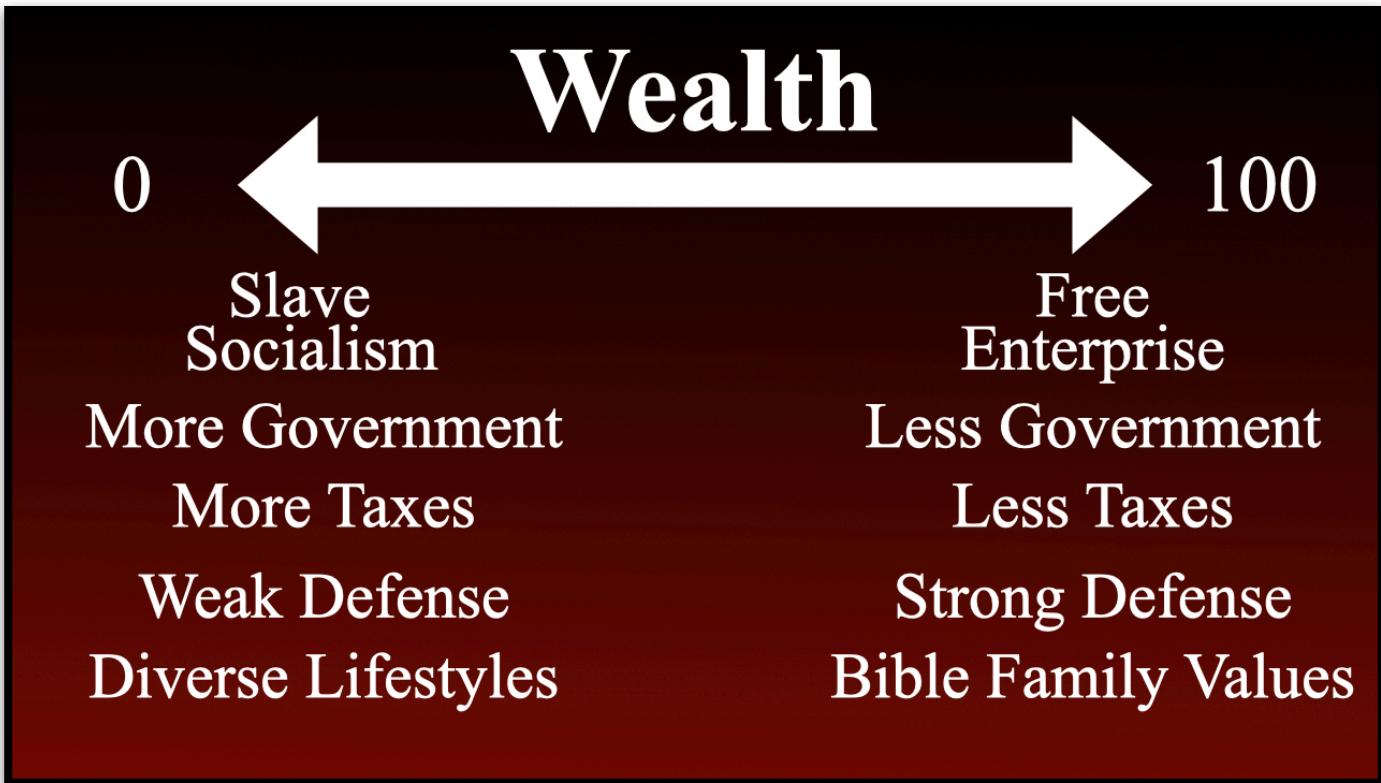
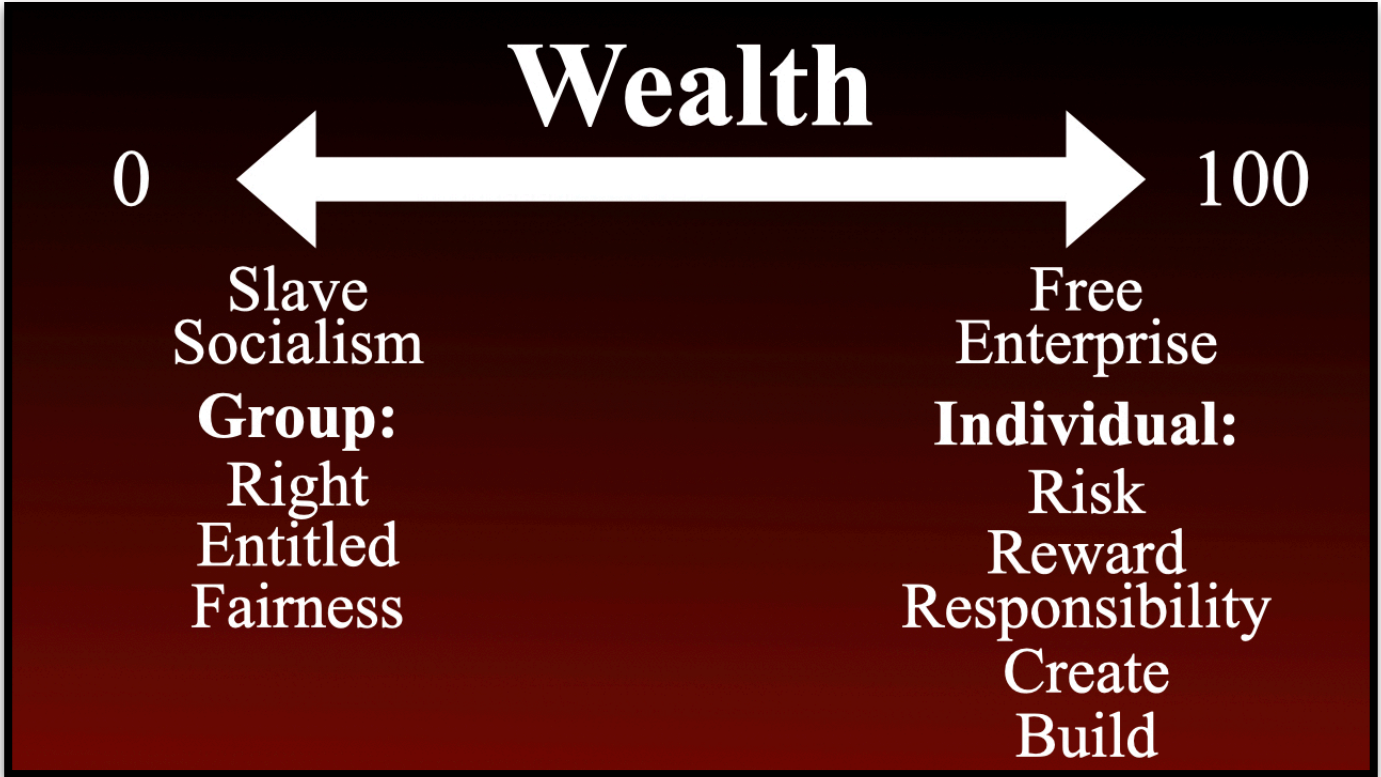
Once the speaker is chosen, they create the various committees. They do this off the top of their head. "I don't like this committee...let's vote again", they will get everyone who wants to vote their way and say, "see we out voted you". Who's ever in charge - they create the committees.

This is important because they appoint the members, they will always appoint more members to the committee from their team then the opponents team so they always win.

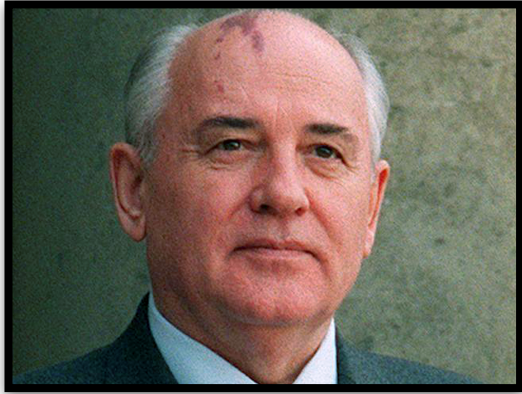
When you and I vote, we are voting for one team to run over the other team. This is not a game about who is the best looking team, who has the best hair, who likes sports, who is cool...this is serious business. This decides wether or not a nation succeeds or fails.

This determines why some nations are free and some are not. Why some nations are wealthy and some are not. Why you can get quality health care in some places and others there is nothing on the shelves at the grocery store.

It is so important who we vote for. The economic system you and I choose will bring prosperity or poverty, it will make us free or slaves and ultimately what we are choosing one one two things: is government God or do we have the religious freedom to worship God as we choose.



The final conclusion is this. Political freedom and economic freedom go hand in hand. If you give a nation economic freedom, they will want political freedom and liberty. This happened to the Soviet Union back in the 1980's while being led by Mikhail Gorbachev.



Mikhail Sergeyevich Gorbachev: born 2 March 1931) is a former Soviet statesman. He was the eighth and last leader of the Soviet Union, having served as General Secretary of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union from 1985 until 1991 when the party was dissolved. He served as President of the Soviet Union from 1990 to 1991).

Gorbachev's policies of glasnost ("openness") and perestroika ("restructuring") and his reorientation of Soviet strategic aims contributed to the end of the Cold War. He removed the constitutional role of the Communist Party in governing the state, which inadvertently led to the dissolution of the Soviet Union. He was awarded the Otto Hahn Peace Medal in 1989, the Nobel Peace Prize in 1990.

Once the people got economic freedom they said this is great and we want government to change, we want political liberty and freedom and the Soviet Union along with communism was no more. This is based on the premise of who is more important, the state or the individual. This is based on how we view each other and how we view ourselves.

There are only two world views - only two. One of them says that man is the center of the universe and man will decide what is right and what is wrong. The other view is, God says what is right and what is wrong.

One is based on evolution and the other is based on creation, God as the creator. If you believe man is at the center of the universe, you have a whole different view on everything. That view is you are not significant, you're an accident.

As a result when the communist from North Vietnam rolled their tanks into South Vietnam and then had reeducation camps to the peasants this is what they taught...they didn't teach them the marxist theory, they taught them evolution.

Two views...One is by accident and it's a bunch of chemicals and the other is God made you. And if God made you and knows you, then you treat others and yourself in a different way.

<u>Man</u>	<u>God</u>
Man in Charge	God in charge
Man is good	Man is in of a savior

If you believe man made himself, then you believe man is in charge. However if man was made by God, then you understand that God decides what is right and what is wrong.

If you believe that man made himself by definition, you believe that man is good because what other standard would there be. There is no God, I made myself so I am good. The consequences of this is death.

The French Revolution said this: we (man made himself so) want to have liberty, in order to have liberty, we have to have equality (the 2 can't exist together). In order to get equality we have to have a group to take it - fraternity. The chant of the French Revolution was: it started with a **group** to **fraternity**, Another word for **fraternity** is **union**. Another word for union is soviet.

soviet., noun

1. (before the revolution) any governmental council.
(after the revolution) a local council, originally elected only by manual workers, with certain powers of local administration.
(after the revolution) a higher council elected by a local council, being part of a hierarchy of soviets culminating in the Supreme Soviet.
2. any similar council or assembly connected with a socialistic governmental system elsewhere.

The revolution said we need to get together for equality. How do you get equality? by taking something that belongs to someone else in order for us to be equal. If we do that, the person you took it from is no longer free. If I take something from you, you lost your freedom.

It is impossible to have liberty and equality because if we are going to force equality that means someone is going to lose their liberty. When someone starts to do that - people object and subsequently the symbol of the French revolution was the guillotine. Whenever the government starts to do that, it ends up in death - this is throughout history. What has been before will be again.

Ecclesiastes 3:15 AMPC

15 That which is now already has been, and that which is to be already has been; and God seeks that which has passed by [so that history repeats itself].

We saw how that mindset, the liberal mindset, the controlling mindset, the socialist mindset, I'll take care of it or government will take care of you keeps nations poor. That mindset is based on fear and they will keep a nation paralyzed with fear by killing those or putting into prison those who disagree.



Joseph Stalin killed 35 million people. Born 18 December 1878 – 5 March 1953) was the leader of the Soviet Union from the mid-1920s until his death in 1953. Holding the post of the General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, he was the dictator of the state.



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***Fidel Castro** - hundreds of thousands people killed in Cuba. Born August 13, 1926), Fidel is a Cuban politician and a revolutionary, who governed the Republic of Cuba as the Prime Minister from 1959 to 1976, and as the President from 1976 to 2008.*

Politically a Marxist–Leninist and a Cuban nationalist, Castro also served as the First Secretary of the Communist Party of Cuba for 50 years, from 1961 until 2011. Under Castro's administration, Cuba became a one-party communist state; industry and business were nationalized, and state socialist reforms were implemented throughout society.

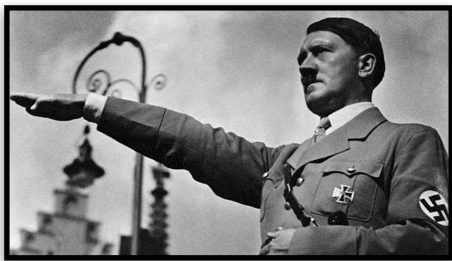


***Pol Pot** in Cambodia killed 2 millions people. He was a Cambodian revolutionary who led the Khmer Rouge from 1963 until 1997. From 1963 to 1981, he served as the General Secretary of the Communist Party of Kampuchea.*

As such, he became the leader of Cambodia on 17 April 1975, when his forces captured Phnom Penh. From 1976 to 1979, he also served as the prime minister of Democratic Kampuchea.

He presided over a totalitarian dictatorship, in which his government made urban dwellers move to the countryside to work in collective farms and on forced labour projects.

The combined effects of executions, strenuous working conditions, malnutrition and poor medical care caused the deaths of approximately 25 percent of the Cambodian population.



***Adolf Hitler** - killed 6 millions Jews and 6 million Christians and other who came against him. Adolf Hitler was born 20 April 1889 – died 30 April 1945) was a German politician who was the leader of the Nazi Party (NSDAP),*

Chancellor of Germany from 1933 to 1945, and Führer ("leader") of Nazi Germany from 1934 to 1945. As dictator of Nazi Germany, he initiated World War II in Europe with the invasion of Poland in September 1939 and was a central figure of the Holocaust.

Born an Austrian citizen and raised near Linz, Hitler moved to Germany in 1913 and was decorated during his service in the German Army in World War I. He joined the precursor of the NSDAP, the German Workers' Party, in 1919 and became leader of the NSDAP in 1921. In 1923, he attempted a coup in Munich to seize power. The failed coup resulted in Hitler's imprisonment, during which time he dictated his autobiography and political manifesto Mein Kampf ("My Struggle").

After his release in 1924, Hitler gained popular support by attacking the Treaty of Versailles and promoting Pan-Germanism, anti-Semitism, and anti-communism with charismatic oratory and Nazi propaganda.

Hitler frequently denounced international capitalism and communism as being part of a Jewish conspiracy. By 1933, the Nazi Party was the largest elected party in the German Reichstag, which led to his appointment as Chancellor on 30 January 1933. Following fresh elections won by his coalition, the Reichstag passed the Enabling Act, which began the process of transforming the Weimar Republic into Nazi Germany, a one-party dictatorship based on the totalitarian and autocratic ideology of National Socialism.

In order for them to accomplish their goals, since man is insignificant, man can be eliminated. However, our founders got together and said this:

Declaration of Independence

We hold these truths to be self evident. That is a gracious, Jeffersonian way of saying, “any idiot should understand this”. ***We hold these truths to be self evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their,*** (not by the state, not by the generosity of the dictator or the chancellor) ***but they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.***

Life is first. Liberty is of little consequence if your dead. Once again, life is first. When a politician says, “I don’t think government should be involved with this question of taking lives or aborting children” or “I believe it is the women’s right to choose”. No, you’re wrong.

This is what government does. For this cause, this is why government is instituted among men. For the preservation of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

So, if man is good, if he does anything wrong, it is not his fault. So if man is good, who’s fault is it? It has to be the environment.

So, if people are having children out of wedlock, it’s not their responsibility, it’s because the government didn’t pass out enough condoms at school.

If someone came in here tonight and started shooting people, it's certainly not his fault, because man is inherently good. Therefore, it must be the gun.

The list could go on and on. Here's the fundamental point. How you view man will determine how a person votes. Whether or not they will pass enough laws restricting enough freedom to make people good.

How do you control guns? in America, we know that if you pass 25,000 gun laws that people will still shoot one another. So the problem is, not enough laws - those politicians are not discouraged, they will just start passing another 15,000 laws because they believe if they pass enough that people will stop shooting one another.

You and I know that this is a question of the heart. If you believe that man is somehow just a series of chemicals then you believe that they should gather together in a group. When the liberal politicians begin talking it is always about the groups... "for those in the _____ community" - its always about groups.

How do you succeed in free enterprise? no one succeeds as a group. It is by individual performance and effort. That comes from an individual accountability unto God. God made us, so we are accountable unto Him and for our own performance.

This is a principle that we are talking about. Just prior to the turn of the 20th century Benjamin Disraeli was the Prime Minister of Britain which at the time was the most powerful nation on earth. This is what He said.

"Great nations rise and fall. The people go from bondage to spiritual truth to great courage, from courage to liberty, from liberty to abundance, from abundance to selfishness, from selfishness to complacency, from complacency to apathy, from apathy to dependence, from dependence back again to bondage."



Benjamin Disraeli, 1st Earl of Beaconsfield, (21 December 1804 – 19 April 1881) was a British politician and writer, who twice served as Prime Minister. He played a central role in the creation of the modern Conservative Party, defining its policies and its broad outreach. Disraeli is remembered for his influential voice in world affairs, his political battles with the Liberal Party leader William Ewart Gladstone, and his one-nation conservatism or "Tory democracy".

He made the Conservatives the party most identified with the glory and power of the British Empire. He is the only British Prime Minister of Jewish birth.

He said “from bondage to spiritual truth.” Look at the 1730’s and 40’s with the spiritual awakening with Jonathan Edwards, George Whitefield and all the rest.



By the early 1700s, the New England colonists forsook their Pilgrim heritage and desire for religious freedom and instead pursued material success which they became enslaved. In the midst of this spiritual deadness, God intervened and effected a drastic change—the Great Awakening.

Beginning with the preaching of Jonathan Edwards and continuing through the travels of George Whitefield, the Great Awakening redirected the colonists' concerns toward their spiritual state. Genuine religious fervor replaced the former passivity, and many colonists, recognizing for the first time their personal guilt and need of salvation, repented of their sins and dedicated their lives to the service of God.

They go from **bondage to spiritual truth**. and once people understand the truth to who they are, that God made them they go from **spiritual truth to great courage**. Why? Because it's no longer about themselves its about the cause which is the kingdom of God and it is worth fighting for.

Then they go from **great courage to liberty**, they throw off the shackles of the burden of government to great liberty. As we learned 3 weeks ago, the greater the freedom the greater the wealth. The **greater the liberty, the greater the abundance**.

Once they develop abundance, the second generation says, "I love the idea that you all went to church mom and dad but I have a boat and I need to take it out this weekend - I'll see you next week." So they begin to go from **abundance to selfishness** - I want to do what I want to do.

Once again, this insight is more than 100 years old, this is not someone speaking about today only. This is a fundamental truth and fact.

From **selfishness they go to complacency**, that is "many things are going wrong around me but, I really don't want to get involved. It's us 4 no more, as long as I'm not being bothered."

This is what happened in the 1950's, 60's and 70's. People saw what was happening but many who should of been involved in government said I will just bury my head at work, home or at church. They became complacent and once that happens they became apathetic. **Complacency leads to apathy**.

Complacency says I know its wrong but I just don't want to get involved. Apathy is, "I know what the President is doing is wrong, but I just don't care." Once you don't care and the next elections comes you're going to vote for the guy who gets you the most drugs paid for, or whatever it is that won't disrupt your life.

That person says, "I don't care if he turns over secrets to foreign powers, legalizes abortion, same sex marriage, allows lawsuit on Christians who refuse to take part in a same sex ceremony. As long as it doesn't bother me I don't care."

Once you go to **apathy you will go to dependency** and once you are to dependency, you are back in bondage. The government controls you and you no longer control yourself.

Let me say this in closing, individual countries are full of abundant, talented and capable people. The Standard of living in Costa Rica is significantly different than Honduras. It's not because the people are different - government decides these things.

The people that came to this country, who had nothing, leaky boats, no tools, etc, they came and fought to preserve a system of government that allowed us in 200 years to create more wealth than the rest of the world combined throughout all recorded history.

It has been now transferred into our hands and left up to us. You and I know that very few people understand why we are wealthy or prosperous. If you don't understand why we are wealthy and prosperous in all areas of our lives, you won't understand how it can be lost.

This is not just about losing the wealth, because in the process of losing the economic freedom, you lose the political freedom and you lose religious freedom which makes you lose hope.

In November, the United States is going to choose a leader and the difference will be:

- o more government or less government
- o more taxes or less taxes
- o weak defense or strong defense
- o diverse lifestyles or traditional family values

Don't think that this election doesn't really matter. Don't let someone else around you, the born again believer say, it really doesn't matter.

For example, if I were to stand up here and say, "there is no difference between atomic fission and atomic fusion - it's all the same, there's not a difference." See, I can say it with great conviction and you will just roll your eyes at me and say I don't care.

But if I stood in front of a bunch of atomic physicists and said that there is no difference between atomic fission and atomic fusion, they would know one thing. That I know absolutely nothing about what I'm talking about.

One is an explosion and one is an implosion and they are diabolically opposite.

When a person says, "It really doesn't matter who gets elected because politicians are all the same anyways" what they are telling you is that they know absolutely nothing about what they're talking about.

Freedom depends on you and I being knowledgeable. Economic freedom, political freedom and religious freedom all depends on us. Is it man or is it God ? where does this freedom come from.

Hosea 4:6 AMPC

6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge; because you [the priestly nation] have rejected knowledge, I will also reject you that you shall be no priest to Me; seeing you have forgotten the law of your God, I will also forget your children.

Proverbs 29:2 AMPC

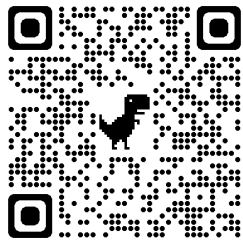
2 When the [uncompromisingly] righteous are in authority, the people rejoice; but when the wicked man rules, the people groan and sigh.

Deuteronomy 30:19 KJV

19 I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live:

Proverbs 14:12 AMPC

12 There is a way which seems right to a man and appears straight before him, but at the end of it is the way of death.



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