

10 Biblical reasons why This Church Votes:

- 1. All authority comes from God (Matthew 28:18) and government only has authority given to it by God. (John 19:10)
- 2. In the United States of America "We the People" are the primary stewards of that authority through the U.S. Constitution to self-govern and choose representatives.
- 3. Governing authority is recognized in scripture as being given lethal force to protect the innocent and enforce just laws to bring justice to evildoers. (Romans 13:4)
- 4. The act of voting in an election for public office at any level is to delegate God's authority with lethal force to a fellow citizen to serve God's purpose of that civil authority. (Matthew 8:5-10)
- 5. Voting publicly recognizes that we submit to the authority of the political system in our nation as established by God. (Romans 13:1-7)
- 6. It is one way that we can obey God's command to seek the good of those around us and our nation as a whole. (Jeremiah 29:5-7)
- 7. It shows that we care deeply about who our leaders are as we are urged to offer prayer and intercession on their behalf. (1 Timothy 2:1,2)
- 8. It makes a difference the way a grain of salt and a beam of light make a difference, and that is how we are to influence our society for good. (Matthew 5:13-16)
- 9. It is a duty and privilege not to be taken for granted. Our duty to vote in freedom has been paid for by the blood of patriots who laid down their lives, so we honor that sacrifice by voting actively and rightly. (John 15:13)
- 10.Not voting is in fact voting, as it will influence the outcome. Also, voting according to the clear priorities of God for defending the life, property and freedom of the innocent is a mandate. We need to take responsibility for our actions, as well as our lack of actions. (Luke 10:25-37)

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