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- 1 Cor. 2:11-12; 2 Cor. 10:5
- Romans 1:18-32;
- Genesis 1:26-28; 2:21-25
- Samuel 15, 17
- Genesis 12:1-31

IN HIS IMAGE WE VOTE

- To Think and Vote in Bible
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- The Gateway Sin
- Every Christian Should Vote
- God's Heart for Israel

INTRODUCTION:

How exactly did God reveal Himself to mankind? He manifested inside of us! At creation, He did something so all of mankind would recognize Him as the only God; He created man in His own image. And He did so in such a way that no person, at any time in history, no matter their culture, creed, religion, place of origin, heritage, or nationality, could claim ignorance as an excuse.

What is the cost to a man who refuses to recognize Him? Eventually, God turns him over to depraved thoughts. The price of his foolishness is that the natural light in his heart grows dim, until it is completely dark. From there he will be apt to worship just about anything: man, animals, insects, and even inanimate objects! After

that he will become obsessed with lust, especially sexual lust. This will then cascade into every type of sexual perversion; gender confusion often becoming first among them. Then, gender confusion and sexual sin open the gateway to every type of iniquity.

“In His Image We Vote” addresses what every Christian should know before they cast their vote. The existential crisis of our day is rooted in lies about: gender and sexual orientation; the sanctity of marriage; and the right to life. Again, at creation God made His invisible attributes visible for all mankind, so that no man would have an excuse to deny His existence. It should be obvious by simply observing the natural world, and yet there was something even more profound than the testimony of nature.

This is the secret to the deeper meaning of God’s invisible attributes; God is three in one and He created man in His image as three in one. What was originally hidden in Adam at creation was the woman and child. All you could recognize with your eyes in the Garden was the man, and yet God identified him as ‘them’ and told him to multiply. To see what was hidden within, first God extracted Eve from Adam and showed the woman to him. Now, she was no longer invisible. Then, God created marriage between the man and the woman to assure them that they were never meant to be apart; they were one as God was one. What began as what appeared to be a man standing alone in the Garden, instructed to be fruitful and

multiply, culminated as the couple, reunited as one in marriage, made the final piece visible; “With the Lord’s help, I have given birth to a son,” the living manifestation of two becoming one! God’s invisible attributes were manifest in us and revealed to us: First the hidden woman was brought to the man, and now the hidden son is no longer concealed.

As you can see, within Adam at creation was the human family, the image of the invisible God. That is what it means that God “manifest in them and showed it to them.” Men would eventually suppress this truth and come against God by attacking the family—thus denying God’s revealed identity. They would contradict that there are only two genders; reject the sanctity of marriage; or define abortion as, ‘reproductive rights that need protection’, and even deny that using abortion as birth-control is murder. Isn’t this precisely what we are witnessing today? It all stems from the denial of God’s image, which opens the gateway of sexual immorality and then leads to all the atrocious sins that follow.

When it comes to political choices, how could any Christian vote for a candidate who denies anything that God used to reveal His image? I pray this teaching would become a staple to help inform all Christians how to vote without compromising their faith—to vote in Bible, or “In His Image We Vote.”

FOUNDATIONAL SCRIPTURES:

“God said, **“Let’s make man in Our image, after Our likeness.** Let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the sky, and over the livestock, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” **God created man in His own image. In God’s image He created him; male and female He created them.** God blessed them. God said to them, **“Be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth, and subdue it...”**” Genesis 1:26-28

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“Yahweh God caused the man [Adam] to fall into a deep sleep. As the man slept, He **took one of his ribs**, and closed up the flesh in its place. **Yahweh God made a woman from the rib which He had taken from the man, and brought her to the man.**” Genesis 2:21-22 WEBUS

“For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men **who suppress the truth in unrighteousness**, because that which is known of God is revealed [manifest] in them, for God revealed it to them. For the invisible things [attributes] of Him **since the creation of the world are clearly seen**, being perceived [understood] through the things that are made, even His everlasting power and **divinity [Godhead], that they may be without excuse.**” Romans 1:18-20 WEBUS

“Therefore God also gave them up in **the lusts of their hearts** to uncleanness, that **their bodies should be dishonored among themselves**; who **exchanged the truth of God for a lie**, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.” Romans 1:24-25 WEBUS

“For this reason, **God gave them up to vile passions...**”
Romans 1:26 WEBUS

“Even as **they refused to have [retain what they know of] God in their knowledge**, God gave them up to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not fitting; being filled with all unrighteousness, **sexual immorality...**” Romans 1:28-29 WEBUS

TO THINK AND VOTE IN BIBLE

1. Think in Bible and Vote in Bible

A. What does it mean to “Think in Bible?”

(1) Think in Bible!

(a) Two Spirits

1. “For who among men knows the things of a man except **the spirit of the man** which is in him? Even so, no one knows the things of God except **God’s Spirit**. But we received not **the spirit of the world**, but **the Spirit which is from God**, that we might know the

things that were freely given to us by God.” 1

Corinthians 2:11-12 WEBUS (See 1-16)

2. The instant you were born-again...

- a) You gained access to the Holy Spirit and you were no longer bound to operate solely by inspiration of the spirit of man with which you were born.
- b) From then on you had the option to walk according to the Spirit of God.
- c) But, God did not remove the spirit of the world that came with your birth.
- d) He just offered a much better choice in which to now operate. And it is your choice to make.

(b) NOW! Lose the idea that you still have a choice.

1. “So therefore, whoever of you who doesn’t **renounce all that he has**, he can’t be My disciple.” Luke 14:33
WEBUS (See vv. 25-35)
2. “Freedom is having no options; when God’s way is the only way, you are totally free!”
 - a) Embark on a journey to replace every thought of man with the mind of Christ.
 - b) Learn to “Think in Bible.” Become so familiar with God’s Word that it reprograms your brain.

- c) It will feel like God is rewiring your DNA to become Christlike.
 - d) This is a voluntary process. It cost you nothing to be redeemed for all eternity, while it cost Christ everything.
 - e) But, becoming a disciple is not free. It will cost you everything, and for that you must volunteer, even if the price-tag is your very life!
- (c) To learn to “Think in Bible” is similar to learning a foreign language.
1. “throwing down imaginations and every high thing that is exalted against the knowledge of God and **bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ,**” 2 Corinthians 10:5 WEBUS
 2. At first, you are forced to translate from your old language into your new language.
 - a) Eventually you begin to think in your new language, shedding the need to make the translation. Your new vernacular becomes independent from words in your original tongue.
 - b) At first you must consciously take every thought captive and bring it into submission and obedience to Christ.

- c) Eventually your old thoughts dissolve and all that remains is what God's Word calls "the mind of Christ." That is when you begin to "Think in Bible."

B. What does it mean to "Vote in Bible?"

(1) Vote in Bible!

(a) How can you wade through the mud of platforms and positions?

1. Any policy that denies, rejects, or hinders the expression of God's image must be categorically rejected by Christians, along with the politicians who promote them.
2. As a voter you only need to evaluate a few things in a sea of policies.
3. A vote based on these is a Vote in Bible.
4. Political candidates either promote or deny the truth about gender, the sanctity and defense of marriage, and the right to life.
5. These define the image of the One and only God.
6. If they reject this truth, they deny the identity of God.
7. As a Christian, you can't vote for that!

GOD'S VISIBLE ATTRIBUTES

2. God's image is clearly recognizable in the earth!

A. How? God has manifest Himself in man...

(1) Yet... Men have denied something obvious.

(a) God's Wrath

1. "For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men **who suppress the truth in unrighteousness**, because that which is known of God **is revealed in them**, for God **revealed it to them.**" Romans 1:18-19 WEBUS

2. Critical Questions:

a) What truth is being suppressed?

b) What is known of God that was manifest in us?

1) *It was revealed to us when God showed us what was hidden within us from the beginning.*

c) How has God shown it to us?

1) *The invisible qualities of God, His hidden attributes, were made clear to see at the time of the creation of the world.*

d) What is the penalty for denying this reality?

(2) Rewind one verse:

(a) In the Gospel of Christ something ancient was revealed!

1. "For in it [the gospel, v. 16] **is revealed God's righteousness** from faith to faith. As it is written, "But

the righteous shall live by faith.”” Romans 1:17

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2. What was revealed?

B. The Creation Gospel

(1) The invisible made visible

(a) No Excuse!

1. “For the **invisible things [attributes]** of Him since the creation of the world are **clearly seen**, being **perceived through [understood by] the things that are made**, even His everlasting power and divinity **[Godhead]**, that they may be **without excuse.**”

Romans 1:20 WEBUS

2. What invisible qualities should be clearly seen?

- a) The Creation Gospel: *These invisible attributes are best perceived by observing two major things:*
 - 1) **First**, *everything that was created in the natural universe clearly demonstrates His everlasting power and divinity.*
 - 2) **Second**, *He clearly revealed the three attributes of Himself hidden inside the Godhead by manifesting the three attributes of man hidden inside of Adam.*

3) *He did this so that all men would be without excuse; no man would ever have a legitimate reason to deny who is the one and only God."*

3. Creation itself, and most importantly, mankind, was created in God's image
 - a) This testifies to the identity of our Creator, how He operates, and how He wants us to know Him.
 - b) Creation holds the key to God's invisible attributes and how they become clearly recognizable.
 - c) It should draw your attention back to the garden in Genesis.
 - d) Once you are there, things become obvious, and there can be no excuse for your ignorance about God's identity.
 - e) The sin that took place in the garden, however, sent creation into a tailspin. And the **Creation Gospel** got perverted!
- (b) Since Adam's fall in the garden, creation has been in a steady decline. Paul reveals what the restoration of creation will look like and what to look for next.
 1. "For the earnest expectation of the **creation** eagerly waits for the **revealing of the sons of God**. For the **creation** was subjected to futility, not willingly, but

because of Him who subjected it in hope; because the **creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God**. For we know that the whole **creation** groans and labors with birth pangs together until now.” Romans 8:19-22 NKJV

2. Corrupted Creation is delivered from bondage with the revealing of the sons of God in what is called the restoration of all things.
 - a) The fall of creation and the curse in Genesis 3 is still manifesting in the earth.
 - b) Paul is eluding the corruption of that garden and the decay that has ensued ever since.
 - c) The corruption ultimately manifests in denial of God’s very image—which as you will learn is the destruction of the human family!
 - d) When creation is delivered from the bondage of that corruption, we will see a RESTORATION of God’s image in the earth—the Family!
 - e) *“He will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the earth with a*

curse [lest the curse over creation remains].”

Malachi 4:6

(c) God’s Invisible Attributes... *“For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes...”*

1. “God said, **“Let’s make man in Our image, after Our likeness.** Let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the sky, and over the livestock, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” **God created man in His own image. In God’s image He created him; male and female He created them.** God blessed them. God said to them, **“Be fruitful, multiply,** fill the earth, and subdue it. **Have dominion** over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the sky, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”” Genesis 1:26-28 WEBU

2. The human family reflects the image of God

a) God is an us (Father, Spirit, Son)...

b) Adam (Man) was created in God’s image as “Us”.
(male, female, child)...

c) God called Adam “them” because he had the DNA of a male and a female already within him.

- d) All of creation was contained inside of Adam (as it is with God Himself).
 - e) God shows us Adam's female DNA even before he separates the "woman-only DNA" from him (women only have female DNA).
 - f) God blessed Adam and told him to be fruitful and multiply BEFORE Eve (the woman's DNA) was extracted from him!
 - g) This reveals that within Adam was a Man, Woman and Child, the expressed image of the Creator.
3. Adam is three in ONE as Yahweh is Three in ONE
- a) If you were in the garden at the time Adam was created, you would observe only a Man. ***The Female and Child were invisible.**
 - b) But, God desired for us to better know the inner workings of His character, so He knew He had to reveal what was hidden in Adam.
 - 1) *"Yahweh God said, **"It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make him a helper comparable to him."**"* (Genesis 2:18)
 - 2) He did this so... *"His invisible attributes would become clear to see. You could understand Him*

*by what He revealed **about His Godhead**, so no one could claim ignorance as an excuse.”*

- 3) This is what the infinite Godhead, in all His wisdom, decided was the BEST way to help human’s understand Him!
 - 4) We cannot overlook just how profound this is. If you pause to consider what God is showing us, you will never look at gender, marriage, family, and children the same way again!
 - 5) The SINGULAR God of all creation. The ONLY God (there is no other), created the Divine Family (Father, Spirit, and Son), and then He created Mankind in that Image in the form of the human family—so we could know Him.
 - 6) Again, this is the BEST example that the infinite Godhead could create to describe Himself!
- (2) **The invisible becomes visible!** The revealing of the nature of the Godhead (3 persons in one) by revealing the nature of Adam (3 persons in one). **Designed to remove all doubt about the identity of the only true God.** No excuses!
- (a) The **Woman** was made visible...
 1. “Yahweh God caused the man [Adam] to fall into a deep sleep. As the man slept, He **took one of his ribs**,

and closed up the flesh in its place. **Yahweh God made a woman from the rib which He had taken from the man, and brought her to the man [the invisible become visible].**" Genesis 2:21-22 WEBUS

2. After Yahweh breathed life into Adam...
 - a) Yahweh tells us that Adam would not be fully understood if you could not recognize what was inside of him—"It is not good for man to be alone..." (Genesis 2:18) **NOTE: Adam was not alone; he was with God. Instead, he was unaware!**
 - b) In other words—Adam could not (nor we) possibly recognize the inner workings of the powerful creative force inside of him (us), unless God showed it to him (us).
 - c) So, Yahweh extracted female DNA from Adam and showed us what that looks like in human form, all the qualities of the female part of Adam, the once hidden attribute inside of him.
 - d) **SCIENTIFIC FACT:** Men possess male and female DNA. Woman possess **ONLY** female DNA.
 - e) So... you can extract a woman from a man, but you can't extract a man from a woman.

f) Question: How can Man remain ONE as God is ONE, even after God separates his parts for us to see their individual features, all while each part remains recognizable as a distinct piece of the original whole? *"... Yahweh God made a woman and He brought her to the man..."*

(b) The Answer is...**Marriage**

1. "The man said, "This is now **bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh.** She will be called 'woman,' because she was taken out of Man." Therefore a man will leave his father and his mother, and **will join with his wife, and they will be one flesh.** The man and his wife were both **naked, and they were not ashamed.**"Genesis 2:23-25 WEBUS
2. Eve was taken and created from Adam's DNA, separated out, or "set-apart" from Adam.
 - a) But, in the most glorious way, through marriage, the two are still able to operate as ONE.
 - b) Can you now understand why God, who is ONE, can also be viewed as three separate "characters"?
 - c) That is why God created Marriage and the Family, all so we could know Him—understand His image

(c) **Children** complete the family...

1. "Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she **conceived and bore Cain**, and said, "**I have acquired a man from the Lord.**"" Genesis 4:1 NKJV
2. How does God make these invisible attributes "clearly seen"?
 - a) He extracts Eve from Adam—presents her to him!
 - b) The two reconnect in Marriage—they remain One flesh.
 - c) Then the male and female intimately recombine to form a child.
 - d) This is the Image of God!**
- (3) What did Jesus teach about the importance of His Father's Image as expressed in gender and marriage?
 - (a) For what cause?
 1. "He answered, "Haven't you read that He who made them from the beginning **made them male and female [Genesis 1:27]**, and said, '**For this cause** a man shall leave his father and mother, and shall be joined to his wife; and **the two shall become one flesh**'? [**Genesis 2:24**] So that they are no more two, but one flesh. **What therefore God has joined together, don't let man tear apart.**"" Matthew 19:4-6

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2. For what reason?

- a) Because Adam was made both male and female...
- b) And because he had hidden attributes...
- c) And because those hidden attributes were revealed when the woman was extracted from Adam and she was presented to him!
- d) And because even with the separation, God needed us to understand that they remained One as He is One...He gave us MARRIAGE! *"The two shall become one flesh."*
- e) And Jesus let us know in no uncertain terms that this oneness CAN NEVER BE SEPARATED!
 - 1) *"God created man in his own image. In God's image he created him; **male and female he created them.**"* Genesis 1:27 WEBUS
 - 2) *"Yahweh God said, **"It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make him a helper comparable to him."**"* Genesis 2:18 WEBUS
 - 3) *"Therefore a man will leave his father and his mother, **and will join with his wife, and they will be one flesh.**"* Genesis 2:24 WEBUS

- 4) “So that they are **no more two, but one flesh.**
What therefore God has **joined together, don’t**
let man tear apart.” Matthew 19:6 WEBUS
- f) **Three in One:** so the world may know “The Image of God.”
- 1) “Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you such a long time, and do you not know me, Philip? **He who has seen me has seen the Father.** How do you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Don’t you believe that **I am in the Father, and the Father in me?** The words that I tell you, I speak not from myself; but the Father who lives in me does his works. **Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me;** or else believe me for the very works’ sake.” John 14:9-11 WEBUS
- 2) “I will pray to the Father, and he will give you **another Counselor [Helper], that [She] may be with you forever: the Spirit of truth,** whom the world can’t receive, for it doesn’t see [Her] and doesn’t know [Her]. You know [Her], for [She] lives with you and will **be in you.**” John 14:16-17 WEBUS

- 3) *“When the Counselor [**Helper**] has come, whom I will send to you from the Father, **the Spirit of truth**, who proceeds from the Father, he will testify about me.”* John 15:26 WEBUS
- 4) *“Not for these only do I pray, but for those also who will believe in me through their word, **that they may all be one; even as you, Father, are in Me, and I in you, that they also may be one in Us; that the world may believe that you sent Me. The glory which you have given Me, I have given to them, that they may be one, even as We are one, I in them, and You in Me, that they may be perfected into one, that the world may know that you sent Me and loved them, even as you loved Me.**”* John 17:20-23 WEBUS

3. Do not overlook this MOST CRITICAL piece!

- a) “For this reason...” What reason? Because God’s image expressed in Adam was both male and female, and for us to fully understand what that means, He extracted the female to show us her distinct characteristics. And to remind us that in no way does this extraction diminish the ONENESS of God, He gives us marriage which “recombines”

the male and female as ONE! **And Jesus ADDS His anointed clarity—This is of God and it CANNOT be separated!**

b) To understand the true magnitude of Marriage, and the fruit of marriage, in a world that diminishes Holy Matrimony to a temporary contract and business arrangement, and reduces childbearing to a “personal choice” to carry or eliminate a blob of cells, you must recognize this: **Marriage is the image of God!**

c) Let that settle in for a bit. **“For this reason”**, because God wants to express Himself, so you can know Him and His nature, He gives us marriage and the fruit of marriage—the Family!

(b) “They are **no more two, but one flesh**. What therefore God has **joined together, don’t let man tear apart.””**

Matthew 19:6 WEBUS

1. The Bond of Marriage is the Image of God and it cannot be broken! Paul’s words in Romans 8!

a) *“Who shall **separate us from the love of Christ?** Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?”* Romans 8:35 NKJV

b) *“For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, **shall be able to separate us** from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”* Romans 8:38-39 NKJV

c) Can you recognize the type of covenant Paul is referring to in Romans 8. When he says nothing can separate us from Christ’s love he is alluding to the type of relationship we have with Y’shua. It’s a marital covenant— *“What God has jointed together, let not man separate.”*

(4) Now you can full appreciate Paul’s powerful perspective on marriage!

(a) He who loves his own wife loves himself

1. **“Even so husbands also ought to love their own wives as their own bodies. He who loves his own wife loves himself.** For no man ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, even as the Lord also does the assembly, because **we are members of his body, of his flesh and bones [Gen. 2:23].** **“For this cause a man will leave his father and mother and will be joined to his wife. Then the two will become**

one flesh [Gen. 2:23].” This mystery is great, but I speak concerning Christ and the assembly [Church] wh**ich cannot be torn apart].** Nevertheless each of you must also love his own wife even as himself; and let the wife see that she respects her husband.”****

Ephesians 5:28-33 WEBUS

2. We are part of His flesh and bones
 - a) Marriage: He who loves his own wife loves himself!
 - b) BECAUSE... *“They are **no more two, but one flesh.** What therefore God has **joined together, don’t let man tear apart.**”* Matthew 19:6

(b) Now, let’s go back to the Garden and revisit creation with a whole new perspective!

1. “God created man **in his own image.** In God’s image he created him; **male and female he created them.**”
Genesis 1:27 WEBUS

2. There he was, standing in the garden, the perfect image of God.

- d) Observing him you’d see only a man, but inside, inseparable from him was his bride.

- e) The marriage covenant today must be viewed as inseparable as it would be for you to remove Eve from Adam yourself.
- f) God did it only so the invisible would become visible.
- g) And then He gave us marriage for all to know, *“What God has joined together, let not man separate.”*

C. Suppression of the Creation Gospel: The Enemy’s Chief Strategy

- (1) If unveiling the once invisible qualities—the female, and child—is the way God reveals His image to us...
 - (a) What would be the best strategy to DESTROY that image? (Back to Romans 1:18-19)
 - 1. “For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men **who suppress the truth in unrighteousness**, because that which is known of God **is revealed [manifest] in them**, for God **revealed it to them.**” [He brought her to the man (Genesis 2:22), showed Eve to Adam;].”
Romans 1:18-19 WEBUS
 - 2. Suppression of the truth is a dangerous thing!

- a) How did God show them what should be known about Him which they ultimately suppressed?
- 1) He made woman brought her to Adam (Genesis 2:21-22)
 - 2) He made Marriage: a man shall be joined to his wife and they shall become one flesh. (Genesis 2:23-25)
 - 3) He made children: Adam knew Eve and she conceived and said "I have acquired a man from the Lord" (Genesis 4:1)

(2) Ways to suppress the truth in unrighteousness...

(a) Forbid Marriage

1. "Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, **giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron, forbidding to marry,** and commanding to abstain from foods which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth." I Timothy 4:1-3 NKJV
2. A time will come when marriage is no longer viewed as beneficial or necessary.

- a) Anyone notice any of that happening now?
- (b) Your role as a minister of truth is to instruct against such heresies!
 - 1. **“If you instruct the brethren in these things, you will be a good minister** of Jesus Christ, nourished in the words of faith and of the good doctrine which you have carefully followed. But **reject profane and old wives’ fables, and exercise yourself toward godliness.**” I Timothy 4:6-7 NKJV
- (c) Fruit: Appreciation Depreciation
 - 1. In pain you shall bring forth children— Genesis 3:16
 - a) The blessing of fruit is no longer easy!
 - 2. Don’t even consider sacrificing your fruit— Leviticus 18:21
 - a) Child Sacrifice—an utter abomination!
 - 3. Sacrificing your children on the altar of a false God— Jeremiah 32:32-35
 - a) Abortion—the Modern Altar of Molech
 - b) 55- 60 million abortions have been performed in the United States since 1973, when the U.S. Supreme Court’s Roe v. Wade decision made the procedure legal. (Now overturned in Dobbs v.

Jackson Women's Health Organization as of June 24, 2022)

- c) In the USA, where nearly half of pregnancies are unintended and four in 10 of these are terminated by abortion, there are over 3,000 abortions per day. Twenty-two percent of all pregnancies in the USA (excluding miscarriages) end in abortion.
 - d) According to WHO, every year in the world there are an estimated 40-50 million abortions. This corresponds to approximately 125,000 abortions per day.
 - e) [Abortion Statistics](#) counter NO EXCUSES!
- (d) What is the root of these atrocities? Know God, but deny Him anyway!
1. "because, **although they knew God**, they **did not glorify Him as God**, nor were thankful, but **became futile in their thoughts**, and their **foolish hearts were darkened.**" Romans 1:21 NKJV
 2. *"Although they were well aware of God's true identity and nature, they still refused to glorify Him as God; they refused to thank Him for making Himself known. This utter rebellion affected their brains. Their ability to think and reason became impossible; the*

ultimate expression of such futility in humans is the rejection of God, the deliberate choice to remove Him from your life, what is an expression of total vanity. And since the human heart is really the visceral image of how we think, this non-sensical foolish approach to life seeps into the heart which turns dark.” Romans 1:21 TIBV

3. Futile Thoughts and Darkened Hearts
 - a) The Godhead’s invisible attributes (a triune God) were made clearly visible by what He made (the human family), so no one has an excuse to not know Him. (v. 1:20)
 - b) Decide to not give Him glory and instead give way to useless and worthless thinking.
 - c) Hearts become black with denial and pride!
- (e) Change God into AN IMAGE of your own making.
 1. “Professing to be wise, they became fools, and **changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man**—and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things.” Romans 1:22-23 NKJV
 2. *“In their own minds, these God-deniers believe they are wise, but they are truly most ignorant. To call*

them fools is an insult to fools because you simply have to believe a total delusion to trade the awareness of the glory of the incorruptible God, the image of God revealed in the three parts of the Godhead that's been manifest in mankind and clearly displayed in the human family, for the likeness a false god. Their delusional minds have fashioned gods out of all sorts of things: the image of corruptible defective sinful men, and of birds, and of four-footed animals, and all sorts of creeping things like insects."

Romans 1:22-23 TIBV

3. Fools!

- a) An attempt to change the glory of the ONE TRUE GOD into ANOTHER IMAGE!
- b) To idolize anything but the real God.

4. Another perversion of Creation!

- a) "Out of the ground Yahweh God formed every animal of the field, and every bird of the sky, **and brought them to the man to see what he would call them.** Whatever the man called every living creature became its name. The man gave names to all livestock, and to the birds of the sky, and to every animal of the field; but for man there was

not found a helper comparable to him." Genesis
2:19-20 WEBUS

- (f) To dishonor the natural use of the body
1. **"Therefore** God also gave them up **to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies** among themselves, who **exchanged the truth** of God **for the lie**, and **worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator**, who is blessed forever. Amen." Romans 1:24-25 NKJV
 2. *"They insisted long enough on chasing false gods, therefore God finally gave them over to the lusts of their darkened hearts, to uncleanness and impurities, to such a degree that they would use their bodies to dishonor and abuse each other. This all stems from one root, the willingness to exchange the truth of God for a lie, and to worship and serve the creature rather than the Creator, who is the only one to be praised forever. Amen."* Romans 1:24-25 TIBV
 3. Exchange the Truth for a Lie!
 - a) Once you are willing to ignore the truth about the real God long enough, God will give you over to your own desires.

- b) It is not clear how long God will tolerate this rebellion, so it's safer to just not rebel at all!
- c) There can be no worse fate than for Yahweh to give you over to your own sin—fueled by your desire to worship yourself, rather than your Creator.
- d) They've become futile in their thoughts and their hearts have become darkened.
- e) For those who still have some sense of conviction, read all of Psalm 19. *“The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows His handiwork.” “Keep back your servant from presumptuous sin; let them not have dominion over me!” (vv. 1, 13)*
- f) What does it mean for Yahweh to give you over to uncleanness, in the lusts of your heart, to dishonor your body?

THE GATEWAY SIN

3. **The Root Manifestation**

A. **Sexual Immorality**

(1) Gender confusion

(a) For this reason...

1. **“For this reason** God gave them up to **vile passions**. For even their **women exchanged the natural** use for what is **against nature**. Likewise also the **men, leaving the natural** use of the woman, **burned in their lust for one another, men with men** committing what is **shameful**, and **receiving** in themselves the **penalty** of their error which was due.” Romans 1:26-27 NKJV

2. *“Their total rejection of the true image of God is the reason for what came next. It’s the gateway sin that leads to so many others. God gave them over to the vile passions of sexual immorality. Women exchanged their natural sexual desires and attraction to men, for that which is against nature, the attraction to other women. And then they began to function like it was normal for women to have sexual relationships with women. Likewise also men, leaving what was the natural desires and attraction to women, instead burned with lust for other men. And then they acted on that lust and engaged in sexual activities, men with men. It’s completely inappropriate and shameful, an error that is totally avoidable. But the outcome of acting on such lustful perversities is the*

penalty they deserve, what you'd expect from a holy God, against those living out such an abomination."

Romans 1:26-27 TIBV

3. For what reason?
 - a) They knew the image of the true God but did not give Him glory!
 - b) They changed the image of God in their futile minds!
 - c) They worshiped creation rather than the Creator!
4. For such, God surrendered these rebels over to their Vile Passions!
 - a) We will observe the sinful decline of mankind in detail here, but if there is one sin that is most indicative of the violation of the Creation Gospel, it is found in verses 26–27. THE GATEWAY SIN!
 - b) Both women and men exchange the NATURAL USE of the opposite gender (creation's design) for what is AGAINST NATURE, the desire for the same gender (creation's decline).
5. There is no respect for God's creative strategy more basic than the recognition of the natural functions and relationship of a male and a female.

- a) Together, they are created in Yahweh's image: be one, be fruitful and fill the earth, be rulers over creation itself (Genesis 1:27-28).
- b) Violation of this fundamental truth (man, woman, marriage, and the murder of unborn babies) is a denial of the very existence of Yahweh.**
- c) If you insist on denying the truth of who God is and His ways, even though Creation itself testifies to it...it will not turn out well for you when your heart becomes darkened.
- d) **Violate the Creation Gospel:** You will wind up worshipping creation itself; your normal heterosexual desires will be twisted into homosexual desires (and all sorts of other perverse behaviors associated with gender confusion); and the doorway is open to all other vile behaviors (THE GATEWAY SIN!).

(b) Flee sexual immorality!

1. **“Flee sexual immorality!** “Every sin that a man does is outside the body,” but **he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body.**” 1 Corinthians 6:18 WEBUS

2. **“For this is the will of God: your sanctification, that you abstain from sexual immorality,** that each one of you know how to control his own body in sanctification and honor, not in the passion of lust, even as the Gentiles who don’t know God,” 1

Thessalonians 4:3-5 WEBUS

3. Sexual Immorality against ones own body!

a) **How? Because it is a violation of gender and marriage—the ONENESS of the IMAGE OF GOD**

B. The greatest crises in the world today... The destruction of the visible Image of God!

(1) When you contemplate the existential crisis of our day, you can simplify it into two opposing beliefs.

(a) One position believes any or all of the following:

1) Gender is not determined by genetics.

2) Gender is a social construct and there has never been a distinction between a man and a woman.

3) Gender is not limited to male or female, or even the idea that you must pick only one.

4) Marriage is unnecessary, or if desired, may take place between any genders or no genders at all.

- 5) The unborn child is the fruit of nothing. It is not even human or alive, and has no rights to live, other than what the person carrying that clump of tissue permits.
- 6) The person incubating that amorphous cluster of cells can be a woman or a man or neither.
- 7) Rejects any or all aspects of the family, and by inference has rejected the image of God Himself. In other words, there is no God!
- 8) The destruction of the family is the enemy's chief strategy.**

(b) The other position believes:

- 1) Men and women are distinct and definitive.
- 2) Marriage is a holy union between them.
- 3) Children are the blessed fruit of that union.
- 4) The family, as God presents it to us, is His image.
- 5) The restoration of the family to the image of our Creator is the most important work on earth today.
- 6) The wrath of God is coming against all who oppose this reality.

(2) Could opposing beliefs be any more contrary to one another?

(a) Let's Connect the Dots!

1. Let Us make man in Our image...

2. Male and female He created them...
3. From man He made woman...
4. He brought her to the man...(this once invisible quality can now be seen).
5. The two shall become one flesh...
6. Be fruitful and multiply...(offspring become visible)
7. His invisible attributes are now clearly seen...
8. These qualities represent His eternal power and Godhead...(man, woman, child)
9. So there can be no excuse! (It is clearly visible!)
10. Deny this image and you deny the One true God!
11. Deny this image and all other vile behaviors will follow!

A CASCADE OF SINS

4. Forgetting God

A. From the gateway sin to every type of vile behavior!

(1) God showed it; they knew it!

(a) “what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them. {21}...although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God...” Rom. 1:19, 21

1. “And even as they **did not like to retain God in their knowledge**, God **gave them over to a debased mind**,

to **do those things which are not fitting;**" Romans 1:28 NKJV

2. *"It all began because they knew better, but refused to retain the understanding of who is the only God, to recall and acknowledge how Yahweh revealed His true identity as three persons within the Godhead, by revealing the three persons in Adam. So, to elaborate on the penalty you'd expect from a holy God, God gave them up to a reprobate mind, to do things which are an abomination, because they were drowning in unrighteousness."* Romans 1:28 TIBV
3. When you won't keep the truth of God at the forefront of your mind...
 - a) The Debased Mind: Once you are given over to a debased mind, every type of sin can get a grip on you.
 - b) Think about it—we could certainly look at so many different lies, but the origin of them all (Is Yahweh really God?) resulted in eating of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.
 - c) Now we live in a world with twisted knowledge—the root of all the twisted thinking goes all the way back to the garden when God created mankind in

His image— **did not like to retain God in their knowledge!**

4. Review

- a) Today, the greatest assault of all is the dismantling of man being created in God's image
 - 1) Gender is fluid!
 - 2) Marriage is irrelevant!
 - 3) The life of a child is optional!
- b) It's easy recognize it now, isn't it?
 - 1) *“His **invisible attributes** are clearly seen, **being understood by the things that are made**, even His eternal power and **Godhead.**”*
- c) Invisible attributes? Yes...that Adam was a them (male and female!) and was told to be fruitful and multiply. And the extraction of Eve was to show those invisible attributes—the female and childbearing (the family). The destruction of that image is the denial of the image of God—the most egregious denial of all.
- d) His invisible attributes as a Divine Family (a Father, Spirit and Son) were made manifest in the human family (Father, Mother, and Child).

e) And the denial of the human family is a denial of the Creator Himself.

(2) That unrighteousness leads to this cascade...

(a) Cascade

1. {a mass of something that falls or hangs in **copious or luxuriant quantities**}
2. {a large number or amount of something occurring or arriving **in rapid succession**}

(b) The first on the list of corrupt behaviors is gender confusion!

1. "God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; **male and female He created them.**" Genesis 1:27
2. "**For this reason** God gave them up to **vile passions. ...women exchanged the natural** use for what is **against nature. ... men, leaving the natural** use of the woman, **burned in their lust for one another, men with men ...**" Romans 1:26-27 NKJV

(c) After **sexual immorality**, the gateway sin, the door is wide open!

1. "being filled with all unrighteousness, **sexual immorality**, *wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-*

mindfulness; they are whisperers, backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, unmerciful;"
Romans 1:29-31 NKJV

2. *"The first sin on a long list of sins that the reprobate mind is given over to is sexual immorality; again we see it is the gateway to a long list of atrocities. What comes next is an abundance of: wickedness, covetousness, malice, envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil habits, secret slandering, backbiting, hate toward God, insolence, arrogance, and boasting. They become inventors of evil schemes, disobedient to parents, void of understanding, and violators of covenants. They lose all natural affection for others and become unforgiving and unmerciful."* Romans 1:29-31 TIBV

3. Suppress the truth about what has been revealed about God's invisible attributes!
 - a) Persist long enough and your heart will be darkened.
 - b) God will give you over to the lusts of your heart and vile passions.

c) It will leads to every type of wicked behavior.

B. And if that is not bad enough...

(1) Don't just practice it, promote it!

(a) The righteous judgment of God is coming!

1. "who, **knowing the righteous judgment of God**, that those who **practice such things are deserving of death**, not only do the same **but also approve of those who practice them.**" Romans 1:32 NKJV

2. *"This is all bad enough because they were well-aware of God's truth and His righteous judgment. Those who practice such things are worthy of death. But, there is even another level of evil, to practice these atrocities and also approve and praise others who practice them."* Romans 1:32 TIBV

(b) Even to an entire Nation...

1. "Righteousness **exalts a nation**, but sin is a **disgrace to any people.**" Proverbs 14:34 WEBUS

2. "The king's favor is toward **a servant who deals wisely**, but his wrath is **toward one who causes shame.**" Proverbs 14:35 WEBUS

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

4. Both those practicing and those approving of such vile behaviors will face God's wrath
 - a) *"For **the wrath of God** is revealed from heaven against all **ungodliness** and **unrighteousness** of men, who **suppress the truth** in unrighteousness,"*
Romans 1:18 NKJV
 - b) It's not only those who participate in such sin that Yahweh sees as rebellious and deserving of eternal death, but those who approve of and promote such things, even if they are not practicing such themselves.
5. If we examine the modern day, is this not precisely what we are experiencing?
 - a) Those who practice deviant sexual behavior (sexual immorality) are often championed by those who want to "protect their rights," and more so, label all those who oppose this twist of nature as haters and evil bigots.
 - b) *"Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil."*
Isaiah 5:20 (Read Isaiah 5:18-21).
 - c) **SEE: "Every Christians Should Vote" below for the consequences for being led by such people!**

(2) Wrong Direction

(a) The Creation

1. From unashamed to shamed!

a) Remember, it all went south in the Garden of Eden when man's "covering/skin/good nakedness" was downgrade from glory...

- 1) **At first—no shame:** *"And **they were both naked**, the man and his wife, **and were not ashamed.**" Genesis 2:25 NKJV*
- 2) **After sin—shame:** *"And He said, "**Who told you that you were naked?** Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?" {21}Also for Adam and his wife the Lord God **made tunics of skin, and clothed them.**" Genesis 3:11, 21 NKJV*

b) Restoration: don't be found naked!

- 1) *"For we know that if our earthly house, this tent, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. **For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed with our habitation which is from heaven, if indeed, having been clothed, we shall not be found naked.** For we who are in this tent groan, being burdened, **not***

because we want to be unclothed, but further clothed, that mortality may be swallowed up by life. Now He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who also has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.” II Corinthians 5:1-5 NKJV

EVERY CHRISTIAN SHOULD VOTE

5. Why?

A. God and Country

(1) Exalt or Disgrace

(a) As goes the leader, so goes the nation...

1. “Righteousness **exalts a nation**, but sin is a **disgrace to any people.**” Proverbs 14:34 WEBUS

a) Following after God is not just a personal matter, it will affect the entire nation. As goes its leaders, so goes its people in both cause and effect.

b) Leaders who follow God bring blessings on a nation; leaders who deny God invite curses.

c) A nation that legislates sin into its culture will breed a people with shame in their DNA; but a nation that honors God with its laws births a people who are elevated in the eyes of God.

(b) Who is in authority matters!

1. “When **the righteous are in authority**, the people rejoice; **But when a wicked man rules**, the people groan.” Proverbs 29:2 NKJV
 - a) Can it be more clear? Who we let rule affects everyone
- (c) The responsibility of the people....
 1. “The king’s favor is toward **a servant who deals wisely**, but his wrath is **toward one who causes shame.**” Proverbs 14:35 WEBUS
 - a) A man must enter his day with this in mind; as I go out into the world I am an ambassador for my God. I represent Him by how I interact with others.
 - b) If he is a godly representative he will find he walks with God’s approval and experiences great profit; if his behavior is a disgrace to God, he will find nothing but humiliation.

B. Your Voice Matters

(1) God’s Preferred Government

(a) You want a king?

1. “Then all the elders of Israel gathered themselves together and came to Samuel to Ramah. They said to him, “Behold, you are old, and your sons don’t walk in your ways. **Now make us a king to judge us like all**

the nations.” But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, **“Give us a king to judge us.”** Samuel prayed to Yahweh. Yahweh said to Samuel, **“Listen to the voice of the people in all that they tell you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected Me as the king over them.** According to all the works which they have done since the day that I brought them up out of Egypt even to this day, in that they have forsaken Me and served other gods, so they also do to you. **Now therefore, listen to their voice. However, you shall protest solemnly to them, and shall show them the way of the king who will reign over them.”** Samuel told all Yahweh’s words to the people who asked him for a king. He said, **“This will be the way of the king who shall reign over you:** he will take your sons and appoint them as his servants, for his chariots and to be his horsemen; and they will run before his chariots. He will appoint them to him for captains of thousands and captains of fifties; and he will assign some to plow his ground and to reap his harvest; and to make his instruments of war and the instruments of his chariots. He will take your daughters to be perfumers, to be cooks, and to be

bakers. He will take your fields, your vineyards, and your olive groves, even your best, and give them to his servants. He will take one tenth of your seed and of your vineyards, and give it to his officers and to his servants. He will take your male servants, your female servants, your best young men, and your donkeys, and assign them to his own work. He will take one tenth of your flocks; and you will be his servants. **You will cry out in that day because of your king whom you will have chosen for yourselves; and Yahweh will not answer you in that day.**”” 1 Samuel 8:4-18 WEBUS

2. Make us a king to judge us like all the nations.
 - a) “Give us a king to judge us.”
 - b) “Listen to the voice of the people in all that they tell you; for they have not rejected you, but **they have rejected Me** as the king over them.
 - c) However, you shall protest solemnly to them, and shall show them the way of the king who will reign over them.”
 - d) “**This will be the way** of the king who shall reign over you: (LONG LIST OF OPPRESSIONS)

- e) You will cry out in that day **because of your king whom you will have chosen for yourselves**; and Yahweh will not answer you in that day.
- 3. Key... God's preferred Government is a Theocracy!
 - a) They have not rejected you; **they have rejected Me**
 - (b) So, you will get what you deserve!
 - 1. "But **the people refused to listen** to the voice of Samuel; and they said, "No, but **we will have a king over us, that we also may be like all the nations**; and that **our king may judge us**, and go out before us, and **fight our battles.**" Samuel heard all the words of the people, and he rehearsed them in the ears of Yahweh. Yahweh said to Samuel, "**Listen to their voice, and make them a king.**" Samuel said to the men of Israel, "Everyone go to your own city." 1 Samuel 8:19-22

WEBUS

- 2. The people refused to listen!
 - a) We will have a king over us!
 - b) We will be like all the nations!
 - c) We want our king may judge us!
 - d) We want our king to fight our battles!
 - e) Yahweh says, "You want a king that is not Me; you can have a king!"

3. Blessings for Obeying Yahweh; Curses for not!
- a) “It shall happen, **if you shall listen diligently to Yahweh** your God’s voice, to **observe to do all His commandments** which I command you today, that Yahweh your God will set you high above all the nations of the earth. All these blessings will come upon you, and overtake you, if you listen to Yahweh your God’s voice.” Deuteronomy 28:1-2 WEBUS (See verses 1-14)
 - b) “But it shall come to pass, **if you will not listen to Yahweh** your God’s voice, **to observe to do all His commandments** and his statutes which I command you today, that all these curses will come on you and overtake you.” Deuteronomy 28:15 WEBUS (See verses 15-68)

C. Separation of Powers: 3 Branches of Government needed, once you have a king!

- (1) Israel
 - (a) A king with no priest or prophet is a tyrant!
 1. The King
 2. The Priest
 3. The Prophet
- (2) The Church (Ephesians 2:19-2)

- (a) The Pastor with no prophet become his own king!
 - 1. The Master (King of Kings)
 - 2. The Apostle (Pastor of Pastors)
 - 3. The Prophet (Direction from the Master to Pastors)
- (3) The USA
 - (a) A president with no accountability to the legislature and courts is a dictator!
 - 1. Executive Branch: (THE KING) Commander and Chief
 - 2. Legislative Branch: (THE PRIEST) The voice and servants of the people
 - 3. Judicial Branch: (THE PROPHET) The Supreme Court and other courts overseeing the Law

D. The people become collateral damage for the decision of their leaders (so, if you think your vote does not matter...)

- (1) After their DAMAND for a king in 1 Samuel 8, God gave the people Saul.
 - (a) Saul refused to obey God and did things his own way (see 1 Samuel 15)
 - 1. **God's order:** "Now **go and strike Amalek, and utterly destroy** all that they have, and don't spare them; but kill both man and woman, infant and nursing baby,

ox and sheep, camel and donkey.'"" 1 Samuel 15:3

WEBUS

2. **Saul's execution:** "Saul struck the Amalekites, from Havilah as you go to Shur, which is before Egypt. **He took Agag the king** of the Amalekites alive, and **utterly destroyed** all the people with the edge of the sword. **But** Saul and the people **spared Agag and the best of the sheep, of the cattle, of the fat calves, of the lambs, and all that was good, and were not willing to utterly destroy them;** but everything that was vile and refuse, that they destroyed utterly." 1 Samuel 15:7-9 WEBUS
3. **God's regret:** "Then Yahweh's word came to Samuel, saying, **"It grieves Me that I have set up Saul to be king,** for he has turned back from following me, and has not performed my commandments." Samuel was angry; and he cried to Yahweh all night." 1 Samuel 15:10-11 WEBUS
4. **Saul's denial:** "Samuel came to Saul; and Saul said to him, "You are blessed by Yahweh! **I have performed the commandment of Yahweh.**" Samuel said, "Then what does this bleating of the sheep in my ears and the lowing of the cattle which I hear mean?" Saul

said, "They have brought them from the Amalekites; for the people spared the best of the sheep and of the cattle, **to sacrifice to Yahweh your God. We have utterly destroyed the rest.**" 1 Samuel 15:13-15

WEBUS

5. **Saul's penalty:** "For **rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft**, and stubbornness is as idolatry and teraphim [household idols]. Because you have rejected Yahweh's word, **He has also rejected you from being king.**" {26} "Samuel said to Saul, "I will not return with you; for **you have rejected Yahweh's word**, and **Yahweh has rejected you from being king over Israel.**" {28} "Samuel said to him, "**Yahweh has torn the kingdom of Israel from you** today, and has given it to a neighbor of yours who is better than you." 1 Samuel 15:23, 26, 28 WEBUS

- a) An sample of how the people suffered under Saul!
- 1) See how they were tormented by the Philistines in the narrative about David and Goliath (1 Samuel 17).
 - 2) "The Philistine said, "I defy the armies of Israel today! Give me a man, that we may fight together!" When Saul and all Israel heard those

words of the Philistine, **they were dismayed and greatly afraid.**" 1 Samuel 17:10-11 WEBUS

(2) Look how the people suffered because of Solomon!

(a) Solomon lost the Kingdom for disobeying God (See 1 Kings 11 to catalogue Solomon's disobedience!)

1. **"Solomon did that which was evil in Yahweh's sight,** and didn't go fully after Yahweh, as David his father did." 1 Kings 11:6 WEBUS

2. "Therefore Yahweh said to Solomon, **"Because this is done** by you, and you have not kept my covenant and my statutes, which I have commanded you, **I will surely tear the kingdom from you,** and will give it to your servant." 1 Kings 11:11 WEBUS

a) Northern Kingdom (Israel): The period of the Exile begins with the Assyrian defeat of the Northern Kingdom of Israel in 722 BC (2 Kings 14-20)

b) Southern Kindom (Judah): the Babylonian defeat of the Southern Kingdom of Judah between 597 and 582 BC (2 Kings 23-25)

GOD'S HEART FOR ISRAEL

6. The Fourth Pillar of Voting

A. God's Heart for Israel

- (1) Added to what you assess about any political candidate for whom you might consider voting.
 - (a) Two types of building materials
 1. Bless Israel and defend its borders!
 - a) If you bless Israel you will be blessed. If you come against Israel, God will come against you.
 - b) In addition, God was clear about the land that was given to Israel. He defined its borders in great detail, and gave the land to Israel as an everlasting covenant.
 - c) Both the blessing and the borders of Israel are permanent.

B. I Will Bless Those Who Bless You

- (1) An Everlasting Covenant
 - (a) Please don't consider this political position less important because it comes last.
 - (b) It is set-apart here at the end because, although it is equally as essential as the first three pillars, positions on gender identity; the sanctity and defense of marriage; and the right to life, this pillar is not directly related to how mankind was created in God's image.
 - (c) It is, nevertheless, essential to include if you intend to reflect the character of God in your voting choices. To

align your vote with the heart of God you must select candidates who stand by and support Israel.

(d) For your reading pleasure, here are a number of Bible passages to show you God's heart for Israel.

1. "Now the Lord had said to Abram: "Get out of your country, From your family And from your father's house, To a land that I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you And make your name great; And you shall be a blessing. **I 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."" Genesis 12:1-3 NKJV
2. "On the same day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying: "To your descendants I have given this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the River Euphrates—the Kenites, the Kenezites, the Kadmonites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Rephaim, the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Girgashites, and the Jebusites."" Genesis 15:18-21 NKJV
3. "And I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you in their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and your descendants after you. Also I give to

you and your descendants after you the land in which you are a stranger, all the land of Canaan, as an everlasting possession; and I will be their God.””

Genesis 17:7-8 NKJV

4. “Dwell in this land, and I will be with you and bless you; for to you and your descendants I give all these lands, and I will perform the oath which I swore to Abraham your father.” Genesis 26:3 NKJV
5. “And behold, the Lord stood above it and said: “I am the Lord God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and your descendants.” Genesis 28:13 NKJV

C. The Conclusion of the Matter

(1) Freedom is Having No Options

(a) In His Image We Vote (Vote in Bible)

1. What does any of this have to do with your vote?
 - a) Men and women who decide to be in politics come from every cultural and religious divide. How can you wade through the mud of platforms and positions?
2. As a Christian, it should be easy.

- a) There is One God. That Godhead introduced Himself to humanity as a Divine Family—a Father, Spirit, and Son.
 - b) God created the human family to reflect His image in the earth—a male Father, a female Mother, and Children.
 - c) Any policy that denies, rejects, or hinders the expression of God’s image must be categorically rejected by Christians.
 - d) Political candidates either promote or deny the truth about gender, the sanctity and defense of marriage, and the right to life.
 - e) These three pillars define the image of the One and only God.
3. The fourth pillar is to select candidates who stand by and support Israel.
- f) If you bless Israel and honor its borders you will be blessed.
 - g) If you come against Israel and violate its borders, God will come against you.
 - h) Both the blessing and the boarders of Israel are permanent.
4. A vote based on these four pillars is a Vote in Bible.

- a) If you believe you have another option, you might wish to reconsider.
- b) As a Christian you surrendered your options when your eternity was redeemed by Christ.
 - 1) *“I have been crucified with Christ, and **it is no longer I who live**, but Christ lives in me. That life which I now live in the flesh, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.” Galatians 2:20 WEBUS*
- c) Now the freedom you enjoy is the freedom of no options.
- d) When God’s way is the only way, you are truly free.
- e) And that means you are free to “Vote in Bible!”
Now Go Vote!

5. TRANSFORMING HEARTS

- a) *“And he will **turn the hearts** of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the earth with a curse.” Malachi 4:6*
 - 1) “Think in Bible!”
 - 2) “Vote in Bible!”
 - 3) “In His Image We Vote!”