## Tuesday, November 1, 2016 - Exercising My Rights

My wife and I went to the poll yesterday to vote. A privilege given to American citizens to choose those who will lead this country whether at the federal, state and/or local level. Not voting is unacceptable in my mind because I refuse to denigrate or ignore the memory of those who died fighting so that the United States of America could exist and it's citizens could live free. Who to vote for was not as easy a decision.We need to all be thankful to God that we do not depend on our civil government for salvation.

Unfortunately, the "class" of presidential candidates we are forced to choose from this year appear to represent the worst our society has to offer. One of Satan's grandest deceptions is that we can rest our hope for cultural morality and godly living in politicians and governmental officials. Our nation, any nation's, hope for change is not to be found in any country's ruling class. Christians have often made a mistake thinking that it is the job of politicians to defend, to advance, and to guard biblical truths and Christian values. Christian's are called to be the "salt of the earth" and the "light of the world." The apostles commanded the first-century Christians, as well as us today, to proclaim the gospel and live lives that give clear evidence to the gospel's transforming power. If you want to change what occurs in our world, we must be about changing the hearts and minds of it's citizens. That change can only come from spreading the Word of Jehovah God.

Hebrews 4:12-16 - "For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account. Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need."

If we want to see true power, unleash God's Word on those who are still trying to figure out what life is all about. Our Christian mandate is to spread the gospel of Christ and to preach against the sins of our time. We need to do it quickly. America is quickly beginning to resemble Sodom and Gomorrah.