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America's Future Through Biblical Lens

Pulpit Freedom Sunday 2016

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Separation of Church and State?

- It is NOT in the Constitution
- It is NOT in the Declaration of Independence
- It was in a letter was written by Thomas Jefferson on January 1st, 1802, to the Danbury Baptists in Connecticut. In it he uses the term “wall of separation” to assure them that the federal government would not intrude into church life and establish and/or force a state church on the people. This they had suffered in their homeland.

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Pivot Point – July 2nd, 1954

- Lyndon Baines Johnson, Texas Senator, attaches a rider on a bill written to overhaul the tax code.
- Rider became known as the Johnson Amendment
- Johnson was angry at 2 business men who opposed his re-election because they thought he was too soft on Communism.

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- 29 different 501(C) categories.
- Only category 3 was suddenly silenced-the one that included America's churches
- What it meant to oppose or endorse a candidate is unclear
- The First Amendment guarantees no governmental intrusion into the pulpit-at all. None.

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Pulpit Freedom

- Acts 20:20
- 20 And how I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have shewed you, and have taught you publickly, and from house to house,
- Acts 20:27
- 27 For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God.

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Pulpit Freedom

- Luke 12:49-53
- 49 I am come to send fire on the earth; and what will I if it be already kindled?
- 50 But I have a baptism to be baptized with; and how am I straitened till it be accomplished!
- 51 Suppose ye that I am come to give peace on earth? I tell you, Nay; but rather division:
- 52 For from henceforth there shall be five in one house divided, three against two, and two against three.
- 53 The father shall be divided against the son, and the son against the father; the mother against the daughter, and the daughter against the mother; the mother in law against her daughter in law, and the daughter in law against her mother in law.

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Does The Bible Address All the Issues of Life?

- 2 Peter 1:2-3
- 2 Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord,
- 3 According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:

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- 2 Tim 3:15-4:3
- 15 And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.
- 16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:
- 17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.
- 2 Tim 4:1
- I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom;
- 2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.
- 3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine;

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Biblically examining some Issues

- There are cases where the Bible speaks directly and clearly to some issues.
- There are cases where the Bible speaks to overarching principles for today's issues
- There are cases where there are biblical inferences to today's issues
- With this moral framework and general principles we can seek the wisdom of the Holy Spirit when applying them to any situation in life.

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Political Correctness

- If a person is PC, he is careful not to use words, language, behavior or even looks that might possibly offend someone else, their group, or even their cause. PC-ness has become so pervasive in our culture, media, universities and political discourse that facts and reason are inconsequential.
- Lk 12: 1-12

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Tolerance

- By definition tolerance is to recognize and respect the beliefs and lifestyles of others without necessarily agreeing with them.
- Today is taken to mean that everyone's values and practices are equally valid and all truth claims are equal and demand endorsement.
- Eph 6:10-19; 4: 15; Col 4:6; 2 Cor 2: 14-16

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Marriage

- Gen 2:23-25
- 23 And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.
- 24 Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.
- 25 And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.
- KJV

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Marriage

- Matt 19:3-6
- 3 The Pharisees also came unto him, tempting him, and saying unto him, Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife for every cause?
- 4 And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female,
- 5 And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh?
- 6 Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.

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Abortion

- How does God see the pre-born?
- Gen 25:21-23
- 21 And Isaac intreated the Lord for his wife, because she was barren: and the Lord was intreated of him, and Rebekah his wife conceived.
- 22 And the children struggled together within her; and she said, If it be so, why am I thus? And she went to inquire of the Lord.
- 23 And the Lord said unto her, Two nations are in thy womb, and two manner of people shall be separated from thy bowels; and the one people shall be stronger than the other people; and the elder shall serve the younger.
- Ps 22: 10; 139: 13-16; Jeremiah 1: 4-5; Lk 1: 44

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The Poor

- Ps 35:10
- All my bones shall say, Lord, who is like unto thee, which deliverest the poor from him that is too strong for him, yea, the poor and the needy from him that spoileth him?
- Ps 113:7-8
- 7 He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, and lifteth the needy out of the dunghill;
- 8 That he may set him with princes, even with the princes of his people.

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- Prov 28:15

- 15 As a roaring lion, and a ranging bear; so is a wicked ruler over the poor people.

- Prov 29:14

- 14 The king that faithfully judgeth the poor, his throne shall be established for ever.

