It is “election” season again. Ah, the telltale signs that November is near. Weather-wise, I think that today qualified as the official introduction to fall with a high of 66 degrees. Beyond the cooling temperature, we know that elections are coming because of the heated rhetoric from political candidates. My mailbox is full of brightly-colored, glossy, cardstock advertisements praising the wonders of one candidate while issuing a polemic attack against their opponent, as if the opposition candidate was the devil himself. In that same mailbox I will likely find a bulk mailing with a similar self-assessment, and diametrically opposed view of the other candidate, with a correspond critique that is almost identical to the critique made against the former. What a confusing message. The choice of political representation is between two angels or two devils, two liars or at least one really good liar… but which is which?

Okay, now that I got THAT out of my system, I would like to address some more serious matters related to the upcoming mid-term elections. You have heard me say multiple times, and read several articles in these weekly newsletters that have highlight the fact that, as Christians, we stand on biblical truth and values. Those values are rooted in both the text of the written Word and the character of the Living Word, the Lord Jesus Christ. On moral issues, if we hold to a truly biblical

worldview, there should be clarity and unity. It is wrong to kill babies in the womb through abortion. It is wrong to mutilate children by transgender surgeries and damaging hormonal treatments that deny the reality that those children were made by God, as either male or female… and He did not make a mistake. CLEAR.

We should also have clarity about central theological doctrinal positions. If we are truly biblical Christians, then we know that Jesus is God, He died on the Cross for our sins, He resurrected from the grave on the third day, and He is the Only Savior. The religion of Islam is wrong when it says that Muslims honor Jesus, but then deny His Divinity. It diminishes Him to a mere prophet, by denying His crucifixion and resurrection. Islam is wrong in their oppressive treatment of women under Sharia Law. It is wrong that their "holy book," the Qur'an, justifies forced conversion under threat of death and executes those who become followers of Jesus, who is the Way the Truth, and the Life. CLEAR. While Rabbinic Judaism is in opposition to the Gospel, it is a category error to treat Judaism and Islam the same, or even worse, to treat Islam like it is better than Judaism. Christianity is prophetically rooted in Judaism according to Romans chapter 11. Islam is a form of Arab Imperialism intent on eradicating both Judaism and Christianity by force. You can disagree about specific actions by Israel, but do not embrace the false

equivalency propaganda of Islam, driven by the its historic hatred for the Jews.

Now, the problem. Biblical Christianity (as opposed to unbiblical Progressive strains of “Christianity”) has always been morally conservative. We have said that the moral character of leaders matters… and character DOES still matter. Here is the reality, times have changed. People have always had problems; now, we just see it more plainly. So, when we have to make choices for our political representatives, for some, this may create a crisis, thinking “if I vote for that person (who represents most of my views on political issues) then I am approving or validating his/her less than stellar moral character.” I do not believe that this is true. Consider the alternative, by not voting for a candidate with issues (and there are some issues that ARE deal-breakers) then a candidate with positions in opposition to biblical truth and values, if elected, WILL implement those unbiblical and often evil values into polices and laws and will leverage their position to put like-minded “unelected” bureaucrats in place, thereby amplifying the godless impact. To quote Batman, “sometimes we get the leaders we need, and sometimes we get the leaders we deserve” (due to our corruption). Scripture exhorts us to be wise serpents and gentle as dove. This elections cycle, I see the last-minute shift of politicians to appear more “moderate,” masking their

socialist leanings and Islamic sympathies, to the harm of American in general and Christians specifically. Do not take the bait…and sometime the “bait” is to not vote. Be informed. Be strong and courageous.

Blessings! Jeff