

CHRISTIANS, THE KINGDOM, AND EARTHLY POLITICS

JOHN 18:28-38 (ESV)

- I. Some introductory qualifications (to prevent an untimely uprising):
- A. Within the _____ kingdoms of man, there is no such thing as a perfectly _____ society, system of government, or governor.
1. Externally, some human governments act more _____ than others.
 2. Internally, human governors act the way they do for varied _____.
- B. When the kingdoms of man are more just, the kingdom of God tends to be less _____.
1. While the ascended Jesus is King over all kings—and while He accomplishes His will in all things—we cannot forget the _____ of Satan and demonic powers _____ the kingdoms of men.
 2. But this does not mean that human government should be _____. God _____ the State and moral law to restrain evil in this present darkness (Gen. 9:5-7; Romans 13; 1 Peter 2:11-17).

3. Christians...

- a. Can always expect governmental persecution to be a _____
- b. Are right to invite earthly governors to be more just, and
- c. Should seek to _____ governors, even when they're unjust.

C. Pilate didn't find Jesus threatening, because His life was _____ on the _____ of the Kingdom of God.

II. Jesus is King of a _____ people with Gospel _____ and the power to _____.

A. As pilgrims here, we can and should _____ the _____ for the place we live (Jer. 29:4-7; WCF 23.2, 4).

B. Jesus' Kingdom exists for a Gospel purpose: to _____ sinners to God, to _____ their lives, and to give them life with God forever.

C. As members of Jesus' Kingdom, we are _____ to this _____ Gospel purpose.

We should be most concerned about two things:

1. The _____ lives and
2. Present _____ lives of men, women, boys, and girls.

D. The primary means by which our Kingdom purpose is fulfilled is through _____ of the _____.