

August 29, 2024

“Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people.”

Proverbs 14:34 (NKJV)

Righteousness. With regard to this Proverb, righteousness is the morally correct choices/actions/responses made by us as we live our lives. What makes them morally correct? They are morally correct when they align with the truth of God’s word to us found in the Bible. It is the LORD who gave us a moral center when He created us in His image. And it is the LORD who is the moral law-giver, having provided guidance and direction in the word He has given and protected from distortion as it has been passed down to us through the ages.

Scripture tells us that righteous actions are noticed. It also relays that such actions bring honor to the person who acts righteously. The Christian knows this is true, for we are commanded by our Lord to pursue righteousness and holiness that the Lord would be glorified in us. What holds true for the individual also holds for a nation of people for even as the Lord is glorified by the individual’s righteousness, He is glorified when a nation is governed based on His moral law. That nation will be honored by other nations and blessed by the Lord.

Sadly, many of our leaders have a less than righteous agenda. Rather than governing for the good of the people by allowing God’s morals to be their standard, they tout evil as good, denying God’s truths regarding gender identity, sexual preference, the role and authority of parents, the proper makeup of a family unit, and the sacredness of life. Such leaders fall into the category of those whom God has given over to a depraved mind, *“who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death [God’s eternal judgment/wrath], not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them”* (Romans 1:32 [statement in brackets mine for clarification]). Such leaders speak of freedom, yet the encouragement to sin by those in power only places those in their care under greater bondage. There is no freedom to be found in sin; freedom is only found in Christ.

In the U.S., we have been given a great gift by the Lord. We have the right to vote for change. Brothers and Sisters, your vote is more important than ever. I encourage you to make voting a priority this year. I also ask you to consider the agenda(s) of our political parties and vote based on the following truth. For the Christian, the upcoming election should not be about personalities, minorities, race, or relationships. It should be about which candidate has a platform that more closely adheres to the moral commands of the One who desires only His best for us: the Most High God. These are the people who should be our leaders, for the closer our leaders govern our nation with respect to God’s commands, the closer we come to truly being “one nation, under God”.

The choice is yours.

At the end of June, Cindy and I took a load of supplies to Vieux Carre Baptist Church in New Orleans for their ministry to the homeless. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to provide clothing as well as hygiene supplies, bought in bulk, that should last for quite a while. Thank you for allowing the Lord to use you in this aspect of His ministry!

There is a great need for men's pants (no dress pants) with a 30-32 waist for this aspect of our ministry. Please pass this request on to those who may be able to help meet this need! We can be contacted at the phone #s above.

We drove home by way of Gatlinburg, TN to share Christ with the crowd that came to town for the 4th of July parade. Cindy and I teamed up with Evangelist's David Cobb, Mark Martin, Sister Dolly, and Bro. Joe Prince. Bro. David had a prayer booth set up on the street, where tracts, Bibles, and other Christian literature was on display and given away. Thousands of tracts and a number of Bibles were distributed. We interceded for many people as they made their requests known. The Gospel was shared with all who would listen. Cindy and I thank the Lord for the five people who responded to the Holy Spirit's conviction: professing Christ as Bro. Mark shared the Gospel with them!

Since returning home, we have shared the Gospel at various local venues where we serve. Our next mission is with the John 3:16 Horseshoe Ministry in Kansas. Please pray the Lord's will be done during this mission for, *"The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance"*. May those who hear the Gospel of Christ choose to receive Him.

The Lord led us to provide for a need of Faithway Communion Church in Kenya. The pastor emailed a thank you in which he stated, "It uplifted everyone's faith in God that He actually provides through faith". This would not have been possible without your support. Thank you for being a partner in ministry with us!

This semester's Good News Club will be starting soon for our group. Please pray for the children who will attend.

The Mission to Mardi Gras is not that far away (2/27-3/2 or 2/27-3/5, 2025). Men, be in prayer concerning your participation in this undertaking for the Lord. If you have questions, please contact Bro. Joe Toy (610-324-1671) or myself (618-694-8199).

We also request your prayers for the following:

- Pray the Lord will heal our land (2 Chron 7:14).
- Be in prayer for all the saints. (Eph 6:18).
- Pray for the peace of Israel.
- Pray for our nation's leaders at every level.
- We ask that you pray for the ongoing ministry of Call of Grace

Is there something we can pray for you? If so please let us know.

Thank you for your prayers and support. We are grateful to the Lord for you. Everything the Lord calls us to do is done with your help. If He calls you to go on mission with us or to help support a mission or any part of our ministry, please let us know. Likewise, if you or your church believe we could be of service to you as regards your evangelistic efforts, please contact us.

Until Jesus comes,

Dennis & Cindy

~Cindy's Bottom Line~

As a Christian, prayer should be the foundation in seeking a God-honoring government. Do not fall into the trap of being swayed by popular opinion, social media, news outlets, or even tradition. We all have a responsibility to seek truth. The only standard for truth is God's word. So, as you prepare to vote in the upcoming election, make sure you have asked the Holy Spirit to guide you in honoring the LORD's design for our nation.

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