



# Dispensational truth and daily living (2)

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# God's ways and our ways

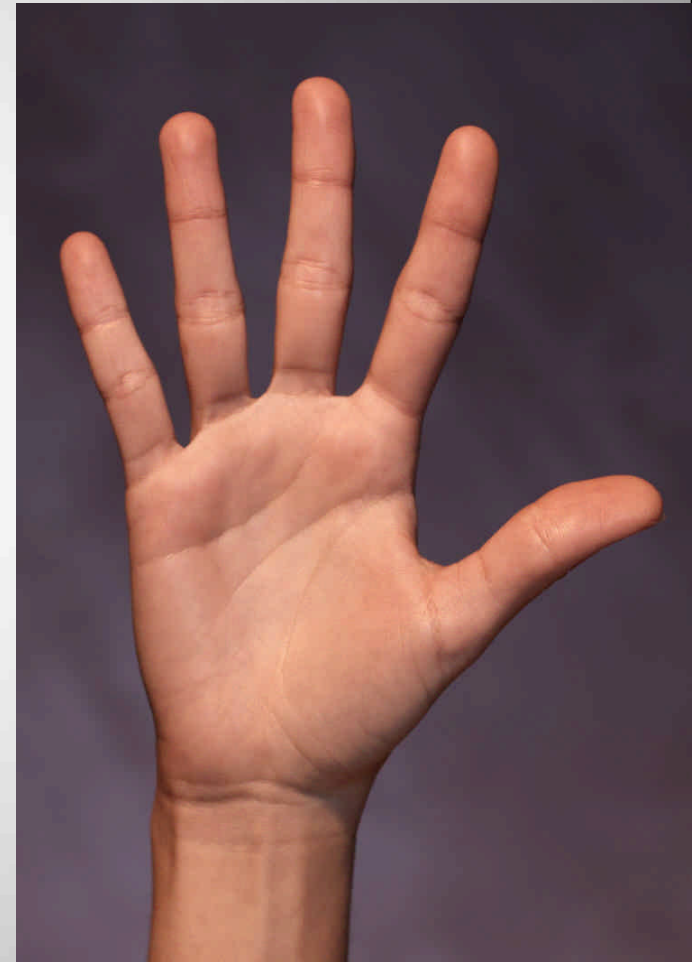
- God works out His purpose in different ways at different times.
- Our ways should be in keeping with His ways.
- We need to know His word *and* put it into practice for this to be so.
- Then we'll be faithful to Him and a blessing to others (Phil. 2:12-16; Col. 1:9-10).

# So what are His ways today?

- The church's day
- The day of grace
- The Christian day
- The Spirit's day
- The Gentile day

# Five wonderful facts

- There's a man in heaven (Acts 7:55-56).
- There's a person of the Godhead on earth (Jn. 7:39; Acts 2:32-33).
- The church has come into being (Mt. 16:18; Eph. 2:22).
- The Father has been revealed to us (Mt. 11:27; Jn. 20:17).
- The Lord Jesus could come at any moment (1 Thess. 1:10).



# Help for putting God's word into practice

- The Lord Jesus is in heaven **for us** (Heb. 9:24).
- The Holy Spirit **indwells us** (Rom. 8:9).
- We're **members of the body of Christ** (1 Cor. 12:27).
- We enjoy the most **intimate relationship** with God (Rom. 8:14-17).
- We've got a **heavenly hope** (Jn. 14:1-4).



# The effect on our lives for God ...

- We can always come into His presence (Heb. 4:16).
- We know all things (1 Jn. 2:20).
- We're here to display the all-various wisdom of God to the principalities and authorities in the heavenlies (Eph. 3:10).
- We can express our love to Him in the way He desires and approves (Jn. 4:23-24; 1 Pet. 2:5).
- We're waiting for His Son from heaven (1 Cor. 15:51-58; 1 Thess. 1:9-10).



# Take a look at those spiritual sacrifices



- By the Spirit (Phil. 3:3)
- Word ... singing in our hearts (Col. 3:16)
- Praise ... fruit of the lips (Heb. 13:15)
- Loaf and cup (1 Cor. 11:23-26)
- Living sacrifice (Rom. 12:1)
- Sweet savour (Eph. 5:2)
- Doing and giving (Heb. 13:16)

# ... and our lives with one another?

The church is:

- one body – not an organisation (1 Cor. 12:12).
- a spiritual – not physical – house (1 Pet. 2:5).
- to be a chaste virgin to Christ – not mixed up with the world (2 Cor. 11:2-3).
- the flock of God to be shepherded willingly – not exploited and dominated (1 Pet. 5:1-4).



## ... and our lives in the world?

- We're *in* the world, but not *of* it (Jn. 17:13-17; Eph. 5:8-17).
- We have an entirely different principle of life from those around us (2 Cor. 5:14-17; Phil. 1:21).
- We're 'created in Christ Jesus unto good works' for God's glory and the benefit of others (Eph. 2:8-10; 1 Thess. 5:15; Titus 3:8), and we should seek to live in peace with all men (Rom. 12:18-21).

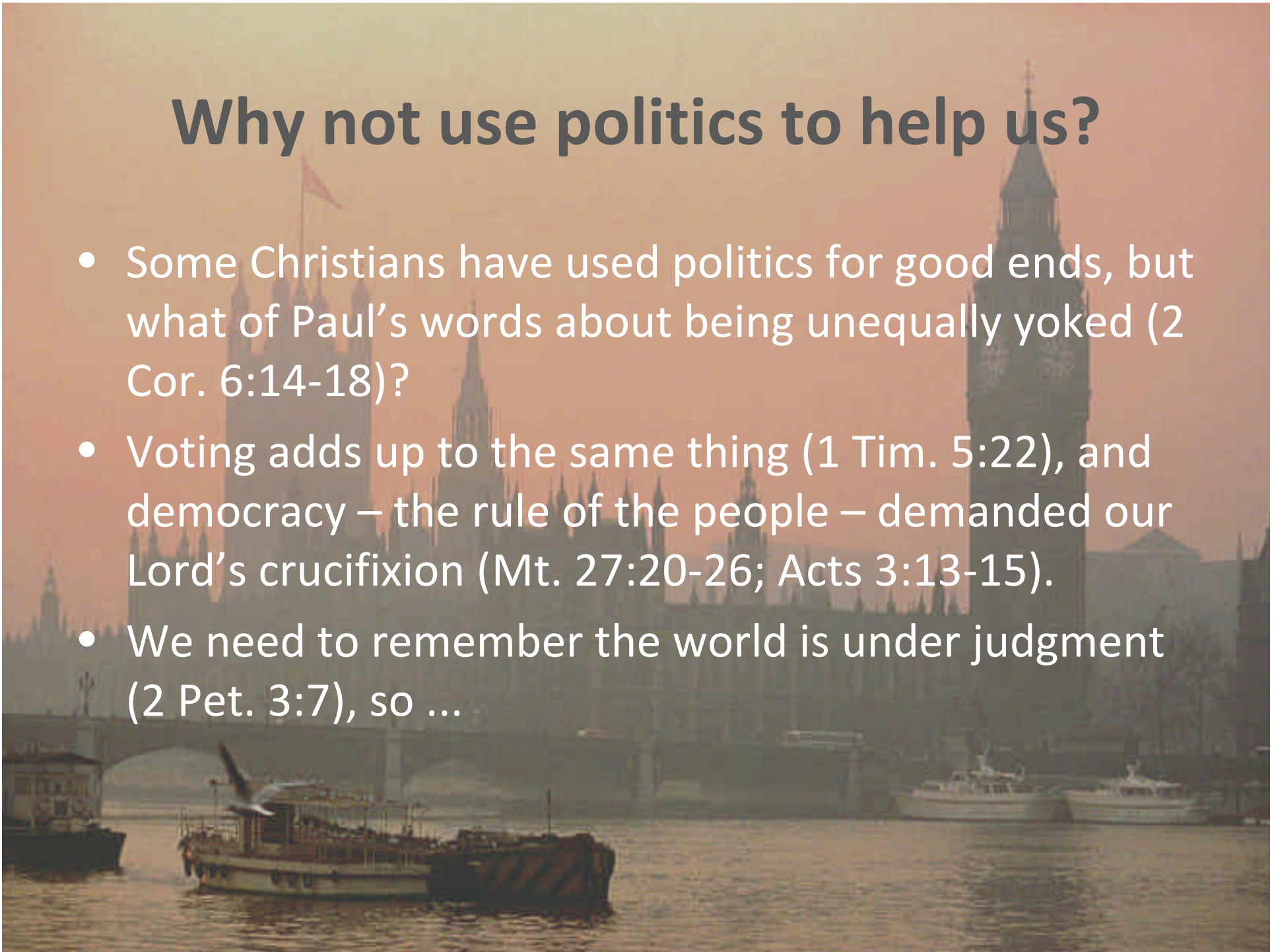


# Let's get involved in politics



# Why not use politics to help us?

- Some Christians have used politics for good ends, but what of Paul's words about being unequally yoked (2 Cor. 6:14-18)?
- Voting adds up to the same thing (1 Tim. 5:22), and democracy – the rule of the people – demanded our Lord's crucifixion (Mt. 27:20-26; Acts 3:13-15).
- We need to remember the world is under judgment (2 Pet. 3:7), so ...



# What should we do?



Send carpenters or a lifeboat?



## Model citizens ...

- We're citizens of heaven (Phil. 3:20).
- But we should uphold God's creatorial order (Rom. 13:1-7; 1 Cor. 11:3-16; Heb. 13:4).
- And 'render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's', and 'obey God rather than men' (Mk. 12:17; Acts 4:13-20, 5:29).
- We should also pray for those in authority – even for politicians (1 Tim. 2:1-8)!

## ... who (can) turn the world upside down

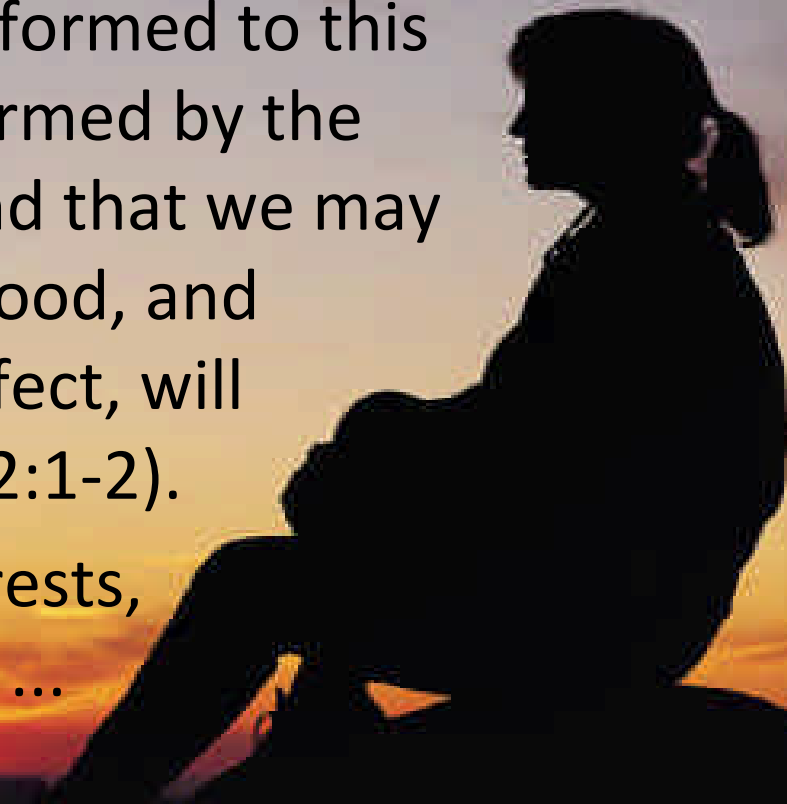
- Like the apostles (Acts 16:19-21 & 37, 17:5-6)?
- We should be occupied with our Lord's affairs – not man's – till He come (Lk. 19:11-15).
  - We should use spiritual weapons (2 Cor. 10:3-5; Eph. 6).
  - Our witness lies primarily in letting the Lord Jesus shine through our ways and words (Mt. 5:13-16; Jn. 1:18, 13:34-35; 1 Jn. 4:12; 1 Pet. 2:11-20; 1 Tim. 3:15-16).



# So how should we live our lives?

Present our bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God ... not conformed to this world ... but transformed by the renewing of our mind that we may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God (see Rom. 12:1-2).

Education, job, interests, possessions, friends ...



# Our future isn't here



‘Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear’ (Heb. 12:28).