

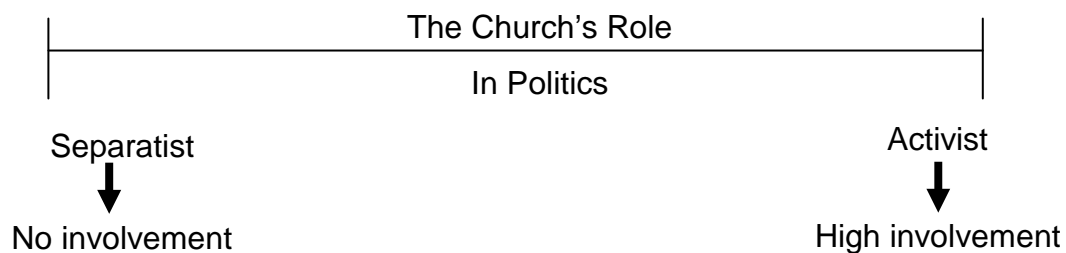
Introduction: How can you say you love God and...

➤ Yet talk about political issues in church?

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- The Presuppositions =

➤ Yet not take a stand on political issues in church?

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The Question: How to Navigate Through the Maze of the Church/Politics Conflict?

The Answer: Four Biblical Absolutes

**Building A Theological Framework To Think Clearly
About The Church And Politics**

1. There Are Two Kingdoms In Conflict. John 18:36-37, 19:10-12

2. Every Believer Has Dual Citizenship. Mark 12:13-17

3. Human Governments Are Ordained By God To Restrain Evil. Romans 13:1-7

4. The Church Is Ordained By God To Make Disciples. Matthew 28:18-20

The Next Question: How do we move from a theological framework to specific applications for daily living?

The Answer: Three Biblical Absolutes

Understanding the Roles and Responsibilities of The Church, The Government, and The Individual Believer in the Political Arena.

1. Let the Church be the Church!
2. Don't Expect The Government to Achieve What Only The Church Can Accomplish.
3. Don't Expect "The Church" to Accomplish What Only Individual Believers Can Achieve.

Application:

- A Word to **Separatists** -

- A Word to **Activists** -

Discussion Questions:

1. Why is talking about politics and the church such a delicate issue?

2. What did you learn in this message that clarified God's role for. . . The church? The government and its political process? The individual believer?

3. What specific responsibility do you have as a "citizen of heaven" with regard to politics?

4. What specific responsibility do you have as a citizen of the United States of America?

5. How will you choose to fulfill the responsibilities you identified in questions #3 and #4 in the coming weeks?