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**The Christian and Politics**

Critical Race Theory (CRT) seems to be everywhere – in politics, in How should Christians think about their country and their God? In our politically polarized country, this question is more important than ever. What does the Bible have to say?

**The Accusations**

***The Secular Accusation: Christians are illegitimately bringing their ideas into the public sphere and that’s bad for America.***

***The Christian Accusation: Christians are following after the idol of love of country and that’s bad for the church.***

**The Biblical Principles**

1. **God cares about individuals, but God also cares about nations.**

* God cares about nations in the OT (Amos 1:1-2:3)
* God cares about nations in the millennium (Zechariah 14:16ff)
* God cares about nations in heaven (Rev 5:9)

1. **Governments are ground zero for spiritual warfare.**

* We see this in the OT (Daniel 10:10-14; 20-21).
* We see this in the NT (Ephesians 6:10-12).

1. **We should fight for righteousness in the public square (Proverbs 14:34, Matthew 5:6).**
2. **We should show grace and humility to people with whom we disagree.**

* We should submit to government (Romans 13:1-7; 1 Peter 2:13-17).
  + Because doing so is obedience.
  + Because doing so is for our good.
  + Because doing so impacts our testimony.
* We should be gracious with unbelievers (Colossians 4:5-6).

**Application – Finding the Balance**

*“When first things are put first, second things are not suppressed but increased.” – C.S. Lewis*

* My primary allegiance must be to God’s kingdom (Matthew 6:33).
* My primary mission must be to spread the gospel (Romans 1:16-17).
* My primary community must be the church of God (Colossians 3:11).

**Application – Satan’s Goals and Fears**

***Satan’s Goals***

* Satan wants to divide Christians.
* Satan wants Christians to love America more than God.
* Satan wants Christians to ignore America.

***Satan’s Fears***

* Christians who graciously and confidently stand for righteousness.
* Christians who pray for their country and leaders.
* Christians who