

# Christian Citizenship and the 2016 Elections

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1. Philippians 3:20: For Christians, our citizenship is in \_\_\_\_\_.
2. 1 Peter 2:9-10: Our identity as a people is special, distinct, and holy.
  - a. 2:11: Wherever we live, we are \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. 2:11-12: Therefore, our behavior is to be \_\_\_\_\_.
  - c. 2:12: So that our actions will \_\_\_\_\_.
  - d. Do you think this command includes our political choices? \_\_\_\_\_.
  - e. 1 Timothy 2: 1-4: Our people are supposed to pray for those in authority. What is the ultimate purpose for this (2:4)? \_\_\_\_\_.
3. God establishes institutions of authority for humanity to govern human behavior, including the civil authorities (1 Peter 2:13-14; Romans 13:1-7; John 19:10-11; Daniel 2:20-21; Daniel 4:17).  
 Do you think God already knows who will win the 2016 elections? \_\_\_\_\_.  
 Do you think God has already taken the result into account in his plan for human history? \_\_\_\_\_.
4. God’s assigned tasks for the civil authorities ...
  - a. *Romans 13:3-5; 1 Peter 2:13-14*
    - Encourage people to do \_\_\_\_\_.
    - Punish people for doing \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. *Psalm 72, Psalm 82, Exodus 23:1-8 (see also Deut 16:18-20; Deut 27:19; Isaiah 1:16-17; Jeremiah 7:5-7, and many, many more)*
    - 72:1-2 The ruler’s character is to be \_\_\_\_\_.
    - 72:3-4, 82:3-4: The righteous and just ruler protects and rescues people from \_\_\_\_\_.
    - Especially which people? \_\_\_\_\_.

## Checklist for Evaluating Candidates Biblically

|   | Priority |  |  |  |
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| Do the policies seem likely to encourage people to live righteously?          |          |  |  |  |
| Do the policies seem likely to discourage people from doing evil deeds?       |          |  |  |  |
| Can the candidate’s character truthfully be described as righteous and just?  |          |  |  |  |
| Do the policies seem likely to aid the oppressed and the weakest in society?  |          |  |  |  |
| Do the policies seem likely to protect the innocent?                          |          |  |  |  |
| Do the policies seem likely to promote treating all people justly and fairly? |          |  |  |  |

Link to a variety of readings by Evangelicals about the candidates: <http://legacyacademic.com/618/christian-readings-2016-elections/>

Link to a variety of 2016 Election resources: <http://legacyacademic.com/633/christian-citizenship-2016-elections/>