

“Rising Above the Fray of Politics” (Revelation 12:1-6, 17; 13:1-10; 20:9-10; 22:1-5)

Good News about Politics (There Is Good News!)

When it comes to politics, have **peace**. Our **Father** is **Captain** of the ship.

This **good news** is essential to correct any **sinful** approach to politics and any **warped** political views.

Good News about Politics – What the Good News Is and What It Isn't

Christ is at the **helm** because of his ascension and so we're going to make it through every **storm** of political corruption and wayward government.

But this good news doesn't mean **America** will last as a **beacon** of **religious freedom**.

And the good news doesn't mean you and I will avoid being **victims** of political corruption and wayward government. We Christians may even lose our very lives.

But one day all the storms of politics will **end** in Christ's eternal reign.

The Biblical Reality of Good News on Politics (Revelation 13-22)

The **Church** is the woman.

The **devil** is the dragon.

Revelation 12:17, 13:1, “Then the dragon was enraged at the woman and went off to wage war against the rest of her offspring — those who keep God's commands and hold fast their testimony about Jesus... The dragon stood on the shore of the sea. And I saw a beast coming out of the sea.”

The **beast** of the sea is a **corruption** of **world governments**. It's politics at its worst, politics played out in the devil's hands. (Reference Daniel 7).

The beast is visible when people **obsess** over politics, acting like government alone can save us. Such people spew venom at those on the opposing political side, refusing to speak the truth in love.

The beast is especially visible whenever and wherever governments **persecute** the Church. Millions of Christians have lost their lives to bad politics and corrupted governments since the time of Christ. Why should we be any different?

Nevertheless, this is no **cause** for us to **panic** or **flee**.

Revelation 13:10 “This calls for patient endurance and faithfulness on the part of God's people.”

Remember **Christ** is at the helm. Take **Jesus' approach**. Face the **beast** head on and win souls in truth and love.