



The Full Gospel Church

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On November 2, 2004 the United States will be electing a new president. We have watched both the Democratic and Republican conventions. We see the candidates' ads and listen to the comments on talk radio. With all of this difference of thought, is it any wonder that the race is so tight?

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Presidential Candidates

| <i>Candidate</i> | <i>Party</i> | <i>Website</i> |
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| George W. Bush  | Republican | http://www.politics1.com/bush.htm |
| John Kerry  | Democratic | http://www.politics1.com/kerry.htm |
| Diane Templin  | American Party | http://www.politics1.com/american04.htm |

| <i>Candidate</i> | <i>Party</i> | <i>Website</i> |
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| Gene Amondson  | Concerns of People (Prohibition) Party | http://www.politics1.com/prohibition04.htm |
| Michael Peroutka  | Constitution Party | http://www.politics1.com/const04.htm |
| David Cobb  | Green Party | http://www.politics1.com/greens04.htm |
| Michael Badnarik  | Libertarian Party | http://www.politics1.com/libt04.htm |

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| Leonard Peltier  | Peace & Freedom Party | http://www.politics1.com/pfp04.htm |
| Charles Jay  | Personal Choice Party | http://www.politics1.com/personalchoice04.htm |
| Earl F Dodge  | Prohibition Party | http://www.politics1.com/prohibition04-dodge.htm |
| Ralph Nader  | Reform Party | http://www.politics1.com/nader04.htm |
| Walter F Brown  | Socialists Party USA | http://www.politics1.com/socialist04.htm |

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| Bill VanAuken  | Socialists Equality Party | http://www.politics1.com/sep04.htm |
| Roger Calero  | Socialists Workers Party | http://www.politics1.com/swp04.htm |
| John Parker  | Workers World Party | http://www.politics1.com/wwp04.htm |

As you can see there are a lot of people running for the American presidency besides Bush and Kerry. The major political parties in the United States are the Republican, Democratic, Libertarian, and Green Parties. It seems that these four are on most of the ballots while the others are only on some of the ballots.

As Christians we each have to make a choice on who will be the next President of the United States. This choice is not to be taken lightly. If you disagree with both the Republican and Democratic candidates, it is your responsibility to vote for the candidate who best fits your preferences.

The majority of the media reports that there are only two candidates running for president. Now your options are a lot larger. It is up to you to look at all of the information that is

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available on the various web sites in order to make the best choice possible. For the most part, the views of the major media is contrary to what the Bible teaches. The major news networks tell us that abortion is good, and that “gay rights” is good. Neither of these opinions stand up to scrutiny by the Bible. So the choice for the truly born-again Christian is to examine the candidates according to their stand along with the Bible.

The great majority of Americans do not take the time or the effort to research the candidates who are running for President. They will go as far as watching the television or listening to the radio. Many years ago, the newspapers would give info about all of the candidates regardless of their party affiliation. Today, all you hear about is the Republicans and the Democrats. For your information, the Republican Party was once a third party before the Civil War. Before Lincoln was elected president, the Republican Party was the third party behind the Whigs.

So the argument that voting for a third party will never work does not stand up. It is your responsibility to vote for the president who best fits your views regardless of what party the candidate belongs to.

The political system of America is something akin to the Roman Empire as viewed at <http://huizen.daxis.nl/~henkt/united-states-empire.html> Both of the American and Roman political systems are somewhat alike. The Bible tells us that we are only to worship one God. Presently, the political system would have us believe that what is written in the Bible is not the way to go. When the Bible speaks out against homosexuality, you would think that the majority of Christian Americans would follow the Bible teaching. Today we see organized churches endorsing homosexuality. This

ought not to be! Currently we see a country that despises the born-again Christian and would like the Christian to go away. All of this hatred of the Bible and what it stands for comes from those who believe contrary to the teaching of the Bible. Just look at the adultery and fornication portrayed on your television. You are being constantly informed that adultery and fornication is good, whereas the Bible tells us that it is evil.

Romans 1:17-32

17 For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.

18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;

19 Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them.

20 For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:

21 Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

22 Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools,

23 And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.

24 Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves:

25 Who changed the truth of God into a lie,

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and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.

26 For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature:

27 And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet.

28 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;

29 Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers,

30 Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,

31 Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful:

32 Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.

Many churches stop at Paul's letter to the Romans at the 17th verse where Paul continues on to describe the wickedness of sin. The media that promotes sin will promote the sinner for president. So examine the media that you look at and see if they are really promoting a sinner who endorses all of the sins in the Bible for president.

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