

# **The Supremacy of Christ Over Politics**

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## **WORSHIP – *What Are We Worshipping?***

The LORD has established His throne in the heavens, and His sovereignty rules over all.

Psalm 103:19

<sup>1</sup> Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to Your name give glory, for the sake of Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness! <sup>2</sup> Why should the nations say, “Where is their God?” <sup>3</sup> Our God is in the heavens; He does all that He pleases. <sup>4</sup> Their idols are silver and gold, the work of human hands. <sup>5</sup> They have mouths, but do not speak; eyes, but do not see. <sup>6</sup> They have ears, but do not hear; noses, but do not smell. <sup>7</sup> They have hands, but do not feel; feet, but do not walk; and they do not make a sound in their throat. <sup>8</sup> Those who make them become like them; so do all who trust in them. <sup>9</sup> O Israel, trust in the LORD! He is their help and shield.” Psalm 115:1-9

Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross.

It read, “Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.” John 19:19

## **FORMATION – *Who Are We Becoming?***

And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit. 2 Corinthians 3:18

Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these....

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. Galatians 5:19-24

## **MISSION – *For What Are We Living?***

And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Matthew 28:18-20

...work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure. Do all things without grumbling or disputing, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run or labor in vain. Philippians 2:12b-16

“But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.” Jeremiah 29:7

### **Table Discussion Questions:**

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#### *Worship*

1. Why does the subject of politics reveal our idols? What have you seen in your own heart?
2. How is Jesus Christ different from earthly rulers?
3. If we worship Jesus as King, how should that affect our political engagement?

#### *Formation*

4. What liturgies/habits are shaping (a) our politics and (b) our faith?
5. How would we know which set of liturgies is forming us more than the other?
6. How do we see the works of the flesh in the political conversation today?  
How should Christians demonstrate the fruit of the Spirit in their political engagement?

#### *Mission*

7. How is Jesus’s mission different from the mission of a political party?
8. What happens if we lose sight of where God’s story is going?
9. How should a Christian’s engagement in politics be different from a non-Christian’s?