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THE MISSION

To sound the Eternal Word of God, by the power of the Holy Spirit, to the Body of Christ. Keeping the duty of a "Watchman" for the expectant arrival of Jesus Christ – The Alpha and Omega – Lord of Lords – King of Kings'

THE PURPOSE

To seek and place "Watchmen" in 'the way' of life to edify the Body of Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit, for its elect position in God's plan.

To share the Word of God with unchurched men and women, boys and girls, that they should be born into the Kingdom of God by grace through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

THE DUTY OF THE WATCHMAN

Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound the alarm in my holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for the day of the Lord cometh, for it is nigh at hand." Joel 2:1

BY CONSENT OF
THE GOVERNED

The Fourth of July 2014 was a great patriotic celebration in our part of the country. The reports of record crowds at patriotic events was complimented by enthusiastic support for the American flag and served as an unmistakable testimony to the SPIRIT of FREEDOM so unique to this nation of Constitutional Government. So what has happened to our government in Washington?

SOLOMON'S PORCH letters have the stated purpose to "To seek and place 'Watchmen' in 'the way' of life to edify the Body of Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit." Clearly, it is understood that as a citizen of the United States, believers are subject to the laws of the government but are also called to the higher responsibility of serving God when the government might require allegiance to 'secular' authority. The Old Testament story of the three Hebrew boys thrust into the fiery furnace would be one example of the

supreme test of faithfulness to God against a governing authority. Initially, being a 'watchman' for the political processes at work in the United States was deemed to be beyond the scope of these letters, after all, seeking the Holy Spirit revealing the mysteries of end time events is the more spiritual response to prophetic declaration, but God does truly work in mysterious ways.

One of the most common remarks heard within the family of God is, "What is a believer to do when the government in Washington is out of control?" Deficit spending, diminished purchasing power of our currency, uncertain risk from international powers threaten America's security, the erosion of personal rights of Americans, and the outright assault on the right to worship God in the church of their choice prompts the question, "What can we do?" "Do we leave it to God and pray for the best or should Americans get involved in the political process?" During a time of prayerful seeking, "Oh Lord, as you continue to tarry, do you have an answer to this dilemma?" The answer came through the writings of Paul in **1 Corinthians chapter 12**.

The Apostle Paul begins by saying in verse 1: "***Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant.***" Paul then takes us all the way to verse 27-28: "***Now you are the body of Christ, and members in particular. And God has set some in the church, first Apostles, secondarily Prophets, thirdly Teachers, after that Miracles, then Helps, Governments, and Diversities of Tongues.***" [Italics and underline added] *Governments*, suddenly that word reveals the wisdom of God as He described the role of operations of these positions within the Body of Christ, the Church. The Word continued to flow with new understanding through the help of a book written by: Dave Roberson, copyright 1999, "**THE WALK OF THE SPIRIT-THE WALK OF POWER**". *Governments* [as one operation of God's structure for the Church], as it applies to the Body of Christ, is the role that a believer would perform requiring the skills of organization and administration within the Church. The entire commitment of the person that demonstrates these skills is for the

benefit of those who minister the Word of God. God's structure of government is for the benefit of the believer [people] to assure the absolute truth and sovereignty of the Word is maintained in its purity and authority. Hallelujah!

The wisdom of the Founding Fathers of this Representative Republic was God inspired. Oh how well did they understand that in order for this new population to grow, in order for these new citizens to prosper they would need a structure that would sustain the test of time, provided these United States [federal] would be governed by consent of the governed?

There is a difference between the free elections of individuals to our government offices for the purpose of governing than the election of individuals to offices in which the elected pursue the agendas of a particular political ideology. As the mid-term elections of these United States approach in November [first to be tempered by the primaries in respective states] it is imperative that the voters send men and women to office who are committed to governing the rights of every American as guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution and not the agenda of a political party. "Lord, what can I do to vote a clear conscious in the coming elections?" Following the example of God's plan for government of the church, the Holy Spirit does prompt us to vote for men and women committed to governing, not political maneuvering.

The Apostle Paul also addressed the issue of believers straying away from God's structure for the church in **Galatians 1:6-7** "***I marvel that you are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ.***"

The elect[ed] of American government must be committed to governing the precepts of the U.S. Constitution and not given to political maneuvering for the benefit of a party ideology.

America's destiny as a Godly nation is to be a nation

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