## Separation Of Church & Hate

"Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked Him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" [John 18:33]

Is that your own idea," Jesus asked, "or did others talk to you about me?"... Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, My servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now My kingdom is from another place." [John 18:34, 36]

"Jesus didn't come to take sides, He came to take over." [Tony Evans]

#### 1. We are Christians first, American citizens second.

"I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people– for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all people to be saved and come to a knowledge of truth." [1 Timothy 2:1-4]

A candidate will win based on what happens November 3rd, but the church will win based on our actions before, during, and after November 3rd.

### 2. Our goal isn't total agreement, but total love.

"I in them and You in Me- so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that You sent Me and have loved them even as You have loved Me." [John 17:23]

"The church should be a safe place where we can disagree politically but love unconditionally."

# 3. Christianity can survive without America, but America cannot survive without Christianity.

"Your are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot." [Matthew 5:13]

The problem is most people are settling for making a point rather than making a difference.

Four traits that every church must be known for:

- compassion for all people
- forgiveness
- love for the unborn & abandoned
- sexually countercultural

#### How do I personally survive this election season?

"Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope: Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness." [Lamentations 3:21-22]

Keep hope alive by keeping my eyes on Jesus.