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Panic or Peace

This has been a big week in the history of our country. All the wringing of hands and concern leading into the election has led to the wringing of hands and concern about the election results.

In today's politically charged environment, we see everyone taking sides and looking to politics to save our republic. We all had our candidates that we wanted to be elected, for congress, senate, governor, dog catcher, etc. We believed if our candidate won we would keep our country on the right track and all would be well with the world. Then we could all be happy!!! Happy, happy!

As you know our nation is very divided. There is a call for unity, but we won't see unity because no one person or candidate will change the divisiveness in this country. As soon as the election was over, everyone started talking about investigations, impeachment, subpoenas, and on and on it goes.

Those calling for unity cannot save the nation because the only unity in this world is – "one in Christ."

> Galatians 3:28: "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus."

No one seems to understand what a client nation is in our country today. We also have many people who think we're a Christian nation.

In every society, its laws are the written chronicle of the people's moral beliefs based on the teachings of its dominant religion at the time of the nation's founding. We were a nation founded on Christian Principles but what we're ending up with is a nation of Christian losers, involved in Christian activism and programs as opposed to the accurate study of God's word. There is little or no understanding of the role of the believer in the client nation to God.

As believers in the Lord Jesus Christ we must maintain a relationship with the opposition while maintaining our relationship with the Lord – "we're in the world but not of the world". John 15:18-20; Romans 12:2

> John 15:19: "If you were of the world, the world would love its own; but because you are not of the world,"

> Romans 12:2: "And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect."

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Every day we are in active contact with human viewpoint and the problems of this world. Do we hate the people behind it? No, we are never authorized to hate anyone. Impersonal love is always the order of the day.

We are to grow spiritually and remain in service to the Lord in this world in which we live, a world that hates us, but we must never turn away from our mission.

I hope to cause you to refocus your attention on the "things above and not the things of this earth." (Colossians 3:2) and off the chaos of this world. By the way, Satan wants you focused on politics and all the craziness going on in our nation and the world.

I believe we are still a client nation to God although we seem to be losing that status so it's easy to be concerned.

> PRINCIPLE: No nation learns from the mistakes of other nations when involved in cosmic arrogance.

When a nation is involved in cosmic arrogance, its people are blind to the fact they are making exactly the same mistakes that destroyed other great nations before them.

> The German philosopher Hegel famously said, "The only thing that we learn from history is that we learn nothing from history."

When arrogant individuals or nations are unteachable and become blind to their own failures it results in their self-destruction long before they are invaded and overrun.

Humanism and programs have replaced the accurate teaching of the Word of God in Churches today. But the only thing that changes anything in this world is the Bible Doctrine in your soul.

The "*kosmos*" is a highly organized civilization of secular governments, education, culture, and man centered theories of life, nature, human behavior and a world of relative humanism - everything that is opposed to Christianity.

In Thieme's Bible Doctrine Dictionary "Cosmic System" is defined as:

> Satan's orderly, cohesive, and multifaceted system of power and thinking, which includes a purpose, strategy, and structure of authority designed to subvert the human race and control the world he now rules.
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> The cosmic system, Satan's alternative to the perfect plan of God, is designed to exploit man's bad decisions and trap him in a web of deception.
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> When the Bible declares that someone loves the world (2 Tim. 4:10; James 4:4; 1 John 2:15) or lives according to the standards of the world (Rom. 12:2; Eph. 2:2), that individual resides in the cosmic system. He is under the control of the sin nature and in a position of weakness, enslaved to Satan's authority and fulfilling Satan's purpose. Residents include

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> anyone—believer or unbeliever—who uses his volitional freedom to reject divine truth (the laws of divine establishment, the Gospel of salvation, or Bible doctrine). Toward those who have personally believed in Jesus Christ, the devil administers the cosmic system to prevent, impede, and reverse their spiritual growth.[1]

You counter this by what's in your soul. It needs to be your defense system. You need to take in Bible Doctrine daily!

A client nation is a national entity under the patronage of God, assigned the responsibility for the formation, preservation, communication, and fulfillment of the Canon of Scripture.

> Client Nation to God: A national entity set apart by God as a repository for divine truth—a nation where the Gospel is freely communicated, doctrine widely taught, and missionary activity extended to areas of positive volition throughout the world. Synonym: priest nation, in reference to Israel.
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> Throughout most periods of history, God ordains a client nation for the purpose of furthering His plan for mankind. The formation of such a nation begins with people who respond to God's grace in salvation.
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> Under a government that honors divine establishment and protects the freedom of all citizens, the nucleus of believers matures spiritually and becomes sufficient to fulfill the mandates of custodianship and communication of God's Word, inside and outside national borders. The nation also acts as a haven for the Jews.
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> God deals with the client nation according to the spiritual condition of individual believers (Matt. 5:13–16). Blessing by association overflows from mature believers to the nation in the form of stability and prosperity; divine discipline to reversionistic believers finds the entire nation weakened, and unless believers heed God's warning and recover, the client nation is eventually destroyed through the fifth cycle of discipline (2 Chron. 7:14; Hosea 4:1–6). As goes the spiritual life of the believer, so goes the client nation.
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> Jewish client nations. In the Old Testament Age of Israel, the client nation to God was made up of His chosen people, the Jews (2 Sam. 7:10–12; Ps. 33:12). Specific responsibilities delegated to Israel as a nation were delineated under the Mosaic Law, doctrine was revealed to and communicated by specially appointed prophets and priests, and the "remnant" of faithful believers was used by God to sustain the nation (Ex. 19:5–6; Lev. 18:1–5; 2 Kings 19:30–31; Rom. 11:2–5).
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> The theocratic kingdom (1441–1020 B.C.), the first in a series of five Jewish client nations, was founded under Moses' leadership in the Exodus and was indeed a theocracy, ruled personally by God.

[1] Thieme Bible Doctrine Dictionary, Page 42, "Cosmic System",

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The four kingdoms that followed were monarchies, ruled by human kings. Currently under divine discipline that began in A.D. 70, Israel as a client nation will be restored at the Second Advent and continue throughout the millennial reign of Christ.

Gentile client nations. With Israel temporarily set aside, these are the times of Gentile client nations
Luke 21:24). In every generation until the Rapture, there exists among the earth's nations at least one center of positive volition that stands as God's protected agent.

Gentile client nations, unlike the theocracy of Israel, are ruled through human government that, under lawful design, functions separately from the church. God's purpose is fulfilled as the state promotes human freedom and Christianity impacts the nation through a spiritual pivot of invisible heroes. By choosing to utilize the unique spiritual assets of the Church Age, individual believers contribute anonymously to their country and to the uptrends of history.

The spiritual vigor of the nation is manifested by evangelists, pastor-teachers, and missionaries who accurately communicate the Gospel and written Word to those who are positive.

The nation is blessed and sustained also for providing the currently dispersed Jews a refuge from persecution in other parts of the world (Gen. 12:3).

Imperial Rome, A.D. 70–476, was the first Gentile client nation; other examples include fifth-and-sixth-century Scotland and Ireland, sixteenth-century Switzerland, seventeenth-century Sweden, nineteenth-century England, and the United States of America since its founding in 1776.[2]

Exodus 19:4-6: "You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I carried you on eagles' wings, and brought you to Myself.

Vs. 5: Now therefore, if hearing, you will obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be My own possession among all peoples, for all the earth is Mine;

Vs. 6: then you shall be a kingdom of priests and a holy nation to Me. These are the words that you shall speak to the sons of Israel."

Deuteronomy 7:6: "For you are a holy people to the Lord your God; the Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for His own possession out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth."

[2] Thieme Bible Doctrine Dictionary, Page 40, "Client Nation to God".

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> Deuteronomy 26:18-19: "And the Lord has today declared you to be His people, a people for His own (a treasured) possession, as He promised you; therefore, you are to keep all His commandments;
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> Vs. 19: and that He will set you high above all nations which He made, for praise, fame, and honor; and that you shall be a holy people to the Lord your God, as He has spoken."

Israel was called a "priest nation" because it had a specialized priesthood. Because of the uniqueness of the Church Age, the term "priest nation" and "client nation" are synonymous. So, the term "client nation" is used for any Gentile nation that performs the same functions during the Church Age.

Instead of calling a Gentile nation a "priest nation," the believers in the Church Age are a holy priesthood and a royal family of God. 1 Peter 2:4-5

> 1 Peter 2:4-5: "And coming to Him as to a living stone, rejected by men, but elect and precious in the sight of God,
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> Vs. 5: you also, as living stones, are being built up into a spiritual house (compare Hebrews 3:6) as a result of a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through the agency of Jesus Christ."

God does not want sacrifices and offerings from us; He wants the sacrifice of the spiritual life: growing to spiritual maturity and becoming someone God can use in the Angelic Conflict, fulfilling God's plan for your life.

> 1 Peter 2:9: "But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;"

We get the idea of an elect race from the Greek phrase in 2 Corinthians 5:17.

> 2 Corinthians 5:17: "Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come."

In the privacy of your priesthood, you have the option to succeed or the option to fail as far as the spiritual life is concerned.

Believers in the Church Age are royal family of God, and this is the key to Gentile client nations in the Church Age.

We can never forget that a client nation to God is a nation under divine protection because it has a large pivot of mature believers. These mature believers have blessing by association to those around them and historical blessing to their nation.

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Three things destroy a nation:

1. Economic depression – It can result from government destruction of industry through legislation, or from destruction by the greed of labor or management.
2. Social degeneration – Individual bad decisions destroy the structure of society. The sacredness of freedom, property, and life are ignored or rejected. Integrity disappears from society and is replaced by every form of crime or immorality.
3. Military defeat – No nation can win a war when the manpower suffers from social degeneration, and the industrial complex cannot provide logistical support.

Survival of a client nation takes evangelism, positive volition toward Bible Doctrine, the function of the protocol plan of God, and cognizance of the portfolio of invisible assets provided for each believer.

As the pivot shrinks, the nation loses its client nation status with God and undergoes the five cycles of discipline.

As a client nation we are responsible for the following:

1. It must evangelize its own population.
2. It must communicate Bible Doctrine to the believers in the nation.
3. It is responsible for the custodianship of Bible Doctrine.
4. It provides a haven for the Jews.
5. It is responsible to send out missionaries to evangelize other nations.

When you have apostasy in a client nation it is always a cancer. If it grows long enough, that client nation dies under the fifth cycle of discipline.

> PRINCIPLE: Good political leadership cannot override the degeneracy of the people.

When you have this cancer in a client nation, you can always look to three sources the spiritual leaders in the pulpit, the politicians, and the negative volition of the people.

> Jeremiah 6:13-14: "For from the least of them even to the greatest of them, Everyone is greedy for gain, furthermore from the prophet even to the priest everyone manufactures lies.
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> Vs. 14: In fact they allege to solve problems of My people, saying, 'Peace, peace, 'But there is no peace."

So what destroys a client nation? Negative volition to Bible Doctrine the Word of God.

> Principle: The disease is the "loss of thought" the result of the disease is the leadership we vote into office.

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When many pastors and Christians see the client nation slipping away, they want to get involved in Christian activism and look to politics. While man cannot solve his own problems, he likes to compensate by trying to solve the problems in his nation, state or local government.

> PRINCIPLE: Once apostasy infests the souls of a majority of the people, political solutions are no longer effective in restoring order.

All problems in life demand a solution. You have personal problems and then there are problems in your nation, city, and local governments.

We can't wait for God who controls history to take care of business while we take care of our business by growing to spiritual maturity and fulfilling God's plan for our life. So, we become Christian activists by attending group protests and undertaking zealous crusades to impose alleged Christian ideals upon both believers and unbelievers in a nation.

Such attempts to whitewash the devil's world are a distraction to our spiritual life, a substitute for spiritual growth and, therefore, contrary to the plan and will of God. Many evangelical Christians today enter into activism. This arrogance manifests the fact that most Christians do not have a clue about the Christian way of life.

Once again let's look to Thieme's Bible Dictionary for a definition:

> Christian activism: (a) The use of illegal or biblically unauthorized methods to impose Christian ideals, either real or alleged, upon the populace; (b) the function of self-righteous arrogance that exchanges the duty of spiritual impact for the goal of correcting societal depravity.
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> Let it first be clear that Christian activism does not include believers exercising the right to vote or to enter into legitimate activities related to their country's governing process. Nor does activism include service in law enforcement or the military for defense of national freedom. Activism, rather, is a function of moral degeneracy that exalts man's efforts over God's grace. Never condoned by Scripture (1 Pet. 2:13–17), activism is sponsored by Satan to preoccupy believers with temporal, human solutions so that the true, lasting solutions of God's plan are ignored.
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> The Christian activist is the believer who seeks to influence the world for Christ through public action, often to the point of coercion. Overzealous and ignorant of Bible doctrine, activists typically confuse the roles of church and state and crusade to enforce a Christian standard upon society (Prov. 29:18). Some employ civil disobedience, while others cross the line into vigilantism, organized revolution, and violence. Campaigns to whitewash the devil's world may involve anything from demonstrating against blasphemous movies or offensive behavior, to picketing outside an objectionable workplace, to terrorizing abortion clinics. Tragically, an end-justifies-the-means philosophy often results in destruction of privacy, freedom, prosperity, property, even life. These actions launched against evil actually alienate the unbelieving world by making a mockery of Christianity and its principles (Rom. 1:21–22). Activists fail to

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> understand that the power of Christianity is not political or visible but spiritual and invisible.
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> The unseen impact of the doctrinally oriented believer is what influences the course of history, not social reform. Only by advancing in God's plan does the Christian bring true solutions to national problems. As a citizen strengthened by Christian virtue, he breaks no laws, sponsors no violence, does not intrude on privacy, but turns the world upside down through the invisible force of Bible doctrine. God honors and blesses a nation in association with such mature believers.
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> Today's crusaders would benefit from recognizing that despite tyranny, paganism, and wide-spread slavery in the first-century Roman Empire, evangelism and spiritual growth thrived. The most influential figure in Church history, the Apostle Paul, ministered amidst that period' institutionalized evil, yet he did not beat the drums of abolition or incite revolt against the regime.
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> Paul stayed on course with spreading the Gospel and teaching the spiritual life. He emphasized the doctrine whereby people in all situations, even those "under the yoke as slaves," can remain where they are and glorify God (1 Cor. 7:21–22; 1 Tim. 6:1–2). When Nero took the throne, Paul refrained from maligning the monstrous anti-Christian dictator and taught his Roman congregation to obey authority (Rom. 13:1–9).
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> Truth was the issue, so the great Apostle left the evils of the Roman Empire to the Supreme Court of Heaven and remembered that Jesus Christ controls history.[3]

The spiritual life is not a political instrument, but a system which provides blessings by association, invisible heroes, and glorification of God in the fulfillment of the unique spiritual life of the Church Age. It's by-product is blessing and freedom for all.

You cannot superimpose on government the standards that belong to the individual Christian, and you cannot superimpose on unbelievers the principles of Bible Doctrine that relate to the ministry of God the Holy Spirit.

Under freedom, people have the right to believe in Christ, to be evangelized, and to say yes or no to the Gospel. People's rights must be protected whether we agree with them or not.

In any client nation there are both believers and unbelievers, as well as many other religions besides Christianity.

Some Christian leaders have the idea we can fit in the secular, humanistic, antisemitic ideas going on today and have a dialog and compromise. Wrong!!!!

[3] Thieme Bible Doctrine Dictionary, Page 32 and 33: Christian Activism

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The impact of Christianity is found only in evangelism, yet few believers understand salvation by grace through faith in Jesus Christ.

The standards for Christianity are found only in the protocol plan of God and in our portfolio of invisible assets. These principles can only be executed through the filling of the Holy Spirit and Bible Doctrine, which the unbeliever does not have.

1. The believer has a responsibility to government, "Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and unto God the things that are God's." So, we as believers have a dual responsibility, but it does not include activism.

2. "Render unto Caesar" refers to establishment activity.
    a. It includes the function of the divine institutions.
    b. It includes freedom, the right of self-determination, the sacredness of property and life.
    c. It means freedom through military victory and, therefore, the responsibility to serve in the military.
    d. It means free enterprise, and the inevitable existence of wealth and poverty side by side, the healthy sign of the proper working of free enterprise.
    e. It means the separation of business and state, as well as church and state.
    f. It includes civil authority to protect us from criminality.

3. "Render unto God" includes:
    a. The execution of the protocol plan of God.
    b. The manufacture of invisible heroes.
    c. The establishment of a pivot by which the client nation is blessed by association.
    d. Manifest destiny demands blessing by association with the mature believer.

Today, we see many Christians and denominations involved in:
1. Civil disobedience including destroying the property of others.
2. Socialism, DEI, Gender Identity, etc.
3. Christians want to stick their nose into other people's business and life, and this invades their privacy.

This Christian activism accomplishes nothing against the world's system. In fact, a Christian activist is an ally of the cosmic system.

Some Christian leaders gather a coterie of confused Christians and they're conned into doing what they're told Jesus would do. These activists get plenty of hate without the spiritual life benefits. Satan encourages Christian activism because it's part of the cosmic system.

In fact, Satan uses such activism to discredit the Bible and promote syncretistic Christianity. These believers become Christian losers. They fail to execute God's will, plan, and purpose for the Church Age even though they have equal opportunity to do so.

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A Christian loser is negative towards the study of Bible Doctrine. They opt for emotionalism, the feel-good approach. The loser is the believer who fails to execute the greatest spiritual life of all human history, the spiritual life of the Church Age.

If, as a believer, you fail to learn and metabolize Bible Doctrine, it will result in the failure to deploy the problem-solving devices on the defense line of the soul.

> PRINCIPLE: The loser believer does not fulfill God's plan for his life after salvation.

The loser believer has wrong priorities and spends his life in the cosmic system. The loser believer either never finds their right pastor or, if they do, because they are involved in the cosmic system, they never get serious about studying under them they just visits occasionally.

If the loser believer does get serious under their right pastor, they are serious only until they get distracted by the lure of the world or a more emotional experience at some denomination. This loser does not lose their salvation but fails to execute the protocol plan of God by which God is glorified in time and escrow blessings are distributed in time and eternity.

Loser believers, instead of becoming an invisible hero in the angelic conflict, become bored, dissatisfied, preoccupied with self, arrogant, frustrated, distracted, unstable, and unable to utilize the ten problem solving devices.

Further, legalism or self-righteous arrogance produces crusader arrogance.

> 2 John 8-9: "Look out for yourselves that you may not lose your momentum which you have accomplished, but that you may receive a full reward.
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> Vs. 9: No one has fellowship with God who keeps advancing out-of-bounds and does not remain on the playing field through the doctrine of Christ. The believer who perseveres in doctrine, this believer has fellowship with both the Father and the Son."

The warning is that if you lose your momentum, if you get out of fellowship and stay out of fellowship, if you grieve and quench the Holy Spirit, then you are going to lose those fantastic escrow blessings that are a part of your portfolio of invisible assets.

When we are out of fellowship, we are grieving or quenching the Holy Spirit. However, when we rebound, we get back on the playing field.

What are the characteristics of the Christian loser?

1. He is described in Galatians 5:4: "You have been alienated from Christ; you have drifted off course from grace."
2. He is described in Hebrews 12:15 as: "Coming short of the grace of God."
3. He is described as a "The tormented soul" in 2 Peter 2:7-9, "And if He rescued righteous Lot, oppressed by the sexual conduct of unprincipled men (for what he saw and heard as

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a righteous man living among them, he felt his righteous soul tormented day after day with their lawless deeds {homosexuality}), then the Lord knows how to rescue the spiritual man from testing, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment for the day of judgment."

4. He is described as "the lukewarm believer" in Revelation 3:15-16. The lukewarm believer was once hot but has cooled down.
5. He is described as "a shipwrecked believer" in 1 Timothy 1:19, "Having doctrine and a good conscience, which some believers have pushed aside, in fact they have become shipwrecked concerning their faith."
6. He is described as "the flawed believer" in James 1:23-24.

What are the descriptions of the loser believer?

1. The carnal believer. Romans 8:7;

   1 Corinthians 3:1-3: "And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ.

   Vs.2: I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for up to now you were not able to bear it, neither yet now are you able.

   Vs.3: For you are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are you not carnal, and walk as men?"

2. Prisoner to the law of sin.

   Romans 7:23: "But I see a different law in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin which is in my members."

3. A wretched believer.

   Romans 7:24: "Wretched man that I am! Who will set me free from the body of this death?"

4. The fulfillment of the lusts of the flesh.

   Galatians 5:16-21: "But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh.

   Vs.17: For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please.

   Vs.18: But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the Law.

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Vs.19: Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality,

Vs.20: idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions,

Vs.21: envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these, of which I forewarn you, just as I have forewarned you, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God."

5. Grieving the Holy Spirit.

Ephesians 4:30: "Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption."

6. Quenching the Holy Spirit.

1 Thessalonians 5:19: "Do not quench the Spirit;"

7. The enemy of the cross.

Philippians 3:18: "For many walk, of whom I often told you, and now tell you even weeping, that they are enemies of the cross of Christ,"

8. The enemy of God.

James 4:4: "You adulteresses, do you not know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God."

PRINCIPLE: Believers can get so wrapped up in politics that they become a neurotic believer. Deuteronomy 28:28

Never forget that a loser believer can never lose his salvation. Therefore, every believer has eternal life and cannot lose his salvation.

However, the loser believer can be a loser in the sense of failing to understand what the plan of God is and to grow in grace as a result. Therefore, he loses his escrow blessings for time and for the eternal state.

Colonel R. B. Thieme, Jr. said, "there are two approaches to problem solving on a national scale: pivot and power politics.

If you are involved in "pivot politics," you know that this is the divine solution to the problems of life. If you get involved in "power politics," you are involved in human and Satanic solution to problems.

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1. "Power politics" is the concept of "social action" to effect change within a city, state, or nation.

2. It uses peace and love propaganda to achieve its goals, and it stops people from thinking.

3. If this doesn't work, they resort to violence, tyranny, terror, and revolution to achieve their ends when people resist their propaganda.

4. Many believers become distracted from the plan of God by "power politics."

Pivot politics prepares the believer for the crisis through perception of Bible Doctrine, so that the faith-rest drill functions in claiming promises and coming to doctrinal conclusions. The larger the pivot, the greater the blessing, prosperity and effectiveness of the client nation.

A client nation flourishes when its citizens function under a system of pivot politics.

The term "pivot" has several definitions but its meaning with regard to a client nation is defined in the Thieme Bible Doctrine Dictionary it is defined as follows:

> (a) Within a national entity, an accumulation of believers whose spiritual advance determines client-nation status; (b) the nucleus of spiritual heroes that furthers the plan of God for mankind, influences the course of human history, and provides prosperity and protection to the client nation through blessing by association (Matt. 5:13a). The illustrative term pivot is the counterpart to the Old Testament term "remnant," used in reference to faithful believers of Jewish nations (2 Kings 19:30; Isa. 10:20–22).
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> As a national citizen, the Christian is responsible for becoming part of the pivot. It is his obligation to live by the power of the Holy Spirit; advance to spiritual maturity through perception, metabolizing, and application of Bible doctrine; and become an invisible hero who contributes to national blessing and preservation. Pivotism is the opposite of activism, which arrogantly tries to 'Christianize' society through public action, ultimately becoming part of the degeneracy that warrants judgment upon the land.
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> A believer in the pivot recognizes that there is no greater system for serving God and country than executing the unique spiritual life of this age. With doctrine in the soul, the pivot believer reflects the glory of God upon a lost and dying world (Matt. 5:14–16), and the blessings he receives from the Lord benefit his nation. This is the invisible, spiritual impact on history for which the Church is designed. A large pivot of invisible heroes means strength and prosperity in the government, law enforcement, military, economy, culture, and social life of the entire nation. But if the pivot shrinks beyond a certain point, impact is lost; the client nation declines and is eventually destroyed through the cycles of divine discipline (Hosea 4:1–3). Unbelievers and reversionists in the land are caught up in the waves of historical disaster, while the remaining pivot members are shielded by the unfailing care of God (Ps. 33:18–22; 46:1–11; Isa. 37:31–38).

The biblical application refers to the pivot as the accumulation of mature believers living in a client nation under civil government in a specific geographical location.

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The biblical pivot includes the categories of mature believers along with those who are positive to Bible Doctrine and are consistently advancing toward spiritual maturity.

These believers contrast with believers associated with the cosmic system, including the systems of arrogance, hatred and reversionism. Among these are those who spin off into a soul status that overly cannot be distinguished from unbelievers.[4] These types make up those who become involved in crusader arrogance, civil disobedience, property damage, etc.

Those involved in the pivot find their solution through a personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ. They are advancing to spiritual maturity; they are using the Faith Rest Drill and the Problem-Solving Devices to handle the problems of the day.

If, however, you are a loser believer and are using human viewpoint, you approach what's going on in our nation with compromise and alliance with the enemy.

Pivot politics emphasizes grace and divine viewpoint, and power politics emphasizes arrogance, self-righteousness, humanism and change.

What change do we see with power politics?

1. Destruction of establishment authority and the proper use of freedom.
2. Destroys freedom in the name of common good.
3. By emphasizing change in the name of human good, destroys the essential characteristics of the angelic conflict: freedom.
4. It destroys human freedom by attacking establishment authority, personal privacy, property and free enterprise.

Pivot politics offers solutions without tampering with human freedom.

> PRINCIPLE: A pivot of mature believers breaks no laws, sponsors no violence, confiscates no one's property, does not intrude on privacy, but turns the world upside down through the invisible force of Bible Doctrine and the function of the Royal Family Honor Code.
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> PRINCIPLE: Power politics is the believer on a crusade, full of scar tissue of the soul with locked in arrogance, filled with self-righteousness, parlaying human good into evil.
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> PRINCIPLE: Power politics uses human good to produce evil. Pivot politics uses doctrine to produce divine good.

Pivot politics is addressed in scripture by "salt" as a preservative, and power politics by "leaven" because it corrupts.

> PRINCIPLE: The advancing believer must never forget that Jesus Christ controls history, and advancing to spiritual maturity is our number one priority.

[4] Thieme Bible Doctrine Dictionary, Page 197: Pivot of Mature Believers

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Each believer must choose for involvement in the plan of God or try to improve Satan's world through human systems. The pivot uses Bible Doctrine to produce divine good. Those involved in Power politics uses human good to produce evil.

Political solutions are useless in a nation without spiritual solutions. What makes political solutions great is the invisible heroship of a pivot of mature believers.

Political solutions are temporal; spiritual solutions are eternal. Political solutions relate to the power of man; spiritual solutions relate to the power of God.

Today we see political solutions that are often erroneous and destructive to a nation, while spiritual solutions offer hope to a nation and eternal life to individuals in that nation.

Arrogant leaders who become self-righteous lead the nation down a path of destruction. However, we know that nations are destroyed for a lack of Bible Doctrine. Hosea 4:1-7, 8:7:

> Hosea 4:6: "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I also will reject you from being My priest. Since you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children."
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> Hosea 8:7a: "For they sow the wind, And they reap the whirlwind."

PRINCIPLE: Rejection of Bible Doctrine leads to destruction of the client nation. Everything depends on your attitude toward Bible Doctrine.

Let's look at some final points on where we are as a nation and why politicians cannot save this nation.

1. The leaders in our country are willing to get what they want through deceit and delusion camouflaged by rhetorical veils that appeal to the masses.

2. Our system of justice is administered by those who are in bed with the criminal element, and we have a two-tiered system of justice in our country today.

3. Congress is corrupted by those who use their power to promote themselves rather than the people they serve.

4. And finally, we are seeing antisemitism rise up in this nation like never before and it results in liability to personal and national discipline from the supreme court of heaven. Genesis 12:3

Our first principle:

PRINCIPLE: Life is not a losing battle for the believer in Jesus Christ growing in grace!

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> Colossians 1:27: "To whom God willed to make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory."

We can never forget God controls history. Our job is to fulfill God's plan for our lives and let God take care of the details. If we're doing our duty and this country falls, He will either bring us home to be with Him or bring us through the fire!

1. He controls history through the function of His divine essence.
2. He controls history as a judge of the supreme court of heaven.
3. He controls history through the pivot of mature believers in the client nation.
4. He controls history through the utilization of the wrath of man to praise Him. Psalm 76:10
5. He controls history through the preservation of Israel against all antisemitism functions both Satanic and sin nature conspiracy.
6. He controls history through the preservation of planet earth during the course of human history.
    a. He not only created the universe. Hebrews 1:10
    b. But He also holds the universe together by the word of His power. Hebrews 1:3

> Hebrews 1:3: "And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,"

7. By the control of history, Jesus Christ provides freedom for the function of human volition.

Once we become believers in Jesus Christ, we enter into the Royal Family of God and, at the same time, we become a representative of the Lord Jesus Christ on earth.

Each believer is Royal Family of God representing the King of kings and the Lord of lords during his tenure on this earth.

> PRINCIPLE: We represent ourselves before God and we re-present God before men.

As an ambassador, God gives us the power and ability to handle the job since we are appointed by God Himself at the moment we believe in Jesus Christ.

We are provided for by logistical grace and we have our written instructions in the form of the completed Cannon of Scripture. These written instructions include the Problem-Solving Devices, all the imperative moods, principles, doctrines, etc.

Never forget the ambassador does not belong to the country to which he is sent. Our citizenship and home is in heaven.

> Philippians 3:20: "For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ;"

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We have the greatest opportunity for happiness in all of human history if we execute the unique spiritual life in the midst of the chaos of our nation today.

To be alive during a time when all the divine institutions are under attack and our nation is heading for destruction gives us the opportunity for maximum use of our spiritual life and the greatest opportunity for glorifying God and the happiness that goes with it.

This glorification of God comes from advancing to the high ground of Mount Pleroma status and added to it is the tremendous happiness that comes from trusting the Lord in time of great adversity.

We must do our duty and advance to spiritual maturity, and this requires the following:

1. Momentum, the daily intake of the teaching of the Word of God.
2. Motivation, which comes from personal love for God (our motivational virtue), which is the motivation to continue to learn the Word of God (Bible Doctrine).
3. Protection from the grace of God provided for us in eternity past and given to us now in our time of need.
4. Power through the filling of the Holy Spirit, who is our mentor and teacher, and brings to our memory the things we have forgotten.

With great adversity in our nation, Bible Doctrine and reciprocal love for God combine with grace under the power of God the Holy Spirit and results in the fulfillment of the unique spiritual life.

> PRINCIPLE: Advance to the high ground of spiritual maturity by the believer is necessary for the preservation of client nation USA.

Therefore, we should look forward to the challenges that comes from a nation being destroyed. If we advance to spiritual maturity, we can look back and thank God that we found true happiness in the greatest disaster in American history.

The following sums this up:

> When the believer uses divine assets under extreme stress, not only is God's perfection demonstrated to Satan, but the marvel of God's grace is also made dramatically clear to the mature believer himself. His occupation with the person of Christ sustains an inner happiness that is the greatest of all problem-solving devices.
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> Whether enjoying prosperity or coping with adversity, the mature believer has access to all the problem-solving devices of the entire divine dynasphere. Using the tremendous assets of his palace, he sustains his spiritual momentum throughout his life and handles suffering with such confidence that he becomes a maximum demonstration of God's perfect grace and integrity.[5]

[5] R. B. Thieme, Jr., Christian Suffering, 3d ed. (Houston: R. B. Thieme, Jr., Bible Ministries, 2002), 15.

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True happiness is not associated with what's going on around us or to our circumstances. It occurs when the believer fulfills the plan of God for his life. This happiness is made available by learning the details of that plan revealed only in the Word of God.

> 1 John 1:4: "We write these things to you in order that your state of happiness (*chará*) might be complete."

Happiness is the ultimate problem-solving device as demonstrated by our Lord in Hebrews 12:2.

> Hebrews 12:2: "Fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God."

If we persevere under the current national downtrend and stay loyal to doctrine it produces blessings from God.

> James 5:11: "We consider happy (*makarízō*) the ones having endured. You have heard of Job's perseverance and have seen what the Lord finally brought about. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy."

The word we translate as "happy" in James 5:11 is not *chará* but the verb *makarízō* which is translated "blessed" in all the major English translations with the exception of the King James, which happens to get it right. Here's why:

> The special feature of (*makarízō*) in the New Testament is that it refers overwhelmingly to the distinctive joy which accrues to man …. Thus the verb is used of the blessing … in James 5:11 of the righteous who endure.[6]

Integrity, which is loyalty to doctrine in all circumstances, demands that the believer stand fast. Therefore, loyalty to truth accrues happiness from the source of divine blessings:

> 1 Peter 3:13: "Who is going to harm you if you are devoted to what is good?
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> Vs. 14: But in fact, if you happen to suffer for doing what is right, blessed (*makários*: happinesses) are you. But do not be terrified of them or be shaken."

Trusting in God through loyalty to His Word allows the Father to make you happy by means of divine blessings regardless of what's happening in our country.

> Romans 15: 13: "May the God of confidence fill you with great happiness (*chará*) and prosperity as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with confidence by means of the enabling power of the Holy Spirit."

The Psalmists often commented on the status of happiness. Ps 100:2

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[6]F. Hauck, "*makarízō*," in *Theological Dictionary of the New Testament*, ed. Gerhard Kittel, trans. Geoffrey W. Bromiley (Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1967), 4:367.

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> Psalm 100:2: "Serve the Lord with super-abundance of happiness (*simchah*); come before Him with joyful exuberance (*renanah*)."

True happiness is an inner resource that is not affected by anything externally from the world.

It is only the staying power from Bible Doctrine that can lead a person to the status of inner happiness.

> Philippians 3:1: "Keep on having inner happiness (*chaírō*) in the Lord. To be writing the same things again (Paul had already used the words *chaírō* and *sunchaírō* five times in the Epistle) to you on the one hand is not troublesome while on the other hand it is a safeguard from falling into reversionism for you."

Note: Paul uses *chaírō* four more times in Philippians including:

> Philippians 4:4: "Keep on having inner happiness in the Lord at all times! Once more I repeat the command: keep on having inner happiness!"

If you want to fulfill Paul's command it means that we must make the commitment to appropriate time for, interest in, and the concentration on the daily intake of Scripture under the enabling power of the Holy Spirit.

This process, if pursued without wavering, will lead us to the possession and utilization of the same problem-solving devices that provided our Lord with the staying power to complete the work of our so great salvation on the cross.

His staying power was enabled by the presence of unwavering happiness in His soul so that nothing associated with the imputation, or the judgment, caused Him to lose that happiness.

Never forget the only thing that changes this world is "The peace that passes all understanding" (Philippians 4:7). It's the doctrine in your soul.

You are the instrument of change but only by what's in your soul.

Toward those of us who are believers in Jesus Christ, Satan administers the "cosmic system" to prevent, impede, and reverse their spiritual growth. You must become a warrior in the angelic conflict.

Jesus's message is to persevere until the end, and you need to fulfill His plan for your life regardless of circumstances.

You are an ambassador in a foreign land, and we can have relationship with those in the "cosmic system" but we cannot compromise with them.

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Flexibility and tolerance do not imply leniency or acceptance of the erroneous thoughts and actions of others.

Believers must, through wisdom, remain flexible regarding the nonessentials but stand fast and remain inflexible regarding the essentials.

Why would you want to consort with the enemy? It is treasonous to God when you try to compromise with the world. When you compromise with the world you become part of it.

We must stay away from antisemitism because that brings cursing from God.

> Genesis 12:3: "And I will bless those who bless you, And the one who curses you I will curse. And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed."

Survival of the United States will take evangelism, positive volition toward Bible Doctrine, and the function of the protocol plan of God.

Only through habitual love for God and a personal desire to learn, defend, and apply His word can the believer have the invisible historical impact that our nation's current circumstance requires.

> PRINCIPLE: The communication of the Word of God and Gospel never returns void without effect.

It's our job and if you lead someone to Christ, you have a friend for life! Some will reject it but never forget it's our job.

Real change in this nation will come from evangelism and Bible Doctrine in the soul and it's individual by individual change. It comes from the inside out not the outside in.

> PRINCIPLE: As goes the believer, so goes the client nation to God.

The current situation in the United States is not hopeless but circumstances are metastasizing toward probable crisis stage.

The conflict of visions between the traditional and progressive worldviews has been won by the latter and our nation needs to make a decision which direction we will go.

Currently there still seems to be enough believers who are positive to the Word and enough, apparently, so that the Lord is holding things together for the moment.

Mature believers must use the doctrine in their soul and a confident reliance on Jesus Christ for guidance and protection. Never forget God's amazing grace!!

We need to have Bible Doctrine loaded and ready for fire in the application of the Problem-Solving Devices.

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The believer guards the Word of God by taking a stand for it before men. You will tolerate those who disagree, but you can never tolerate their actions if they violate the standards of Scriptures. Your loyalty to the Word of God will fulfill Paul's mandate to keep on having inner happiness. For those who have made that advance and for those who are well on the way, you will have the inner happiness that Paul describes in Philippians 3:1, 4:4.

Sharing the happiness of God is said to be inexpressible, yet the Psalmists (Psalm 100:2) instruct us to "make a joyful noise unto the Lord."

Here is an example of how B. E. Warren made the effort to do so in his hymn "Joy Unspeakable" in which he references the words of 1 Peter 1:8:

I have found His grace is all complete,
He supplieth every need;
While I sit and learn at Jesus' feet,
I am free, yes, free indeed.

It is joy unspeakable and full of glory.
Full of glory, full of glory;
It is joy unspeakable and full of glory,
Oh, the half has never yet been told.

I have found the pleasure I once craved,
It is joy and peace within;
What a wondrous blessing! I am saved
From the awful gulf of sin.

I have found the joy no tongues can tell,
How its waves of glory roll!
It is like a great o'erflowing well,
Springing up within my soul.

It is joy unspeakable and full of glory.
Full of glory, full of glory;
It is joy unspeakable and full of glory,
Oh, the half has never yet been told.[7]

2 Chronicles 7:14: "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

Or

[7]B. E. Warren, "Joy Unspeakable," in *Inspiring Hymns*, comp. Alfred B. Smith (Grand Rapids: Singspiration Music, 1951), 297.

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Hosea 8:1: "Put the trumpet to your lips! Like an eagle the enemy comes against the house of the Lord, because they have transgressed My covenant and rebelled against My law."

Hosea 8:7a: "For the sow the wind and they reap the whirlwind."

PRINCIPLE: Do you know someone who can overrule bad leadership or bad circumstances? Yes, you do! And get this, you're on HIS team!

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