

## The Election

Over the last 4 weeks I have seen some incredible things. First, as you know, Tammy and I got to see our grandson. **PHOTO 1** I don't really have words to describe that feeling. Seeing your son become a father is priceless. He will now finally begin to understand how much his mother and I love him. Something about becoming a parent makes a lot of things apparent.

As I held Henry I kept praying and wondering what his eyes would see. What kind of world would he live in? What does the future hold for him? What does God have planned for him? Why did God send him to us.....now? How will he be gifted? Will he one day be born again or is he doomed to remain in the flesh and an enemy of God? Will we be together for all of eternity or is this it? He was so brand spanking new. He was with God just months ago. Before he was in the womb....God knew my grandson.

I was full of joy, thrilled for my son and daughter in law, thrilled for Tammy, so grateful to God for this incredible gift and experience....and yet at the same time...I know the future...I know where we are all heading....I know we are in the end times...that means that this time will end.

I was sent by God to this world in 1961. In my 59 years, I have seen so much. Technology, Medicine, Communication have exploded...becoming so much more advanced. And yet, through my lifetime morals, decency, the value of human life, the value of the potential of unborn life, the respect of women, the value of women, the respect and fear of God, the importance of Jesus, the trust in God's truth, have all plummeted....year by year.

What I have seen just in my lifetime is a complete degradation of the dignity, respect, and value of human life and of God. What we speak of and are bombarded with on television/radio/and social media....were only spoken about in the crudest circles 40 years ago. So I wonder, long after I am with Jesus, what will Henry be exposed to? What will he experience? How hard will it be for him to sort through the lies and find the truth of Jesus?

I know that every year we live...we move further and further away from God. God told us that this would happen.

2 Timothy 3:1-7 (ESV) 1 But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty. 2 For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, 3 heartless, unappeasable, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not loving good, 4 treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, 5 having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power. Avoid such people. 6 For among them are those who creep into households and capture weak women, burdened with sins and led astray by various passions, 7 always learning and never able to arrive at a knowledge of the truth.

Always learning...but never able to arrive at a knowledge of truth...If there was one verse to describe our world...I think that is it. We are experts and learning and promoting lies. Totally oblivious to God's truth....puffed up in our own accomplishments that mean nothing.

Also during the last 4 weeks away Tammy and I traveled to Chicago and Nashville. There was quite a bit of culture shock that surprised me.

In Chicago there was a genuine palpable fear that you could feel among the people. They seem to have a fear of Covid 19 that reminded me of the first month of Covid in Florida. At the same time, buildings are boarded up, **PHOTO 2** businesses are open on a limited basis, and BLM posters are everywhere. They seem to be placed in an attempt **PHOTO 3** to prevent business from being looted. The number of Covid cases and particularly death from Covid was quite lower than I expected in such a large city- probably because of the young age of most people there. The weekend that we were there, 36 people were shot and it barely made the news.

Then Tammy and I returned to Florida just in time for the experience of our elections for President and Congress. When I saw the fear of people in Chicago, I knew our elective process would be very interesting.

I stayed up on election night until 5 am watching the process with intense interest. Not so much in the outcome, but more in what has happened to us? How did we get as a nation to this point? Why are we so deeply divided on so many issues?

I found myself alternating between Fox News and CNN. Both looking at the exact same data and drawing completely different conclusions. Both incredibly biased with an clear agenda of deception. The experts on both channels claiming to know what will happen. As the Scriptures promised....Always learning but never arriving at truth.

I will admit that I had a preference for the more conservative policies of the Repulicans. But I found myself that night and in the crazy days that have followed asking God....what are you doing? Not WHAT ARE YOU DOING? But more God....what are you up to? Why are you taking us through this?

I knew that God had already chosen our next President....I knew that the President no matter who he is...would do what God directed him to do. That God had a bigger plan...that God had a reason for showing us just how divided we truly are as Americans. My question to God was more...why are you doing it this way? Why not just reveal your choice in a landslide? What are you trying to show us about ourselves? What lesson are we to learn?

So as I was praying about this series...I asked God as I always do...what do you have next for Remnant? What do you want to teach us in this moment? What do you want me to tell them? What do you need to teach me about myself that I can share with them?

God impressed upon me...Teach them about my Sovereignty. Remind them what it means to pray Thy Will be Done on Earth as it is in Heaven. Remind them that End times means things are ending. Sending them as light into darkness means the darkness is going to be very dark. Prepare them for what is coming.

Fortunately, we have God's Word to guide us. His truth that is our true north. The standard against all else must answer. My emotions over the last month reminded me of Paul...in his letter to the Romans. We are going to look and hopefully learn from God through Paul about our current circumstances. We will spend four weeks in this series learning the lessons of Romans Chapter 9.

Let me set the context of this passage. Remember that Paul was a missionary and Apostle of Christ. He wanted to go to Rome, the center of the world and teach them about Jesus. However, he was delayed in going there and so he wrote a very detailed letter to them that we call Romans.

Chapter 8 is the most famous chapter of Romans. It starts with there is no condemnation in Christ....the comparison of the mind set on the flesh or on the Spirit...He speaks of us being heirs with Christ...with an Abba Father.

Romans 8:18–21 (ESV) 18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. 19 For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. 20 For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope 21 that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

Paul begins to reveal something...the sufferings of the present time...creation subjected to futility...Everything had come to a point in Rome where it all seemed futile. I think I have a sense of what Paul is saying to them...to us.

We know that the Roman empire eventually collapsed under its immorality, internal division and...well...futility of human efforts. In this passage Paul tells us why this happened...

Creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it....

Why are things so futile...so meaningless...because God deemed it to be. It is the consequence of God's punishment for our sin. Even though everything in our world will become meaningless, futile and the opposite of what God intended....God gives us hope.

Romans 8:20–25 (ESV) 20 For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope 21 that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. 22 For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. 23 And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. 24 For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? 25 But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Paul told the Romans and us..that God subjected our world to end..for all human efforts to become meaningless...Why? So that we would groan for better days. So that we would long for a world so different from the one we have experienced. This world, creation, and every person is living under a curse...full of information but no truth. That is the future for us...for everyone and for my grandson.

So we find ourselves...as Paul says...We hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Paul ends Chapter 8 with the truth that sustains him when all seems futile.

Romans 8:38–39 (ESV) 38 For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Lets repeat this verse together out loud...and pay attention to the emotion that you feel when you read it. Then pay attention to your emotions in the next verse.

Romans 9:1–3 (ESV) 1 I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit— 2 that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart.

Paul says, I look around the world today and my soul is anguished for what is happening to the people I love. I am watching the people I love the most....struggle against the futility of sinful life....and it brings to me great sorrow and anguish in my heart.

I know that feeling. I know exactly what Paul is talking about. I have been trying for weeks to come up with the words that express how I feel. The Holy Spirit is my witness too. My heart is full of great sorrow for the people that I love. And Paul adds...that not only is it anguish...it is UNCEASING anguish. It never stops.

We are headed for end times...dark times...horrible times...things are not going to get better year by year...they are only going to get worse...because God ordained it...and He is Sovereign.

Every decade of human existence has moved humans further and further from God. I have seen it over 6 decades....I remember my Grandfather speaking of the moral decline that occurred during his 8 decades. We are headed to an end...a true ecologic meltdown from God's Global Warming over our sin.

I know God's truth....and yet many I love are filled with Man's information...never arriving at the truth. They are living futile lives without God in futile circumstances...They should know better...yet there they are....spiraling toward Hell...like the dance band on the Titanic.

Then Paul says something that resonated with my heart as a father and now a grandfather.

**Romans 9:2–3 (ESV) 3 For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh.**

God curse me and save the people that I love. If I could take the curse that is still upon my children and my grandchild..I would do it in a heartbeat. If somehow God could pour out their curse upon me....and doing so would save them...God...that would be my wish.

As I was meditating on that passage for this sermon....I began to understand in a deeper way....why Jesus went to the cross. He saw me...and you...the way I see my children...and my grandchild...doomed under sin...headed for Hell...and Jesus full of love for all of us...said Father, I will suffer in their place. Pour your wrath upon me...so I can save those I love.

Unfortunately, I can't save my children or anyone else. Salvation belongs to God...another lesson about His Sovereignty that we will explore.

**Ephesians 2:8–9 (ESV) 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, 9 not a result of works, so that no one may boast.**

**John 6:44 (ESV) 44 No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day.**

Do you know the hardest part of realizing that my children have rejected Jesus?

They grew up in my home. They attended church with us every week. We prayed together. We talked about God all the time. We tried our best to show Jesus to them.

We tirelessly served the homeless and took them with us. We taught them all that we thought they needed to know about Jesus. We constantly encouraged them to turn to the truth of God's Scriptures. To ignore what the world said about them and to hold on to what God says about them.

We took in Foster children to try to help our children understand what it means to live out what Jesus taught. We were by no means perfect but we tried our best. The greatest regret of my life is that it was not enough. I failed to show Jesus to my children. God's word says....

**John 12:31–32 (ESV) And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself."**

I did all that I knew to do..in the moment to lift Christ up so that my Children could see him. So I always carry with me a feeling that their rejection of Jesus is somehow my fault. I know that they have to own it....but that is a lie of Satan that I have a hard time overcoming. They have rejected Jesus...and at times I feel it knowing what that means about me.

So I understand...as you likely do as well...Paul's next verse.

**Romans 9:4–5 (ESV) 4 They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. 5 To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.**

Paul is saying....these are my kinsmen...they share my flesh...they are Israelites...descendants of Israel...12 tribes...Children of God.

They were given everything....They were born into Jewish families...families who held the promise of God. God placed them in a special home. They received the adoption. They weren't born distant from God...They were born surrounded by Him.

They had it all right in front of them....the opportunity for adoption into the family of God, the glory, the covenants (the promises of God) , the giving of the law (The truth of God) , the worship, and the promises (The revelation of the future). Paul says...these are not just random people distant from God....They are my kin...my relatives...they share my DNA. They were given everything!

Their lineage...included everyone....Adam...Noah.. Abraham...Isaac...Jacob...the 12 Tribes...All the prophets...Jeremiah...Isaiah...Ezekiel...All the Kings...David...Solomon....All of these patriarchs...came from their race..their DNA..their blood courses through our veins.

And most importantly...they share the lineage..in the flesh...of Jesus the Christ..Who is God over all. These are the people who have rejected Jesus. It is as if Paul almost can't believe it. They are not rejecting Jesus out of ignorance...or a lack of exposure...or a lack of teaching...or a lack of worship...or failure to have been given the truth... They have been given it all...and they can't see....and that is exactly how I feel about our world today...particularly in the West.

As a Christian Nation...at least at one time in our past...we were given everything. Generation after Generation we were born into families surrendered to God. God placed so many of us in a special home where we too were not distant from God but rather surrounded by Him.

They had it all right in front of them...They were given the truth....the promises of God...they were given the opportunity to become adopted Children of God...grafted into the same lineage that produced the patriarchs...they too were given the truth of Scripture....most rejecting a Bible that they have never truly read with their hearts...

They too were offered the promises of God. The Covenants of God...As true for them as they are for Abraham, the Disciples and every believer since.

Like Paul we cry out...These are my kin! They are my relatives...My Children...My Grandchildren...They share my DNA..they were given everything!

They were born in America....or they came to America. There are churches on every corner...hundreds of Christian radio stations...A few true Christians on TV...Bibles available in every Hotel room and in every book store. Free for anyone who asks...Thousands of web sites explaining the gospel message...Blogs...Face book pages...Sermons live cast and available to study and watch 24/7...Missions...Missionaries...and thousands of true Christ followers who would do anything for them...When Paul says they are Israelites I can hear my heart exclaiming....they are Americans...living under God's enormous blessings and protections....how could they reject God...how can they not see Him?

So Paul shares with us the emotions of his heart. He goes from....

Romans 8:38–39 (ESV) 38 For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

To this ...

Romans 9:1–5 (ESV) 1 I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit— 2 that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. 3 For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh. 4 They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. 5 To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.

In both passages, Paul is speaking truth...Nothing in all of creation can separate us from God's Love. God loves all of us unconditionally. He loves us even when we reject Him.

Romans 5:8 (ESV) 8 but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Paul is wrestling with a very sobering truth...while nothing can separate us from God's love...we can choose to separate ourselves from Him. That is what causes his heart anguish. The people he loves are walking away from Jesus...they have been given everything...and they are choosing to reject all of it.

While we were still sinners, Christ died for us....and Paul tells us...if there was a way...I would die for those I love...and so would I. But we are not worthy. We cannot be their substitute...we cannot take the place of Jesus for them...He and He alone was worthy to be sacrificed for their sin. Paul says I wish That I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers...but I can't save them...I can't be their Christ....no matter how much I love them...no matter how much God loves them....they can reject it all.

And in this struggle we begin our introduction into the Sovereignty of God. In the next 4 weeks we are going to gain a deeper understanding of God's Sovereignty.

Those of us who grew up in a Democracy really struggle with the Sovereignty of God. It goes against our arrogance, our independence, our false belief that we control our destiny, and the lie we believe about how we control the world around us and the future.

God declares Himself to be sovereign. Pay attention to your emotions as we begin a short introduction to our series.

The sovereignty of God means that as ruler of the Universe, God is free and has the right to do whatever he wants. He is not bound or limited by the dictates of his created beings. Further, he is in complete control over everything that happens here on Earth. God's will is the final cause of all things.

In the Bible, sovereignty is often expressed in the language of kingship: God rules and reigns over the entire Universe. He cannot be opposed. He is Lord of heaven and earth. He is enthroned, and his throne is a symbol of his sovereignty. God's will is supreme.

The result of trusting in God's sovereignty is knowing that his good purposes will be achieved. Nothing can hinder God's plan; history will be worked out according to the will of God:

Romans 8:28 (ESV) 28 And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

Ephesians 1:11–12 (ESV) 11 In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, 12 so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory.

The purposes of God are the most important reality in the Christian's life. Our new life in God's Spirit is based on his purposes for us, and sometimes that includes suffering. Difficulties in this life serve a purpose in God's sovereign plan:

James 1:2–4 (ESV) 2 Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, 3 for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. 4 And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

James 1:12 (ESV) 12 Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him.

A theological puzzle is also raised by the sovereignty of God. If God truly controls everything, how can humans have free will? It is obvious from Scripture and from everyday life that people do have free will. We make both good and bad choices. However, the Holy Spirit prompts the human heart to choose God, a good choice. In the examples of King David and the Apostle Paul, God also works with man's bad choices to turn lives around.

The ugly truth is that sinful human beings deserve nothing from a holy God. We cannot manipulate God in prayer. We cannot expect a rich, pain-free life, as touted by the prosperity gospel. Neither can we expect to reach heaven because we are a "good person." Jesus Christ has been provided to us as the way to heaven. (John 14:6)

Part of God's sovereignty is that despite our unworthiness, he chooses to love and save us anyway. He gives everyone the freedom to accept or reject his love.

Sovereignty Scriptures.



Isaiah 46:9–11 (ESV) 9 remember the former things of old; for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me, 10 declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done, saying, 'My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my purpose,' 11 calling a bird of prey from the east, the man of my counsel from a far country. I have spoken, and I will bring it to pass; I have purposed, and I will do it.

Psalms 115:3 (ESV) 3 Our God is in the heavens; he does all that he pleases.

Daniel 4:35 (ESV) 35 all the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing, and he does according to his will among the host of heaven and among the inhabitants of the earth; and none can stay his hand or say to him, "What have you done?"

Romans 9:19–20 (ESV) 19 You will say to me then, "Why does he still find fault? For who can resist his will?" 20 But who are you, O man, to answer back to God? Will what is molded say to its molder, "Why have you made me like this?"

We too often forget that God is Sovereign. We tend to forget it when we think about the salvation of others, the spread of a pandemic, or the election of a President.

God has a mission for earth. All that He has promised will be accomplished. Nothing will be forgotten....nothing that He promises will fail to come to fruition. God has a plan for my grandchild, He has a plan for this pandemic and He has a plan for our nation and its leaders.

In every election...every appointment of a King...every rise of a leader...occurred at and by the Hand of God. What does Julius Caesar, Pharaoh, Nebuchadnezzar, Alexander the Great, Napoleon, Abraham Lincoln, Hitler, Mussolini, Churchill, Truman, FDR, JFK, Ronald Reagan, Barack Obama, and Donald Trump have in common?

They were all chosen by God...allowed by God...to lead....in a specific place, in specific times, to carry out God's Specific Plan for mankind. God never promised to make every decision for the benefit of Americans. He promised to purge the world of Sin, to save us from our selves and to destroy this world as we know it.

You can't read the Bible about End times and not see that life as we have known it...must come to an end. Jesus said that when the end is near...darkness will prevail. Sin will be rampant, the truths of God ignored, Christians persecuted, churches targeted, and man will be given over to our debased minds to call what is good evil and what is evil good.

God told us the future so that we would be prepared for it.

Matthew 24:32–33 (ESV) 32 "From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. 33 So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates.

Matthew 24:6–8 (ESV) 6 And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not alarmed, for this must take place, but the end is not yet. 7 For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places. 8 All these are but the beginning of the birth pains.



Matthew 24:9–14 (ESV) 9 "Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and put you to death, and you will be hated by all nations for my name's sake. 10 And then many will fall away and betray one another and hate one another. 11 And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray. 12 And because lawlessness will be increased, the love of many will grow cold. 13 But the one who endures to the end will be saved. 14 And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.

We will study this in more detail but there is enormous freedom once you embrace the sovereign will of God. Once you accept the truth that My God is in Heaven He does as He pleases.

What will be the historical story of Covid 19 years from now? It is easy...God used a global pandemic to bring about His perfect plan and His Sovereign Will.

Who will be elected as the next President of the United States? And the one in 2024, 2028, 2032? The person that God chooses to bring about His perfect plan and His Sovereign will. We don't choose the President...God does. We don't know which man is best suited to bring about the Sovereign will of God...only God does.

We vote our conscience...but the outcome is not ours. Will Trump steal the election? Will Biden steal the election? Will the Supreme Court determine the outcome? Will we fight in the streets to try to bring about change? I don't know. But here is what I do know.

My God....IS IN HEAVEN...and HE DOES AS HE PLEASES. And I am very good with that.

I will admit that I don't like either man who is running for President. I don't see Jesus in either of them. Jesus said we will know them by their fruit and we do. I am not naive enough to vote for a man...I vote for the person that I believe will best advance the mission of God.

But here is the problem. I don't know what God plans for our nation. I read the book and I don't see us there in the end times. No mention of a great Godly nation from the west. In fact, the Scriptures tell us that Israel will stand alone against their enemies and be supernaturally protected by God. No mention of a large superpower standing with her.

As I read the Scriptures I see the demise of America. As I read the papers, I see the demise of America. As I see the moral decay and rebellion of people against God, I know His just wrath will be headed our way. We will get into this more in the next few weeks.

So...God's choice for President could be the person who will most quickly bring our nation into further moral decay, lawlessness and implosion of the American Dream. It very clearly could be God's will that the experiment of American Democracy come to a crashing end.

Just as God rose up the Assyrians to bring about judgement on Israel....and the Babylonians to bring judgment upon those in Judea....It is naive of us to believe that what we have done as a nation has not stirred up His righteous wrath for us.

It is likely that God must give us over to our debased minds to do what we desire as a nation. God almost always allows lawlessness and ungodliness to grow rampantly unchecked before his wrath is poured out. So that when His righteous rebuke comes it will be clear that it is measured, appropriate and brings about His mission on earth..

Isaiah 55:9 (ESV) 9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Oddly I am...despite the tone of this sermon...very optimistic about the future.

You see...my God is in heaven and He does as He pleases. He is not pro-American...there is no American Covenant with God that says our nation must be blessed...must be protected...or even must exist. In fact, the more you understand God's heart the more you realize that His blessings on our nation really can't continue until we confess our sins and repent.

2 Chronicles 7:13–15 (ESV) 13 When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command the locust to devour the land, or send pestilence among my people, 14 if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

Will we as a nation repent? I don't know. I sure hope so.

But I know God is in control. God tells us there will be dark days ahead. Sinful days. Disgusting Days. Immoral Days, Days so horrible.....

Matthew 24:20–22 (ESV) 21 For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now, no, and never will be. 22 And if those days had not been cut short, no human being would be saved. But for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short.

So you see it? God always saves a Remnant. But for the sake of the elect....God protected those who were surrendered to Him from destruction. He has done it throughout History. He has promised it in the days yet to be History. There is a reason that we named this church Remnant.

A group of us felt God leading us to obey Him and follow Him no matter what happened in the World. To hold on to his truth no matter what we see or hear or feel around us. To walk in faith when others shrink in fear. To walk in freedom confident that God is working out his plan. To make sure that we know our citizenship is in Heaven not in the US and our king has already taken His throne forever.

So this week. When you are tempted to start blasting away at people on social media....trying in some way to defend God...remember that He is Sovereign and you and I are not. We don't know the specific plan and purpose of God in this election. So let's don't pretend like we do. We are called to be the Remnant. To reach out in love to those who are lost. To become peacemakers....to love those who hate you...to bless your enemies. Even when Jesus tells us that horrible end times are ahead...He gives us our assignment.

Matthew 24:13–14 (ESV) 13 But the one who endures to the end will be saved. 14 And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.

We aren't to argue about elections...we are to proclaim the good news of Jesus. So before you post anything on social media...ask yourself...are my words a testimony of the love of Jesus to all nations?

I want you to consider taking a fast from all forms of media. You are not going to find peace about the future on Fox or CNN or with one election result or another. The permanent peace you crave is found when you finally surrender to the Sovereignty of God in every circumstance of your life. Take the time that you used to spend in all forms of media and study God's Word. Do a word search on His Sovereignty. Read what Jesus says about then end of days. Meditate on the verse...My God is in Heaven He does as He pleases.

Next week we dive a bit deeper into His Sovereignty...and in that revelation we literally lose ourselves.

God chose a Kingdom to represent His reign....not a democracy. We may live in a temporary earthly democracy...but we must never forget that our King is in Heaven. The fate of our nation related to Covid is under the Sovereign Will of God. The future of my grandchild..is under the Sovereign Will of God...He will use Henry for His purposes however He seems fit....The future of America is under His Sovereign Will. Our God is in Heaven...He does as He pleases...in everything.

So knowing this to be true...there is only one prayer left for us. .YOUR KINGDOM  
COME...YOUR WILL BE DONE...ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN.