

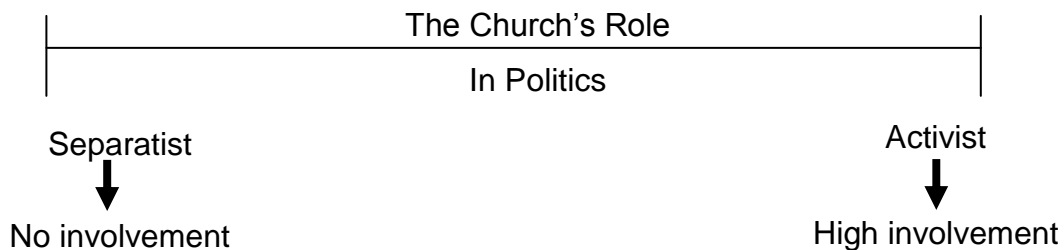
**Introduction: How can you say you love God and...**

➤ **Yet talk about political issues in church?**

- The Position =
  
- The Presuppositions =

➤ **Yet not take a stand on political issues in church?**

- The Position =
  
- The Presuppositions =



**The Question:** How do we navigate through the maze of the Church / politics conflict?

**The Answer:** Four biblical absolutes:

**Building a theological framework to think  
clearly about the Church and politics**

1. There are two kingdoms in conflict. John 18:36-37, 19:10-11
  
2. Every believer has dual citizenship. Mark 12:13-17
  
3. Human governments are ordained by God to restrain evil. Romans 13:1-7
  
4. The Church is ordained by God to make disciples. Matthew 28:18-20

**The Next Question:** How do we move from a theological framework to specific applications for daily living?

**The Answer:** Three biblical principles:

Understanding the roles and responsibilities  
of the Church, the government, and the individual  
believer in the political arena

1. Let the \_\_\_\_\_ be the \_\_\_\_\_!
2. Don't expect the \_\_\_\_\_ to achieve what only the  
\_\_\_\_\_ can \_\_\_\_\_!
3. Don't expect the Church to accomplish what only \_\_\_\_\_ believers  
can \_\_\_\_\_!

**Application:**

- A word to **Separatists** -
- A word to **Activists** -

**Discussion Questions:**

1. Why is talking about politics and the Church such a delicate issue?

2. What did you learn in this message that clarified God's role for . . .

The Church?

The government and its political process?

The individual believer?

3. What specific responsibility do you have as a "citizen of heaven" with regard to politics?

4. What specific responsibility do you have as a citizen of the United States of America?

5. How will you choose to fulfill the responsibilities you identified in questions #3 and #4 in the coming weeks?