

# Decision 2012, part 2

## October 21, 2012

### Our Responsibility as Christians:

#### **Matthew 5:13,14,16**

13 You are the salt of the earth...

14 You are the light of the world...

16 Let your light so shine before men...

Jesus has called us to be “salt and light” and that we are called to “let that light shine before men”!

The Founders [95% salt and light] believed that if the people of the nation did not “walk with God,” the nation would not long endure and the republic would ultimately reflect the values and morals of the populous and decline into oblivion.

**"Except the Lord build the house, They labor in vain who build it." "I firmly believe this."** - *Benjamin Franklin, 1787, Constitutional Convention*

**"The Bible is the Rock on which this Republic rests."** - *President Andrew Jackson*

**"The highest story of the American Revolution is this: it connected in one indissoluble bond the principles of civil government with the principles of Christianity."** - *President John Adams*

The founders never intended “the state” to initiate a “state religion,” but intended that “people of faith” would govern “the state.”

George Washington warned in his farewell address:

**“Let us with caution indulge the supposition or theory that morality can be maintained without religion . . . forbid us to expect that national morality can prevail in the exclusion of a religious people.”**

**"It is extremely important to our nation, in a political as well as religious view, that all possible authority and influence should be given to the scriptures, for these furnish the best principles of civil liberty, and the most effectual support of republican government. The principles of all genuine liberty and of wise laws and administrations are to be drawn from the Bible and sustained by its authority.**

***The man therefore who weakens or destroys the divine authority of that book may be accessory to all the public disorders which society is doomed to suffer . . ."***  
- Noah Webster

**In 1962 the Courts separated biblical principles from our schools and following has resulted:**

- Violent crime – up 470%
- Birth rates for junior high girls – up 460%
- Couples living together – up 1,000%
- Single parent families – up 3,000%

Politicians approach issues from a perspective of political posturing to maintain power, but as Christians we are called to address issues according to the Word of God.

### **Immigration – Legal and Illegal**

**Exodus 22:21** - Do not oppress foreigners in any way. Remember, you yourselves were once foreigners in the land of Egypt.

**Leviticus 19:33-34** – <sup>33</sup> And if a foreigner dwells with you in your land, you shall not mistreat him. <sup>34</sup> The foreigner who dwells among you shall be to you as one born among you, and you shall love him as yourself; for you were foreigners in the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God.

**Regarding “Illegal Immigration” Politicians have:**

- Purposely kept our Southern border porous
- We could seal the border in 6 months if we chose to
- One party wants to provide amnesty and reward illegal behavior and create a permanent underclass and voting block.
- The other wants to obey the “rule of law” and expel all “illegals”

Both views are for political expediency and neither are about the people in question.

Seal the border and create a legitimate status for those that have been exploited for our financial gain.

As Christians, we are called to “light a candle,” not to “curse the darkness.”

Let’s make a difference in someone’s life and deal with this issue as Jesus would!