



Uniting in Faith

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In the tumultuous landscape of contemporary politics, the voice of the church remains a beacon of moral guidance. As elections loom and critical issues such as abortion and the sanctity of human life and marriage are on the line, it becomes imperative for Christians to unite, not just in prayer but also in exercising their civic privilege by voting in alignment with their values.

The essence of democracy lies in the power of the people. For Christians, this poses a unique opportunity. The Bible underscores the importance of seeking justice, defending the oppressed, not being silent, and upholding the sanctity of life. In a nation where we have the opportunity to direct its course, we must use our votes to speak up for the oppressed and the voiceless.

In the upcoming elections, the issue of abortion looms, particularly in Virginia, where there are proposals for an amendment to Virginia's constitution that would legalize unlimited and unrestricted abortions until the moment of birth. For the church, this is not merely a matter of partisan politics but a biblical and moral imperative. Every life is precious and deserving of protection from conception to natural death. By voting our biblical values, Christians can actively foster a culture of life and compassion.

Similarly, the sanctity of marriage faces unprecedented challenges. Currently, there are proposals to codify marriage regardless of sex, gender, or even age. The institution of marriage

is not merely a societal construct but a divine covenant ordained by God. It serves as the bedrock of stable families and flourishing communities. Thus, the church must unequivocally oppose any attempts to dilute or redefine this sacred institution. By voting to preserve the traditional covenant of marriage, Christians help uphold and underpin family unity and moral integrity.

But we also know that the church's involvement must extend beyond the ballot box. Prayer is the key to effect change in the hearts and minds of individuals and policymakers alike. Friends, the church must stand united in both action and prayer as it navigates the complex terrain of politics. As the guardians of faith and conscience, the church must remain a formidable force for righteousness and justice in a misguided and broken world. ■

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