Good News for ALL People Christ's Win Can Benefit ALL – Even His Enemies Stevens County Times, Pastors' Perspective December 2024

A Facebook friend (someone I thought was a friend until she blocked me) posted this right after Trump's election: "America died. Freedom Died. Ethics Died. Healthcare Died," and her distressing list went on and on. For her, Trump's election meant a devasting end for America. I tried to explain to her why this was not the case, but she fired off a long, angry reply, and then, before I got to read it all, she excommunicated me from her social media world.

We would all agree that the recently concluded presidential campaign season has been exhausting on many levels. But then, isn't that our usual reaction as elections come to an end? We are used to the flood of commercials filled with a constant barrage of slogans, promises, accusations, and mud-slinging.

Still, over the last eight years, it is my observation that these campaigns have worked harder than ever to divide Americans, even equating "the other side" with murderous dictators out to rip up the Constitution. We all heard the fearful chorus of "Nazi" and "fascist" for the last several years, and now a mental health expert is advising Kamala supporters not to have family over for Thanksgiving if they voted for Trump – for their mental welfare. Pardon me, but that is pathetic.

While the haters and fearmongers are actively seeking to drive us further apart through their made-up rage based on their equally made-up predictions of doom and oppression, there is some good news out there. According to a CNN poll (broadcast Nov. 25/26), most Americans (53%) are excited and optimistic about the incoming president's agenda, and even more are in favor of his cabinet picks (over 60%).

But wait, there's more! - Trump's decisive popular vote win showed a growing unity in favor of common sense solutions to bi-partisan issues about the economy and securing our border. And then we witnessed key public figures (including former candidates) crossing party lines to support proven policies that benefit our country, regardless of the presidential candidate's party affiliation.

The majority of voters refused to take the bait of hate and fear spewing from the liberal talking heads and instead voted for policies over personalities. America is longing for a return to better outcomes during Trump's first term.* Also, this election was a sound rejection of the nonsense of the woke ideology of the day, as found in DEI (Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion). We voted for a return to common sense and the traditional values of our grandparent's generation.

Even corporate America and Academia are waking up, too. Over the last year or so, no less than 17 major retailers and corporations, Walmart being the most recent, have announced the end of their DEI programs, as are a growing number of Universities in several states.** The leftist media is gradually losing its influence over how we think – more good news that benefits ALL people.

My point is this: if your candidate did not win, the reality is that you, too, will benefit from the conservative policies (if implemented) that worked so well in his first term. Moreover, there is a biblical principle behind these conservative policies that goes against the racially divisive ideology of the left.

In Galatians 3:26, 28 (NIV84), we are told, "You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus,... There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus." All because "God does not judge by external appearance – He looks at your heart." (Gal. 2:6; 1 Sam. 16:7). This IS good news!

At Christmas, we recall that "silent night" out in the fields around Bethlehem when the angel Gabriel appeared to the Shepherds. As the brilliance of the angelic messenger split the night sky, they were terrified, but the angel spoke calmly to them and said:

"Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for ALL the people. Today in the town of David, a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord." (Luke 2:10-11).

Christmas brings a grander "good news of great joy that is for ALL the people," far exceeding anything a political election could deliver. This good news is that God the Father sent His Son into our broken and sin-sick world that is estranged from Him and in threat of eternal loss if left to ourselves. We needed a remedy, a redeemer, a rescuer from our lost condition – to find some way, or some One, who could "reconcile" us to our Father.

The Father prescribed that remedy: "But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem (rescue) those under the law, that we might receive the full rights of sons. (Gal 4:4-5). "All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ... that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them..." (2Co 5:18-19).

When Christ died as our substitute for the crimes we have committed against the Law of a holy and righteous God, He did so equally for those who would reject Him as much as those who would come to Him in repentance for their sin. This good news is for all - the drug addict, the divorcee, the drunkard, the nerd or the goth, the tea toddler, democrat, republican, independent, communist, Marxist, white, black/brown, red, "olive," and every letter of the "alphabet community."

When the Lord looks upon this earth, He only sees human beings carrying His Father's breath within them. To each breathing being, He promises that "Everyone who calls upon the Name of the Lord will be saved" (Acts 2:22). No matter your life situation, God's gift for you is complete forgiveness and new life through faith in Christ. I encourage you: Be reconciled to God this Christmas – He's already paid the price in full. Now it's your move.

*("The Trump Economy, Three Years In: What The Numbers Say," by Maxim Lott, FoxBusiness.com, Feb 17, 2020); **("Washington Free Beacon" website, "DEI Dies at Walmart: Retail Giant Ends Equity Trainings, Will No Longer Consider Suppliers' Race and Gender," by Matthew Xiao, Nov 26, 2024, online; AND, "High Ed Dive" website, "A Look At DEI Eliminations At Colleges Across The US," by Laura Spitalniak, Sept 19, 2024, online - Respectively).