

# January 2025

JOIN US at our next Salt & Light SOC Meeting January 6th 5:00-7:00pm in the Upper Room at Calvary South OC

### Who is Salt & Light SOC

At Salt and Light SOC we strive to glorify God, as we protect and preserve the biblical values that are enshrined in the U. S. Constitution. We are to occupy until He comes, and as Salt and Light SOC, we confront the enemy wherever it threatens those values.

Everything we do is for God and Country, in that order.

## **Current Happenings:**

Help election integrity in Orange County by urging the Board of Supervisors to STOP the Voters Choice Act (VCA) RENEWAL in January. (1) Attend one Orange County Board of Supervisors meeting in January. THIS IS THE MEETING TO ATTEND! TAKE THE DAY OFF WORK IF POSSIBLE. Other methods to voice your opinion will be made available for those that cannot attend (and those that can as well). (2) Attend the preparation/informational meeting January 8<sup>th</sup> 5:00pm-9:00pm at Denny's in Tustin. RSVP to

<u>GodGunsGovt@proton.me</u> to attend. The justification used to pass the VCA in 2019 did not come to pass. To name a couple contrary results, Orange County's own data reports; election costs increased 77% and

voter participation did not increase. Mail-in ballots, unmonitored drop boxes, and seemingly never-ending ballot counting came with the VCA. Please reserve the dates January 14<sup>th</sup> and January 28<sup>th</sup> to attend the one meeting we will announce to help stop the VCA renewal.

VOTE IN PERSON! SPECIAL ELECTION
FEBRUARY 25<sup>TH</sup> FOR SENATE SEAT
DISTRICT 36. This seat was vacated by
Janet Nguyen to fill the district 1 seat at the
Orange County Board of
Supervisors. Potential candidates must file
by January 2<sup>nd</sup> for a place on the ballot.





# Why Christians Need to Vote!

Jesus commands us to be salt and light in the world and not hide our light under a bushel. Salt and Light involve spiritual, moral, economic and political action. True Christianity involves both Word and Deed (James 1:26-27). It involves a vertical relationship with God and a horizontal relationship with your neighbor "And you should love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength, and your neighbor as yourself." (Luke 10:26-28) How are we loving our neighbor if we have the means to legislate justice by voting, and then fail to do so?

#### Dietrich Bonhoeffer stated:

- Silence in the face of evil is itself evil. God will not hold us guiltless. Not to speak is to speak. Not to act is to act.
- The task of the church is not to simply help the victims beneath the wheel, but to drive a spoke into the wheel itself.

In our day and age, there are many who want to drive the name and message of Christ completely out of the public arena. Voting is an opportunity to promote, protect, and preserve godly government. Passing up that opportunity means letting those who would denigrate the name of Christ have their way in our lives. The leaders we elect—or do nothing to remove—have great influence on our freedoms and a destructive influence on our culture. They can choose to protect our right to worship and spread the gospel, or they can restrict those rights. They can lead our nation toward righteousness or toward moral disaster. As Christians, we should stand up and follow our command to fulfill our civic duties and vote the godliest candidates into office.

Are our candidates perfect? Absolutely not, but we bear the responsibility of electing the most biblically based candidates and then holding them responsible. Often this means the lessor of two evils.

We the Christian church should not separate from the government but rather be the conscience of the government.

#### Have Christians made a difference in the world?

- Stopping infanticide under Roman rule during the 2<sup>nd</sup> century by Dionysius bishop of Corinth.
- Social reformation during the Reformation Period by John Calvin who was involved with political and civil affairs and endorsed capitalism and set up education centers.
- Establishing a Christian foundation of Government in the Massachusetts Bay colony by the Pilgrims and Puritans.
- Creating a representative form of government through the Founding Fathers who integrated Christian principles into the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution.
- Ending slavery through the Christian abolitionist's movement in America and England.
- Granting women's suffrage/right to vote/19th Amendment.
- Granting civil rights to black Americans.
- Restoring sanctity of life for the unborn.
- Standing against oppressive unbiblical economic and social policies that threaten our individual God given rights of Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

