

Dual Citizenship: Christians' Influence in Government and Politics

(Philippians 3:20)

1. We are dual citizens of heaven and earth.
 - a. Paul appealed to the Roman commander on the basis of his Roman citizenship. (Acts 22:22-29)
 - b. Paul appealed to Caesar, the King. (Acts 25:10-12)
 - c. Like Paul, while we are **waiting** as American citizens for Christ's return, we are to be influencing our nation to believe in Him. (Philippians 3:20)

2. We are the salt of the earth. (Matthew 5:13)
 - a. Christian citizens **are** salt.
 - b. They can lose their influence to make nonbelievers **thirsty and hungry for God**.
 - c. They can lose their influence **to preserve the culture and not get it back**.
 - d. They can be "**thrown out of influence**" and be **trampled on by nonbelievers**.
 - e. Christian citizens must influence **with our words -our freedom of speech- in government and political realms**.

(Colossians 4:6)

3. We have Biblical examples of men and women who influenced nations for God.
 - a. **Joseph** became a slave to the "Vice President" (Potiphar), a prisoner in charge of the inmates, and the second highest ranking leader/Governor of Egypt - second only to Pharaoh. (Genesis 37-50)
 - b. **Moses** was called to change the political and economic policies of Egypt, which God accomplished through catastrophic plagues. (book of Exodus)
 - c. **Deborah's** leadership defeated God's enemies. (Judges 4-5)

Should a Christian be directly involved in government and politics?

- Absolutely yes.