

# Politics & the Kingdom

*Clarity for Gospel-centered, Culture-shaping Christians*



*"The Lord has established His throne in the heavens, and His kingdom rules over all."  
— Psalm 103:19*

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## Series Purpose

This six-week sermon series equips pastors to teach a biblical theology of politics, public life, justice, and citizenship. In a cultural moment marked by confusion, hostility, and ideological division, *Politics & the Kingdom* helps believers understand how Christ's lordship shapes every sphere of life — including government and society.

This series clarifies the roles of the Church, the State, the individual believer, and the family in a world where political pressure is rising and the need for Christian conviction is growing.

## Series Overview

Week	Title	Theme	Key Passage
1	<i>Ruler of the Nations</i>	Christ reigns over every earthly authority.	Psalm 2
2	<i>God and Government</i>	Government is God's servant — but never our savior.	Romans 13:1–7
3	<i>Church and State</i>	The Church and the State have distinct, God-given missions.	Matthew 5, 10, 28
4	<i>Biblical Justice</i>	God, not culture, defines justice.	Psalm 72
5	<i>In the World, Not of the World</i>	Christians live as faithful exiles for the good of their communities.	Jeremiah 29:1–14
6	<i>Religious Liberty</i>	Christians must obey God rather than men.	Acts 5:17–32

## Preaching Goals

- Exalt Christ as King over all nations, systems, and authorities.
- Provide biblical clarity on the purpose and limits of government.
- Equip the Church to engage culture without compromising the gospel.
- Encourage courage, discernment, and faithful citizenship.
- Form believers who understand dual citizenship: citizens of heaven and citizens on earth.
- Strengthen the Church to navigate a post-Christian, politically charged age with hope and conviction.

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## Audience

This series is designed for pastors, congregations, and church leaders seeking biblical grounding amid cultural and political turbulence. Whether leading up to an election season, a civic event, or a discipleship campaign, Politics & the Kingdom helps Christians think biblically and live faithfully in public life.

## Tone & Style

The series combines expository preaching with cultural analysis, historical reference, and practical application. The tone is pastoral, confident, and rooted in Scripture — not partisan, fearful, or reactive. The messages encourage believers to see politics through the lens of the Kingdom of God, not the other way around.

## How to Use This Series

- Preach one message on a special Sunday (e.g., Election Sunday, Public Witness Sunday).
- Preach all six weeks leading into a major cultural moment or discipleship emphasis.
- Adapt sermons for small group curriculum, devotionals, or leadership training.
- Pair with companion resources: videos, Bible study guides, prayer prompts, or cultural briefings.

## Recommended Integration

Each sermon includes:

- **Key Passage & Theme**
- **Main Idea** (one-sentence summary)
- **Outline** (three-point structure for clarity)
- **Illustration** (historical, cultural, or biblical references)
- **Quote** (theological or historical insight)
- **Takeaway** (practical call to action)

## Final Thought for Pastors

Politics is not the ultimate story — the Kingdom is.

Government is not the hope — Christ is.

But Scripture commands God's people to be faithful in the time and place He has appointed.

This series helps the Church understand its calling:

**not to withdraw, not to assimilate, but to bear witness to the King who rules all nations.**

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## *Week 1:* Ruler of the Nations

**Text:** Psalm 2

**Theme:** Christ reigns over every earthly authority. Nations rage, but God rules.

### Main Idea

Political turmoil does not weaken Christ's kingship; it reveals how desperately the nations need it.

### Outline

#### 1. Christ Rules Over the Nations (vv. 1–6)

- The nations rage against God's authority.
- Human rebellion cannot dethrone Christ.
- God establishes His King on Zion.

#### 2. A Call to Wisdom and Surrender (vv. 7–12)

- Earthly rulers are accountable to Christ.
- Blessing comes to those who “take refuge in Him.”

#### 3. Christian Confidence in an Unstable World

- No election, regime, or political crisis can shake the Kingdom of God.
- Christians must place ultimate trust not in political saviors, but in the Son.

### Illustration

Throughout history, from Rome to modern governments, empires rise and fall. Yet the gospel has remained unstoppable, not by power or politics, but by Christ's sovereign rule.

#### Quote

“The kingdoms of this world become the kingdoms of our Lord not by the sword, but by the Cross.” — Augustine

#### Takeaway

Hope in politics is unstable. Hope in the risen King is unshakeable.