

## God and Government

### Part 4: *Politics, Morality, and the Gospel*

#### Selected Scriptures

*"If I saw the same passion in getting a person into heaven as I see getting a man in the White House, what a difference we'd see in our churches." –Ken Whitten, 10/23/12*

**Moralism: Attempting to \_\_\_\_\_ the Christian \_\_\_\_\_ to a prescribed code of moral \_\_\_\_\_, then trying to \_\_\_\_\_ that code on people who aren't \_\_\_\_\_ capable of keeping it.**

*"For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." –Matthew 5:20*

**1. Our mission is not moralism but \_\_\_\_\_.**

*"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you..." –Matthew 28:19-20*

*"Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you*

2. Moralism is selective about the \_\_\_\_\_ it tends to \_\_\_\_\_.

*"... You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." –Matthew 22:37*

*"...If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me." –Matthew 16:24*

3. Moralism seeks to \_\_\_\_\_ something only \_\_\_\_\_ can do.

*"A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit." –Matthew 7:18*

*"The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it?" –Jeremiah 17:9*

4. Moralism tends to turn \_\_\_\_\_ into \_\_\_\_\_.

*"When God saw what [the Ninevites] did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it. But it displeased John exceedingly, and he was angry." –Jonah 3:10, 4:1*

\*All Scripture ESV unless otherwise noted.



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