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So which do we address this morning religion or politics? We are pretty much on the same page in our religion department and because of our moral beliefs that would make us like minded in the political arena too. Do I need to go into specifics?

If you are ignorant of the moral agenda of the Democratic Party you are not paying attention. *They are blatant in their perversion, the unrestricted right to the killing of unborn babies and their use of dictatorial powers.* And just because there was a supposed change in the House of Representatives; don't figure the corruption and ungodliness will come to an end. That will not happen until Jesus Christ comes back to burn up the wicked.

Malachi 4:1 For, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the LORD of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch.

Because the Bible speaks of righteousness, the political position shouldn't be avoided in the church.

Proverbs 14:34 Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin *is* a reproach to any people.

I think you know I used the word "religion" because of its common use among many people; and who doesn't recognize a difference between Protestant and Catholic; though many are trying to play down the differences. And yet there are some who are of no conviction either way on both subjects of religion or politics.

But let's put that aside for awhile and maybe its best not bring them up around the Thanksgiving dinner.

Proverbs 15:17 Better *is* a dinner of herbs where love is, than a stalled ox and hatred therewith.

Speaking of herbs and love; don't you just love those herbs of sage, rosemary, thyme, parsley mixed with onion, and vegetable stock soaked into dried bread and stuffed inside that turkey. Isn't that a better thought than politics?

Perchance the Lord gives liberty (*the per chances are greater when we pray*) and you are having dinner with some that are not of the faith of Jesus Christ, maybe you might be able to say something about the marriage supper of the Lamb, unless the Bible is an unwarranted topic at that time. Or a one on one later, if the Lord allows would be more fruitful. Speaking of fruitful – won't those pies be good?

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Ecclesiastes 9:7 Go thy way, eat thy bread with joy, and drink thy wine with a merry heart; for God now accepteth thy works.

"PILGRIMS"

Hebrews 11:13-16

1Pe 2:11 Dearly beloved, I beseech *you* as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul;

Intro. Pilgrim: English Puritan who came over to Plymouth Massachusetts on the Mayflower in 1620 to escape religious persecution in England.

William Bradford "the propagating and advancing of the gospel of the kingdom of Christ...

Pilgrim: A person who journeys to a sacred place for religious reasons.

Our journey to heavenly *country* should be similar as the Puritans & Separatists with anticipation, patience, evangelization, and rejoicing.

- Keep thyself pure
- Be ye separate
- Anticipation where does your expectation come from?
- Patience Can you wait & not be tired of waiting?
- Evangelize
- Rejoicing what have you got to sing about?

Tonight at 5:00 "NEW VISION OF GOD"

Monday at 4:45 Pray for the ministry at the Hiawatha Care Center please Wednesday at 7:00 Bible study & Prayer Thursday **THANKSGIVING** Next Sunday - fellowship dinner Missionary of the week: Biermans – Germany

