

Facing Our Future

"Living Faith in our Public Live"

Ephesians 4:15



OUR VISION: HOW TO BE AN ISLAND OF SANITY?

1. Facing Reality As It Is

2. Devoting Ourselves to GRACE

3. Devoting Ourselves to TRUTH

4. Living out our Faith in our Public Lives with Humility and Discernment -- We are called to make the most of opportunities to have our voice heard in our society. Our faith is not simply a "private thing" ... it has moral, social, and political consequences. With that said, as a church we resist identifying with any political party or movement. We are called to speak prophetically -- to be the conscience of the state, and not the tool, or ally of the state. Likewise, we resist any movement or effort to spread Christian morality by means antithetical to Christian morality.

BIBLE TEACHING FOR 21ST CENTURY PUBLIC LIFE:

**1. Our faith is not merely a personal, private thing -- it _____
_____ (Mt 6:10, Mt 5:13-16, Jer 29:7)**

**2. The church's role is to be _____ of the state, not
_____ (Rom 13:1-7, Mt 22:21, Acts 5:29, Is 1:17)**

**3. Politics has taken on _____ in our society, and can
become _____ if we're not careful (Ex 20:3, Mt 6:24)**

**4. Our ultimate allegiance is to _____, not
_____ (Jn 18:36, Phil 3:20)**