

ExercisingOur Right to Vote!

No doubt, **we live in the greatest nation on earth.** These United States have, in our past, been a beacon of hope for the world and my prayer is that we continue to be so. We are living in unprecedented times and each of us can say, *"We have not faced anything like what is going on now!"*

I write this today with a heavy heart due to all the unrest and rebellion we see across this nation. Lives are being taken and brutalized with no regard, it appears, for just how precious life really is. It does not matter the nationality, the color of one's skin or what our past may have been; I want to remind you, Jesus Christ died to save us from sin and unrighteousness. Every life matters and was created to fulfill the purpose of our heavenly Father.

The Bible, which is the Word of Truth, declares in Proverbs 14:34 "Righteousness exalts a nation but sin is reproach to any people." I am calling on the Church of God in West Virginia to humble ourselves, pray, seek the face of God and turn from any wickedness so we can hear from the very throne room of God and witness a healing in our land. We have the opportunity to usher in the greatest awakening this nation has ever seen *if* we follow God's formula.

I also want to remind us of the honor and privilege we have as citizens of this nation, to exercise our right to vote. We, as the Christian community, should always take the opportunity as a way to let our voices be heard and stand up for our faith. Please, do not stay home and not vote in the upcoming election. If you have not registered to vote, and there is still time to do so, get it done and exercise your constitutional right. I will certainly not tell you who to vote for but I ask you to base your decision only after you pray and seek the face of the Lord. Familiarize yourself with the positions of the candidates, both locally and nationally, choosing the ones who are the most biblically based in their principles. Remember this also, our future as a nation depends upon who we allow to govern us and the platform upon which they stand.

The Preamble to the Constitution states; "We the people of the United States in order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our posterity do ordain this Constitution for the United States of America."

Again, I must stress the importance of the Christian community **EXERCISING.....OUR RIGHT TO VOTE!**