

Dear Christa,

Thank you for writing us at Christian Questions Radio. You wondered how your pastor who is against abortion and gay marriage could vote for democratic candidates who, for the most part, support these positions.

As Christians we are ambassadors for Christ (2 Corinthians 5:20). Since our citizenship is in heaven, our primary responsibility is toward spiritual matters. While Jesus told us to "give to Cesar what is Cesar's," (paying taxes and obeying the civil law, etc.) he did not necessarily tell us to involve ourselves with this present governing system. His emphasis was always on the future kingdom of God. We are directed to follow his example and rise to a higher level of thinking. "Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind." (Romans 12:2) When Christ's kingdom on earth is set up, rulership will emanate from heaven. Justice will be equitable with the sole objective of giving every person who ever lived a second chance to follow in the paths of righteousness in order to live forever on a perfect earth. This time of peace and reconciliation of man to God is spoken of often in the scriptures (Isaiah 11:6-9; Isaiah 35; Jeremiah 31:34; Zephaniah 3:9; Zechariah 14:9). As Christians, we have the unique privilege of knowing God's plan for a wonderful future, not only for ourselves, who, if faithful, will reign with our Lord Jesus in heaven, but also for the entire human race who will have an opportunity for everlasting life on earth. This awesome vision of the future helps free us from the weight of earthly concerns.

Therefore, getting involved in political matters will always present the true Christian with moral and spiritual conflicts. It is important to remember that, try as we might, we cannot even begin to correct all the existing inequities in the world. Only Christ's kingdom will accomplish that goal. Ultimately, each Christian needs to ask himself if he is allowing his faith to lift him to a spiritual level that surpasses the mundane. As we examine ourselves and ask God to guide us in this pursuit, we must also be careful not to make judgments on the choices others make. Just as you pray to God for direction in your decision making process, your pastor, in all likelihood, is also asking for God's counsel. Pray that the Lord will shepherd him and then leave the outcome, whatever that may be, in God's very capable hands.

We hope we have given you a spiritual perspective on your dilemma.

Sincerely,  
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