

Dear Friend of [Abiding Above](#),

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We are living in a day and time that is fast paced, and everything around us is changing very quickly. The face of our culture is changing. This change can be both exciting and threatening, all at the same time. I believe the older you are, the more change brings fear and the younger you are, the more change is accepted and seen as exciting.

Most everyone expects the next presidential election will set the sails for our nation forever, whether good or bad.

My friend, during these unsettling times, we must remain calm, trusting our never changing and unfailing Heavenly Father. We must continue to remember God is in complete control. I am absolutely certain that, **coming to know God as He is**, will bring comfort and peace to every troubled heart.

It is not a question of understanding ourselves, of knowing what we are, or what we do, or what we feel. It is only a question of becoming acquainted with God and getting to know who He is and what He does and what He feels. Comfort and peace can never come from anything we know about ourselves, but only and always from what we know about Him.

I want to encourage you to vote and encourage others to vote. Statistics are showing that many evangelical Christians are not registered to vote. My friend, voting is your voice in this country we love. Please register and vote.

How should you vote as a Christian? That is easy! Vote according to biblical principles. The quickest way to decide, if you do not have time for a lot of research is this: *Is the candidate for or against abortion and is he for same sex marriage?* There is your answer.

Yes, there are many things you can look at, but do not let other issues, and there are many, cloud the fact that abortion is murder. You cannot, as a genuine Christian, vote for a candidate that is pro-abortion and pro-same sex marriage. It is that simple.

I see something happening in Christians, and in our nation. We have forgotten where we have come from. We must get back to the first things. Among Christians, we have forgotten the basics of who God is, what He is like, why He established the local church, and His overall plan for His children, until He calls us to our heavenly home.

In our nation, we have lost our identity as a nation...our national history has been rewritten by those who have never felt a part of this great nation. Almost like a little child they tear down what they feel they cannot have.

My friend, in our spiritual life and in our national life, we must return to the Word of God. The Bible, like a map, is a simple statement of facts. When it tells us that God loves us, it is only telling us something that is a fact. Reading and seeing the Bible in this way eventually will lead you into such a knowledge of God that your life will be transformed.

This kind of knowing brings conviction. Conviction comes from the knowledge of the facts of God's Holy Word and from the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit. When the principles of the Word of God become convictions instead of just preferences, we will see our churches and our nation once again return to their former influence and power.

My friend, put your faith in a solid foundation, the Word of God. Let your feelings come and go as they will. Feelings are like a football, you never know which way they will bounce.

Continue to pray with us and support us financially. We really need you. We should soon be on the radio in Washington DC. We need to raise a little more support to make this happen. Please help us make this a reality!

We pray for you each day here at Abiding Above Ministries. May God continue to bless all that you put your mind and hands to, and may you continue to give Him all of the glory.

Abiding above,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Chris S. Hodges".

Chris S. Hodges
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Colossians 3:1-3