

LET'S LIVE!

WITH ABUNDANCE

WHAT TO DO WHEN
THEY HATE YOU



JOHN 16:1, MSG


"I've spoken [of the world's hatred] to prepare you for the rough times ahead..."

"...There'll even come a time when those who kill you think they're doing God a favor."

JOHN 16:2, MSG

Putting hope in Christ
puts the Christian in the cross-hairs
of a hostile world.





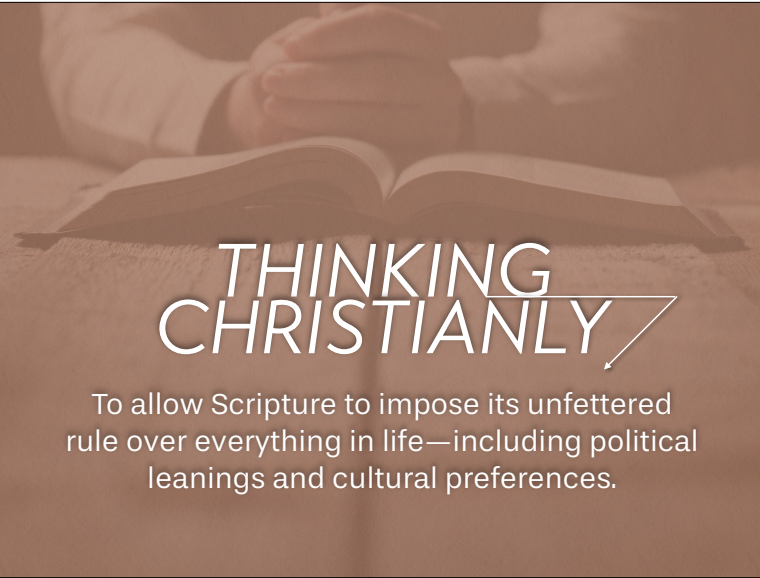
as Citizens

we have **constitutional rights**, and

as Christians

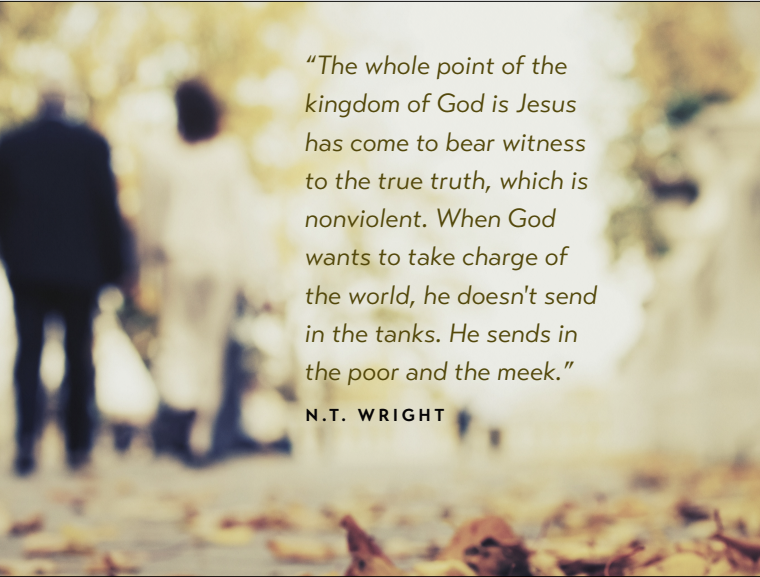
we have **kingdom values**.

When **constitutional rights** and **kingdom values** conflict, the Christian must understand that what is constitutionally assured will not be eternally approved.



THINKING CHRISTIANLY

To allow Scripture to impose its unfettered rule over everything in life—including political leanings and cultural preferences.



"The whole point of the kingdom of God is Jesus has come to bear witness to the true truth, which is nonviolent. When God wants to take charge of the world, he doesn't send in the tanks. He sends in the poor and the meek."

N.T. WRIGHT



HOW TO HANDLE HOSTILITY

→ *I must accept the fact that the world will hate me.*

"I am forewarning you." JOHN 16:1

"If the world hates you—and it does—know that it first hated me." JOHN 15:18, AMP

The church's job is not to impress the world by trying to be a cooler version of it or to tell sinners everything is okay mostly—except for a few minor adjustments.



"Jesus didn't say, 'Go into the world and tell the world that it is quite right.'"

C.S. LEWIS

HOW TO HANDLE HOSTILITY

→ *I must allow the Holy Spirit to be Chief Conviction Officer in this world.*

"When the Holy Spirit comes, he will convict the world of its sin, of God's righteousness and of the coming judgment." JOHN 16:8

HOW TO HANDLE HOSTILITY

→ I must adjust my view of earth by focusing on the nearness of heaven.

"When I leave you'll have sorrow now, but I'll see you again and then you'll rejoice; and no one can rob you of that joy. At that time you won't need to ask me for anything; you can go directly to the Father in my name and ask him, and he will give you what you ask for."

JOHN 16:22-23

Good Things To Come

There will be
fullness of joy. vs22

There will be
fullness of life. vs23a

There will be
fullness of relationship.
vs23b



"Good and evil, when they attain their full stature are retrospective. That is why, at the end of all things, the damned will say we were always in Hell, and the blessed [will say] we have never lived anywhere but in Heaven."

C.S. LEWIS

**Imagining heaven in the
future invites heaven into
the present.**



JOHN 16:33

"I have told you this so that you may
have peace in me. On earth you will have
many trials and sorrows. But take heart:
I have overcome the world."

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