

General Topics :: Political Correctness, A Hostile Environment, Tough Questions**Political Correctness, A Hostile Environment, Tough Questions, on: 2016/3/24 16:26**

Romans 13:1-2

Every person is to be in subjection to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God and those which exist are established by God. Therefore whoever resists authority has opposed the ordinance of God, and they who have opposed will receive condemnation upon themselves.

Acts 5:29

We must obey God rather than men.

Romans 13 teaches that God has given government as an expression of his common grace. Temporal governments keep us from reverting to the law of the jungle. Even oppressive governments can keep order and to some degree of civil society that people can function in.

When Paul wrote the first half of Romans 13 one of the most wicked men in a Roman Empire was Emperor at that time. His name was Nero. Yet Paul recognized that the Roman government had maintained order through the Pax Romana. And that the early Christians were living in a civil society with laws that kept the Roman society intact. Thus Paul writes, that the Roman believers and later those who would read his letter, were to submit to the government and pay their taxes.

When the laws were on the books to govern a just society the early believers obeyed with no issue. It was only when the Roman government required a sacrifice to Caesar as god to show a citizen's loyalty to Rome. The Christians had issues. They disobeyed the Roman government by refusing to offer the sacrifice in obedience to a higher law. Obeying the higher law of Christ cost many their lives.

Today laws have been put on our books in America to govern a just society. For the most part the believer in Christ has no issues obeying these laws. Even the law to pay our taxes. Though some believers certainly balk at this. :-) They go on and render to Caesar as a matter of obligation that God requires of them. For this is what Jesus taught.

There are laws on the books that prevent the aiding and kidnapping of children. Christians obey these. There are laws on the books that say that we are not to discriminate. Christians obey these. There are laws on the books that say that we should not use inflammatory language to denigrate another group. Christians obey these.

But what happens when the doctrine of political correctness takes laws that are meant to be just and perverts them. Then the question has to ask the question where do I draw the line in obeying God rather than man.

I am having a spirited discussion via email with someone regarding the Ken Miller case. The person I'm in dialogue with believes Ken Miller violated federal law. There is no denying this. A just law that was put up on the books to prevent the kidnapping of children was violated by Ken Miller. This was a law that initially was designed to protect children.

But the doctrine of political correctness has taken this law which was initially designed to protect children and perverted its enforcement. Given the facts of the Ken Miller case which can be gleaned from miller case.org. Ken Miller violated federal law to help a young mother and her daughter escape an abusive situation. And have Lisa Miller raise our daughter in a Christian environment. The case can be read about on the other thread that our sister Leslie started. Those who add here to political correctness are taking a just law and persecuted and prosecuting a pastor who took a stand for righteousness. But in the eyes of the Court he violated federal law. Never mind that there is no justice here, particularly for young Isabel.

Consider the case of the Oregon family who owned the Christian Bakery. Or the New Mexico photographer who was a believer. In both of these cases a gay couple wanted services for their wedding. Both the Christian bakery and photography businesses declined. Offered to direct the gay couples to two other businesses that would meet their request. In both cases

ases the gay couples sued the bakery and the photography company. And they won. Claiming discrimination.

Yes it could be argued both the Oregon bakery and the New Mexico photography company violated federal laws of discrimination. But again. Laws that were meant to be just and prohibit discrimination have been perverted by the doctrine of political correctness. Again there is no justice here.

There are laws that prevent inflammatory speech. Perhaps laws we would call hate crimes. Such laws are good and just. But when these laws are subverted to political correctness they become unjust.

An example would be an evangelical pastor preaching out of Romans 1:18-32. These past that just clearly teach the origins of homosexuality. These passages are biblical truth. However if someone from the gay suasion is sitting in the congregation. He can bring a charge and have the pastor up on a hate crime violation. I have not heard of such happening here yet in America. But it has happened in other parts of the world. I believe Canada is prosecuting pastors who say homosexuality is a sin. Again political correctness subverting just laws that were meant to protect against inflammatory language.

Street Preacher can say that homosexuality is a sin can be liable for hate crimes.

We are living in times where we will soon have to ask ourselves the questions when do we obey God rather than man. I believe this is the message of the Ken Miller case.

My brothers and sisters these are simply my thoughts.

This is respectfully posted.

Brother Blaine Scogin

Re: Political Correctness, A Hostile Environment, Tough Questions, on: 2016/3/24 16:37

The doctrine of political correctness is the idol of our age. It has created a hostile environment in this nation to the things of Christ.

We Must depend upon the Holy Spirit to give us wisdom as to where we must obey God rather than men. The questions will be hard. But I believe God will give us wisdom and grace in the dark times ahead.

Respectfully posted.

Brother Blaine

Re: - posted by dolfan (), on: 2016/3/24 16:45

I posted this about 2 years ago.

https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic_id=52169&forum=35

Re: , on: 2016/3/24 17:08

political correctness is simply linguistic fascism and ultimately full control over free speech.

We're led to believe everybody opposes it and disagrees with political correctness, but yet everybody's scared to death of it. So who is it? Well, it's the power structure wherever you happen to be.

And that includes the religious system and in online forums.

Political correctness does not legislate tolerance. It only organizes hatred. Jacques Barzun

Re: , on: 2016/3/24 17:20

Political correctness forces conformity of thought and if you don't line up with the PC thought, you are demonized.

Political correctness kills discussion.

Political Correctness is propagated by spoiled brats who unfortunately have some kind of temporal power else they would never pull the stunts they pull such as threaten to arrest "climate deniers". The end game of political correctness is to destroy you. Pretty much what political/religious correctness did to Jesus.

Re: , on: 2016/3/24 17:32

Political correctness seems to be more than just words, it is a force and a mechanism designed to keep quiet those deemed to be out of step with society. Political correctness deems that the President never say Islamic terrorists for instance. Now this has been portrayed as just words. One of the supposedly most politically incorrect things to do is to profile someone or some group. Whether it is racial profiling or ethnic profiling or religious profiling, its all deemed to be politically incorrect.

I wonder what the people from the 1940s would make of not being able to call Germans Nazis since they were not all Nazis. The logic would be that we would not want to alienate all Germans by using a label like Nazis. What about not bombing German cities since not all Germans were Nazis? Of course it was true that not all Germans were Nazis but they had collective guilt by allowing the Nazis to rise up within their ranks. Anyway, just some of my rambling thoughts about the logical inconsistencies within the mostly liberal groups whether here or in Europe. Europe, and especially Brussels, the head of the EU, has way greater problems than the States. It seems that tragically, much of their political correctness is coming home to roost.....bro Frank

Re: - posted by JFW (), on: 2016/3/24 17:33

Brother Julius wrote;
"political correctness is simply linguistic fascism"

Amen-
That is exactly the point!

Re: , on: 2016/3/24 19:02

Then brethren can we say that the political correct ideology is an idolatrous doctrine in our age? It would seem that what Marxism was to Russia, political correctness is to America.

To speak out against this doctrine with the truth of Christ may very well land us in prison. Or perhaps martyrdom.

Those Christians that spoke out against communism suffered much. If we speak out against political correctness we may very well suffer much.

My thoughts for reflection.

Brother Blaine

Re: , on: 2016/3/24 20:28

Look at religious political correctness, too. Jesus didn't conform to the pc religious fascists of his day and paid the ultimate price. If they can't control you they try to destroy you. You see the persecution of saints from the religious world all through history. When you expose darkness with light they try to shut you up.

Political correctness is burying the light, attacking the truth. Calling good evil and evil good.

A politically correct Christian is not a Christian, but rather a man pleaser and a coward.

Re: - posted by TMK (), on: 2016/3/24 21:57

Query: why do so many Christians attack Trump, being as he is the least politically correct candidate? Just tossing it out there.

Re: - posted by JFW (), on: 2016/3/24 22:28

Brother Blaine,

Yes! I think you have hit the nail on the head!

PC is a systematic institutionalization but carried out in the context of social engineering, as you brothers have pointed out- conform or else....

Remember the 5 stages of persecution for the non-conformist;

1. Stereotyping
2. Vilifying
3. Marginalizing
4. Criminalization
5. Outright (justified) Persecution

PC sets up a systematic means to do this though under the guise of tolerance and protecting the minority but that's not as likely to occur long term as is an established social order that persecutes those whom don't hold to that humanistic ideology.

So yes just as the examples you listed led to the persecution of Christ followers, so too is that an ever present potential where a society has embraced PC.

Brother Julius,

Yes it is man pleasing at the end of the day, that's just what it is.

But because it's cloaked in a garment of seeming kindness we must be mindful not to let ourselves go the way of the world but rather do as our King commands,... and love them with such an indomitable love so as to magnify Christ in our bodies:)

That's the way that through PC (counterfeit love) the love of Christ can be made manifest and God can be glorified in spite of our circumstances:)

We are the lights in the darkness so let us resist the temptations, being renewed in the spirit of our minds that this war is not against flesh and blood and as such our weapons are not carnal,... having done all else - stand!

I like this kid and think this young man has a hold of the truth of the matter.....

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=JCRULcbuaJc>

Re: , on: 2016/3/24 22:50

Wow Fletcher! Brother that was quite a video. You are right this young man does have a hold of the truth. Thought the video was very appropriate to discussion of political correctness.

Blaine

Re: , on: 2016/3/24 22:51

Todd the question could go the other way bro. Why do so many Christians support Trump being that he is the least politically correct candidate?

Blaine

Re: , on: 2016/3/24 23:16

Trump won the Evangelical vote in SC and most of the southern states because he is not politically correct. A lot of Christians are still not supporters of political correctness.

Great post JFW, I'll check that vid out.

Re: - posted by TMK (), on: 2016/3/24 23:26

I guess that was sort of my point. I get why Christians like Trump- because he is not politically correct. Christians that don't like him have other reasons- but they probably do like the fact that he is not politically correct.

Does anyone have any insight into whether PC is a relatively new thing, or has it always been around?

I know in the novel 1984- written in the 40s I think- PC was legislated. If any of you have not read this novel, or Animal Farm, you probably should.

Re: , on: 2016/3/24 23:38

Trump's speech to AIPAC broke all the taboos of political correctness.

<http://youtu.be/bHmINZRwiZU>

Probably, the gutsiest speech I have ever heard given to AIPAC.

Re: - posted by JFW (), on: 2016/3/25 0:24

Yeah that was a gutsy move.... He went "all in" on that one and most likely made himself a target in doing so. Haven't heard such an overt gesture of solidarity with Israel from a POTUS candidate in my adult lifetime and to do it in his political climate is not only bold but is indeed politically incorrect~

Re: - posted by proudpapa, on: 2016/3/25 1:24

There is very little evidence that Trump's anti 'political correct' talk is anything but a show,

Nothing of his lifestyle nor the choices that he has made through out his life would indicate that his lack of political correctness is rooted from a depth of conviction.

a side note :

political correctness is a natural occurring phenomena, we see it in Mat. ch 21 v 26.

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Re: , on: 2016/3/25 1:54

Quote:

-----by JFW on 2016/3/25 0:24:05

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That was the same phrase I said to my wife. "Haven't heard anyone in my lifetime" address AIPAC the way that he did and boy did they love it.

Why would a man make himself a target the way he is doing?

For a man who sure does like to be thought well of by people, he will surely be the most hated man that ever lived if he is fooling with everyone. Right now, by the votes, he is the most loved but if he is pulling a fast one, he better get out of Dodge. Can a man be that stupid (who rightly discerns all the stupidity of Washington D.C.)?

I mean, I who likes Common Core or ObamaCare or giving away American jobs to H1b workers. Or ISIS coming through the southern border, or the 35% corporate tax, or 21 trillion dollars debt and growing, or gay rights trumping personal religious liberties, etc, etc. He says, "politicians are all talk and no action", will he end up the same way?

Maybe, in the end Apollus will be right in calling him a "bonehead". A bonehead is like a stupid fool, right? A stupid fool would be spending his own money, making empty promises, and then ending up the most hated man of all time (at least by all those who voted for him) by breaking his word. Kind of masochistic don't you think? Has he ever shown signs of suicidal business deals? How will that help any of his commercial properties or his brand?

Be interesting to see how it all plays out. In the meantime he remains the most un-politically correct person I think I have ever listened to. In fact, he has singlehandedly wounded political correctness (which needed to be wounded, anyway).

Hope more people at least take encouragement from him to stop letting speech fascists control them. And, hope more Christian leaders stop being pc, too. The church could use a good dose of honesty.

Re: , on: 2016/3/25 3:42

Brothers, respectfully it sounds like you're putting your hope in a man. Given the choice that may well be between Hillary Rodham Clinton or Donald Trump. I think this should drive us all to the Lord Jesus Christ.

Last presidential election the choice was between Obama and Romney. It wasn't much of a choice then. And I don't think it's much of a choice now.

Ravenhill believes that God left America back in the 1990's. And that was probably after the election of Bill Clinton. Since that time the presidential candidates have seen to be judgments of God up on the American political system. I see this upcoming presidential election no different.

My recommendation is stay out of the voting booth and get into the prayer closet. But then I am being very politically INCORRECT in this forum.

As usual my thoughts.

Brother Blaine

Re: , on: 2016/3/25 9:32

Nope Bearmaster, purely observational on my part. I'm voting for Jesus as usual.

Re: - posted by JFW (), on: 2016/3/25 9:39

No dear brother, my confidence is in Christ alone+)

I do not participate in politics but I do observe them. My state doesn't split delegates and hasn't gone blue since I can remember so whomever wins the GOP nom gets this state in an almost automated fashion so my vote would be irrelevant either way.

I was simply stating the facts as I understand them, and that was all-

blessings upon you dear brother:)

Re: , on: 2016/3/25 10:14

Political correctness in Sweden gone off the deep end. This is probably what is coming to America. Some of it is already here.

Search YouTube for "Welcome to Sweden" by angryforeigner

Let me warn you that he drops the F bomb twice.

The guy is right in many of His observations and the PC crowd always cries "racism".

Remember, with any kind of political correctness "the power is in the accusation not the truth". angryforeigner

Think of this in a religious/spiritual setting. How many times have you seen accusations trumping the truth? No pun intended.

Re: , on: 2016/3/25 12:44

Sorry brothers. Thought you were Trumphing on me. Oooh that was bad.:)

That was about as bad as this joke. The Bible tells us who the next president will be in 2017. And the Trump shall sound

I think it's time for me to take a break from The forum here.:)

Back to the bear cave.

Brother Bear

Re: , on: 2016/3/25 16:18

Quote:

-----I think it's time for me to take a break from The forum here.:)

wise.

Re: , on: 2016/3/25 16:44

Political Correctness:

Don't leave home without it

Plenty of sacred cows running around.

Re: - posted by dolfan (), on: 2016/3/25 17:08

1976, JFW. 1976 was last blue for Alabama (presidentially speaking). :)

Re: - posted by dolfan (), on: 2016/3/25 17:56

1. Doted on Israel at AIPAC.
2. Likes to build grandiose structures that people say can't be or shouldn't be done.
3. Groundswell of popular support from people who trust him to do what he says he'll do.
4. Doted on Israel. Oops. Already said that.
5. Jews still don't trust him.
6. Told AIPAC, "A deal is really something that when we impose it on Israel and Palestine, we bring together a group of people that come up with something." And they applauded.
7. Made explicit promises to Israel at AIPAC: deal with Iran's ballistic missile tests, veto any UN action that Israel doesn't want, work with Netanyahu to bring peace and stability to Israel and the entire region; will move American embassy to Israel's "eternal capital" Jerusalem, calls bond between America and Israel "absolutely, totally unbreakable".
8. Owns substantial real estate developments in major metro areas all over the globe.
9. Who Is Donald Trump? Really?

Sounds like an intro to a Geraldo Rivera-esque sensationalistic, leading-you-on expose doesn't it? That really means a big nothing. But, you have to admit (don't you?), even without me saying it expressly, some of you thought about it, too. :)

Re: , on: 2016/3/25 18:14

Remember when the Red states used to be the Blue states?

I thought that was the right color at the time.

<http://www.smithsonianmag.com/history/when-republicans-were-blue-and-democrats-were-red-104176297/>

Red "Origins of the Scheme"

https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Red_star

Red used to be the left-leaning party.

Anyone remember that besides me?

More quotes on political correctness., on: 2016/3/25 23:46

From someone we all prayed for, even he spoke truth sometimes.

“Those who are determined to be ‘offended’™ will discover a provocation somewhere. We cannot possibly adjust enough to please the fanatics, and it is degrading to make the attempt.”
• Christopher Hitchens