



SAGUARO CANYON
CHURCH

SERMON NOTES

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**THE CHURCH AND POLITICS:
BLESSED ARE THE BEHAVED**

**Romans 13:1-7, 1 Peter 2:13-17,
1 Timothy 2:1-4, Ephesians 4:11-16**

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BIG IDEA: Being united in Christ we should communicate truth in love.

GOD HAS APPOINTED GOVERNMENT TO...

Promote good and punish evil. (*Romans 13:1-7, 1 Peter 2:13-17*)

TWO DITCHES

Ditch #1 – Partisan ideology that is promoted over biblical theology.

Ditch #2 – Quietism that is silent on important issues.

WHEN THE CHURCH IS TOO POLITICAL...

It distorts our identity. (*Galatians 2:20*)

It divides our body. (*John 17:23*)

It destroys our witness. (*Acts 1:8*)

It distracts from our mission. (*Matthew 28:18-20*)

WHAT IS OUR ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES AS THE CHURCH?

Care about justice and righteousness. (*Proverbs 8:13, Psalm 82:3-4*)

Don't be surprised by injustice. (*Ecclesiastes 5:8*)

Don't trust in princes. (*Psalm 118:9, 146:3*)

God can use wicked rulers for His purposes. (*Romans 9:17, Daniel 4*)

Stop arguing over opinions. (*Romans 14:1, 15:5-6*)

Pray for our rulers. (*1 Timothy 2:1-4*)