THE US ELECTION

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I've not really wanted to comment on the US election, mainly because I'm not from the US and don't have a vote anyway, but also because everyone else seems to be commenting about it and there didn't seem much to say. However, I just read a post by Steven at Think Christian which I thought deserved wider circulation. This could apply to any country, not just to the US.

> *First, the candidates are broken image-bearers of God, just like the rest of us. They will neither inaugurate the abundant shalom of Godâ€™s Kingdom (someone did that already) nor become the devil incarnate. They are sinful people whom God loves, and we pray they will be increasingly transformed by His Spirit and love God back. Letâ€™s talk about their ideas and find some grace for them as people. To put a finer point on it, Iâ€™m talking about the candidate you donâ€™t support...*
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> *In short, the church is way bigger than any single country, transcending all ethnic and political boarders.To bring this perspective to bear on the election, letâ€™s remember that the church is not equal to nor even centered in America. The USA matters to God, but not more than any other state. America as a state has been blessed by God immensely, which means we have much responsibility to be a blessing to others. We love our country as a gift of God, but it is not Godâ€™s ordained favorite. The election is important because America wields power for good and ill. The world is watching because what we do affects them. This election is about people hopefully doing their best to to love God first and their neighbors as themselves, not about Godâ€™s chosen candidate. (Read More)*