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Biblical or Political Lens

I (Dave Skahen) have 20/20 vision. Actually, I have 20/16 vision in my left eye. I've never needed glasses, but that could change as I get older. I'm grateful to the Lord to be able to see things in short or long distances without the help of prescription glasses. However, we all need more than 20/20 vision to navigate life and the world around us. Everyone sees the world a certain way: It's what's known as a worldview.

You might already be aware, but there are major differences between conservative Christians and progressive Christians. One of them is worldview. George Yancy has done extensive research on this topic and defined conservative Christians as people who believe the Bible is the inerrant Word of God and Jesus is the only path to salvation^[1]. Conversely, he defined progressive Christians as people who do not believe the Bible to be the inerrant Word of God and do not see Jesus as the only path to salvation.



He noted that conservative Christians start with the Bible and their theology and then view politics through a biblical worldview. In other words, conservative Christians base their political views on how they view Scripture. In contrast, progressive Christians start with politics, and that affects how they view the Bible. They base their views of the Bible through their view of politics.

Pastors, with the tension of the November election on the horizon, we urge you to continue to honor God with your vote and teach your congregation about a biblical worldview. It's vital for us as Christians to have a biblical worldview that informs our politics and not the other way around. The final authority in our lives is God revealed through His Word, which in turn affects everything we do, including our political views.

We encourage you to continue to help your church navigate this season. We recommend our [Choose Well election resources](#) (please note these resources are from 2023. Updated resources will be available in the coming weeks) and Erwin Lutzer's book "Christians, Politics, and the Cross" as helpful tools for this season. We are giving away complimentary copies of Lutzer's book. If you would like one, please respond to this email. Ultimately, we are transformed only through the cross.

Thank you for being a shepherd to your church through these confusing times. We pray God continues to use you to lead your flock and advance the gospel.

For the gospel,

^[1] Yancy, George, *One Faith No Longer: The Transformation of Christianity in Red and Blue America* (New York: NYU Press, 2021).

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P.S. Please consider promoting WFC Sunday and highlighting the work and mission of Wisconsin Family Council to your congregation on September 22. WFC Sunday resources are now available for [download here](#) (video, bulletin, PowerPoint, etc.). If you would like one of our staff to personally share the work of WFC with your church, please simply respond to this email.

P.P.S. Join us for our free Lunch With a Purpose webinar at noon on September 11. Dr. Al Mohler will be joining us to discuss the importance of Christian engagement this election session. Register [HERE](#).