

## VOTING.

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*Question.*—"What is taught in the Word regarding the position of a Christian when called upon to vote for a member of Parliament?"

*Answer.*—You will perhaps be startled when we tell you that your question involves the very foundations of Christianity. We would ask you, dear friend, to which world does the Christian belong? Does he belong to this world or to the world above? Is his citizenship on earth or in heaven? Is he dead or alive in it—which?

If he be a citizen of this world, if his place, his portion, and his home be here, then assuredly he cannot take too active a part in its affairs. He should put forth every effort to mend and regulate the world. If, in a word, he be a citizen of this world, he ought, to the best of his ability, to discharge the functions pertaining to such a position. He should vote for town-councillors and members of Parliament, he should strain every nerve to get the right man in the right place.

But, on the other hand, if it be true that the Christian is, as regards this world, "*dead*"—if his citizenship is in heaven, if his place, his portion and his home be on high, if he is only a pilgrim and a stranger here below, then it follows that he is not called to meddle in any way with this world's politics, but to pass on his pilgrim way, patiently submitting himself to every ordinance of