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# **Baptist Pastor Explains “Why Ron Paul?”**

*These are some good answers for voters who have questions about Ron Paul from a Christian perspective.*  
[Writes Voddie Baucham](#), Pastor at Grace Family Baptist Church:

Since posting a passing comment on my Facebook fan page about Ron Paul, I have been inundated with questions and concerns about my support of the Texas Congressman in the current Republican Primary race... The result was hundreds of comments; more than any other post I've ever submitted. Most of the comments were positive. However, several were extremely negative... As a result, I've decided to explain my position, and this seemed like the best place to do it.

## **I. Ron Paul is a Christian Conservative**

**While I am not looking for a "Pastor-in-Chief," it is important to me that the man for whom I cast my vote be a Christian, if at all possible...** I also want to know that the foundational ideology motivating a man's decisions is biblical. I know it will not always mirror my own, but I trust God's word, and appreciate those who look to it for aid in making decisions. To that end, **I support Dr. Paul because he is not just a conservative, but a Christian Conservative.**

Dr. Paul does not beat his Christian faith like a drum in his public/political life. Unfortunately, that is off-putting for the "Christian Right". However, in a world full of 'posturing' in an effort to win over evangelicals, I find Paul's public demeanor refreshing. And it is not as though he is a 'closet Christian,' either. "I have accepted Jesus Christ as my personal Savior, and I endeavor every day to follow Him in all I do and in every position I advocate" wrote Paul on his Web site... Having met and talked to Dr. Paul, I would say it is authenticity, and humility more than anything else. He wants "to avoid any appearance of exploiting [his faith] for political gain."<sup>[6]</sup>

## **II. Ron Paul is a Constitutional Conservative**

**Not only is Ron Paul a Christian Conservative; he is also a Constitutional Conservative.** He holds himself accountable to the Constitution of the United States, even when it means he has to vote against legislation that may be otherwise beneficial... I want a man whose decisions are predictable because of a long track record of constitutional conservatism. I may not always agree with a man like that, but I will always know why he did what he did, and I can live with that. Especially in several crucial areas facing our Republic, like money, war, States' Rights, and foreign policy, for example.

### **Constitutional Money**

**I support Ron Paul because he has a constitutional view of money.** He is the only candidate consistently to confront the Federal Reserve Bank (which is not federal, has no reserves, and is not a bank), and address the issue of fiat currency (a.k.a. unjust weights and measures; Lev 19:36; Prov 16:11), which debases the dollar, manipulates business cycles, creates inflation, and always benefits the rich at the expense of the poor and disenfranchised. And he talks about the issue in just those terms.

Congressman Paul is also the only candidate who has a budget that will cut a TRILLION DOLLARS in spending in year one.<sup>[7]</sup> He is the only candidate who has committed to defund and eliminate expensive, unconstitutional agencies...

### **Constitutional War**

**I support Ron Paul because he is a military veteran** (yup... he refuses to beat that drum too, which is why you may not have known that little tidbit). And though I do not believe it is necessary for a man to have served in the military for him to serve as President, the fact that Congressman Paul knows and hates war lends credibility to his desire and commitment to ending the wars and bringing our troops home. Moreover, **he has a constitutional understanding of war (only Congress can send us to war), and a Christian commitment to historic Just War Theory (rooted in the Sixth Commandment... HIS WORDS).**<sup>[8]</sup> He, unlike other candidates, can be counted on not to commit to acts of war without congressional authority (i.e., unilaterally deciding to bomb a sovereign nation if they advance their weapons technology in a region several thousand miles away from the

U.S., under the watchful eye of a nation with over 300 nukes who can stop them in a heartbeat... but I digress).

**There is a reason Dr. Paul has received more support from members of the military than all other candidates...**

### **Constitutional States' Rights**

**I support Ron Paul because he not only understands, but believes in the Tenth Amendment.** I know many Christians have been scared off by the "Ron Paul wants to legalize drugs, gay marriage, and abortion" rhetoric. However, looking beyond the rhetoric reveals Paul's true constitutional conservatism (and biblical understanding of jurisdiction). He has personal convictions, but those will not be allowed to steer him away from his constitutional oath. **The presidency, and the Federal Government have limits.**

**The President is not "Pastor in Chief." It is not the President's job (or the job of the Federal Government) to set such policies.** The "War on Drugs," for example, has been a monumental, unconstitutional, fiscal failure (to the tune of more than \$3 BILLION)!<sup>[12]</sup> The Federal Government must be held within the confines of its enumerated powers. This is important for Christians because we will not always have people in the White House with whom we agree (in fact, politicians will always let us down). **What happens when we send a man to the White House with the express purpose of "changing the moral standards" of America in our favor, then, down the line we have a president who uses the same un-cheked powers to promote moral standards with which we disagree? How's that workin' for ya'?**

### **Constitutional Foreign Policy**

**I support Ron Paul because he has a constitutional view of foreign policy. Ironically, our foreign policy has been so unconstitutional for so long that many people recoil at the idea of getting it back in line.** Moreover, the semantic game Paul's opponents play (using "isolationism" as opposed to "non-intervention" to define his position) doesn't help. For most Christians, this is where they believe I've left the reservation. They may not say, "We have to be the world's police force," but I can't tell you how many times I've heard, "Do you know his position on Israel?" "Surely you can't support a man who doesn't support Israel!"

Actually, nothing could be further from the truth. Ron Paul does support Israel...

III. Ron Paul is a Consistent Conservative

**Finally, I support Dr. Paul because he has been a consistent conservative.** He has been married to the same woman for more than fifty years; delivered over 4,000 babies as an OB; never performed a single abortion; has never voted for an unbalanced budget, a tax increase, or a bailout; forecasted the economic debacle long before it happened;<sup>[13]</sup> and gave back \$140,000 last year through his office to pay down the national debt (100,000 in 2010). This man is so principled that he refuses to claim his congressional pension!

Ron Paul is the real deal. He is not perfect. He needs a savior just like you and I do (as noted by his trust in Christ as his redeemer). But when it's all said and done, he is a man with whom I agree in principle. I know where he's coming from, and it's not based on his "personal story," or his sense of what's going to get him elected. It's the same thing he's been running on (and governing from) for over three decades; the Constitution of the United States (viewed through the lens of a basic biblical world and life view). And I'm glad to support a man like that.

[The entire post is well worth reading](#)

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