

RESPONSE TO THE EVENTS AT THE UNITED STATES CAPITOL ON JANUARY 6, 2021

On Wednesday, January 6th, we were shocked, saddened, and grieved by what we witnessed as people stormed the Capitol Building of the United States.

At Grace Fellowship Church we denounce this form of violence as entirely illegitimate, and we reject all actions that purport to be taken in the name of Jesus but that are in fact utterly contrary to both his teachings and his character. The chaos, the destruction, the epithets of hatred, the symbols of oppression, and the gleefully lawless behavior we witnessed run entirely counter to the life He lived to serve others, and the death He died for His enemies.

Above all we recognize that this is a spiritual battle, that our struggle is not against flesh-and-blood, not against people, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers of darkness, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places whose goal is always to steal, kill, and destroy—and to influence people in those directions. We know that in Christ we have life, and have it abundantly, and in Him we have victory over the darkness of this world. (Ephesians 6:12; John 10:10; 1 Corinthians 15:57)

The agenda of God's kingdom, into which we have been born anew, is not defined by debate, arguments, talking points, political parties, political leaders, capitol buildings, or government. Our work is never accomplished through force, fighting, or hatred. Rather, the high calling of God's people is prayer, service, love, honor, and announcing that the peace of God's Kingdom has arrived in and through the resurrected son of God, Jesus Christ.

In a world of deep division, we are building a church that inspires a life worth pursuing by modeling a life that promotes peace, and loves and honors all people.