

IS AMERICA A CHRISTIAN NATION?

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As a Christian and by the Grace of God I strive to live a godly life that I might attain unto the measure, the stature, and the fullness of Jesus Christ. My goal is to be conformed to His image! As a Christian I am committed to defending the Word of God no matter the cost to me personally. As a minister, my job is to preach, teach and publish the Gospel of Jesus Christ that mankind might be saved, healed and delivered. As a minister, my job is to warn the world and prepare those that have accepted the Lord Jesus for the Second Coming of Christ.

As an American, I do what I can to prevent my country from being overtaken by anti-Christ laws and policies by defending and adhering to God's Word.

Lately I have been concerned that many of the ministers are getting involved in politics thinking that is the avenue to change America into a Christian Nation. For years I have preached that you cannot legislate morality and think the people will obey. They must be born again! I have cautioned other ministers to stay out of politics and focus on what they are called to do: "Preach the Gospel of the Kingdom"!

I have determined the best way I can help my country is by not compromising the Word of God and continue what I have done for over fifty years now. I will lift my voice like a Trumpet! As God's chosen ministers, we must not fail to replicate the cry of Isaiah the Prophet, *"Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins"* [Isaiah 58:1]. Only a God sent Revival will turn the hearts of people to God!

The title of our message is a question, "Is America A Christian Nation?" The majority of you might answer quickly and say, "Yes it is". Others may say, "No, but our Christian heritage is being restored." Whatever your first reaction to this question might be, you may be surprised at the answer I will give in this message.

I believe many Christians and ministers are losing their God ordained direction by what is transpiring in our nation. It seems by everything we see, hear and read that the focus of the majority is on the world and the political climate of today.

Many are pursuing a goal of returning the United States to being the Christian Nation that they feel America was originally founded to be. They believe this can be done by electing Christians to every political office; local, state and federal. Although at first glance this seems both rational and honorable. Of course, non-Christians would be offended by such goals. Those in

Islam have used this same philosophy to take over nations in other parts of the world! Christians in this present movement may reason, "Why not? If the Muslims can do it, so can we!"

When one digs deeper into this kind of approach to Christianizing nations you realize this has been done before by professing Christians!

The Catholic Church Vatican in Rome exists today because of this same kind of philosophy! Vatican City is recognized as a country by the United Nations! The Vatican was admitted as a Non-Member State at the United Nations in 1964. This status enables Vatican City to participate in the General Assembly discussions and consensus agreements and vote in various UN conferences.

This all started by Constantine the Great who was a Roman emperor from AD 306 to AD 337. An internet search states the following: "Constantine was the first Roman emperor to convert to Christianity. He played a pivotal role in elevating the status of Christianity in Rome, decriminalizing Christian practice and ceasing Christian persecution. This was a turning point in the Christianization of the Roman Empire. (Today, many want to Christianize America by instituting laws)!"

Although Constantine lived much of his life as a pagan and later as a catechumen, he began to favor

Christianity beginning in 312, finally becoming a Christian and being baptized by Pope Sylvester I. He convoked the First Council of Nicaea in 325 which produced the statement of Christian belief known as the Nicene Creed. The Church of the Holy Sepulcher was built on his orders and was deemed the holiest place in all of Christendom. The papal claim to temporal power in the High Middle Ages was based on the fabricated Donation of Constantine. He has historically been referred to as the "First Christian Emperor", but while he did favor the Christian Church, some modern scholars debate his beliefs and even his comprehension of Christianity".

This alliance between Constantine and Christians created and promoted what was thought to be Christianity, but in fact was the genesis of a Christianity mixed with paganism known as Catholicism. This is what happens when the world mixes with Christianity. Constantine wanted the Roman Empire to be a Christian Nation. In the minds of many it exists today as such a nation!

I see a distinct comparison to what is happening in our nation today! The Christians of that era were no doubt relieved and rejoiced because the horrible persecution they had endured for centuries had ended! Constantine was their deliverer! He signed laws against Christians being persecuted and made Christianity the religion of the Roman Empire! Constantine was their

hero! But the Christians failed to see the darkness that was invading the true church. This was a take over of the antichrist that no one seen at the time. Looking back to the doctrines that originated in those various church councils we can now clearly see the deception.

Today, Christians have been appalled by the un-Christian morally corrupt laws that have been passed by the Unites States government. Laws that have permitted the murder of millions of innocent babies. Laws sanctioning the marriage between those of the same sex. Government proclamations promoting the idea that men and women, boys and girls can choose their sexuality. Approving and promoting various manners of sexual perversion as normal. Financing the slaughter of innocent people in disputes between nations. The list goes on and on.

Because of this anti-Christian trend demonstrated by previous government officials, most Christians in our nation feel violated and persecuted. Christians feel their religious liberties were being taken away from a nation that had been known throughout the world as a Christian Nation.

Since the election of formal president Donald Trump who has promised to end this persecution of Christians, many ministers have become more political in their preaching. Granted, it is a wonderful thing that

wrong thinking is being replaced in line with Biblical truths. However, Christians are not called to change the world through governmental legislation, but rather by conversion of hearts impacted by the Gospel!

Shortly after entering office, President Donald Trump signed an Executive Order establishing a task force to end the anti-Christian weaponization of government and unlawful conduct targeting Christians. While most Christians applauded this order, I felt a check in my spirit. The reason I felt this check in my spirit was because it reminded me of Constantine!

I am not saying President Trump is the antichrist. I believe he is doing what he can to restore America's preeminence and leadership in the world that it once had. I hope he is successful in ending the wars he said he would end. It would be great if we would see an end to the ridiculous antichrist philosophies that have been promoted in the past. No one can possibly argue against such honorable aspirations.

That check in my spirit was because I believe there will be a One World Church. This will be enforced upon the whole world by legislation! Yes, there will be a One World Government! I believe we will see the rise of an individual supported by many individuals of the same spirit that will rule this world for a season. I believe the Bible supports this belief in many verses of scripture. I

also believe the ancient Roman Catholic Church is a prototype of this world-wide rulership. Never forget, the Mark of the Beast will severely affect two areas of every person's life; WORSHIP AND PROSPERITY!

We will be commanded to WORSHIP the Beast: *"And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations. And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world" [Revelation 13:7-8].*

There will be No PROSPERITY without the Mark of the Beast: *"And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name" [Revelation 13:17].*

Here a little, and there a little, we are being conditioned to accept the authority of governmental control. During Covid we witnessed the remarkable power of government. Almost the entire world was shut down by one central arm of government called "The World Health Organization". Wake up my friends! There is an evil spirit rising throughout the world that few see because it appears to be the opposite of evil!

It started during the apostles lifetimes, was organized under Constantine, and now embraced by Protestants and Charismatics alike.

The world view through the lens of the Bible and what the Bible foretells is a far cry from what we see Christians trying to accomplish today. Did not the Bible tell us to "Come out from the world?" Think about it. Did not Jesus tell us that His Kingdom was not of this world? Do you really think God wants us to force everyone to obey God's laws?!

Churches have tried this tactic for centuries. To be a member of our church you must obey our standards! Our rules will be obeyed or we will excommunicate you! You will do what we say or you will go to hell!

Do you believe God wants His church to be administered by force? If you believe God is forcing you to love Him and obey Him, you got it all wrong! You are involved in a false gospel! Religion like politics is your downfall!! Christianity is not like other religions that you can join! You can't join the body of Christ! YOU MUST BE BORN AGAIN! We are baptized into the Body of Christ by the Holy Spirit! Real Christians have been translated out of the kingdom of darkness into the Kingdom of God's Son! This is why man's laws, rules, regulations and standards will never make anyone a Christian! This is why the nations of this world CANNOT be Christianized!

God loved you so much, He gave His only Son that you might believe on Him and be saved. You choose to serve God because you love Him! The Gospel is the good

news of God's Great Love for mankind! We are saved by faith because of a choice we made! You don't make people serve God! They choose to serve God or refuse to serve Him. That is their God given right! God's Grace teaches us. It does not force us! *"For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world" [Titus 2:11-12].*

I hope you can understand that the only hope for mankind is the Gospel! Salvation is the answer to a godless society! It seems to me that the enemy is succeeding in getting the ministers eyes off the true call of God and are now trying to fight the devil in the political realm! This is a huge mistake! We have got to get back to what we are called to do! The world cannot be delivered without a preacher! *"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things" [Romans 10:13-15].*

Our government wants to establish this false Christianity saturated in paganism, that denies the

Lordship of Jesus Christ; rejects the all-powerful name of Jesus and replaces it with the titles of God; commanded the institution of Sunday as the Christian Sabbath; teaches prayers to dead saints; worship of Mary as the Queen of Heaven; etc., etc. The Book of Revelation reveals she has many daughters. These daughters of the Great Whore are the protestant churches that came out of Catholicism but continues to embrace many of her damnable teachings thereby kneeling to the Popes of Rome as the Vicar of Christ.

I can see the restoring of this One World Religion ruled by those that are taken over by the Spirit of Antichrist. Just as in the time of Constantine, laws will be passed, and the public will accept them as good laws. You are being conditioned!

As I said previously, the actions being taken now to right the wrongs that have been legislated is a good thing, not a bad thing. However, we must be aware of what will happen in the world according to God's Word?

The Holy Scriptures declared the end from the beginning. Jesus Christ is coming back for a church without a spot or wrinkle. We are told many would be deceived in the last days. False Christs and false prophets shall rise and deceive many. The church should be praying and preparing for His coming. Souls are going to a devil's hell every day, while the church plays politics!

In modern times, we have been told that America's founding fathers were influenced by Judeo and Christian values. This may be true to a certain extent. You do find many references to the Bible throughout the monuments and buildings in Washington DC. However, you also find many monuments and statues that display pagan gods and goddesses! Therefore, I believe the evidence reveals the history of the United States is heavily influenced by both good and evil.

The United States has this image of a Christian Nation because the majority of people that live in America profess to be Christians. Americans are known world-wide for their generosity. Americans give more in humanitarian aid than any nation in the world. America has always been the first responders in emergencies or disasters. We have sent more Christian missionaries into foreign fields than any other nation. American Christians have built more Christian churches than anyone in the world. Yes! Americans have plenty of good works to boast about! Thank God for the good works Americans have done in this world!

But, there is another side of America that is very dark. We see much evil, prejudice, corruption and murder in this nation. For decades, laws have been passed in this nation that are contrary to God's Word! Are we really *one nation under God*, and do we really believe, *in God we trust*? I might add it is no secret that

many of our elected and non-elected government officials in Washington are horribly corrupt. This has been known by those “in the know” for decades!

Look at the anger in this nation! I am amazed at the filthy and threatening language being used by people that say they are Christians. On social media you can watch them as their faces are twisted with evil as they spout hatred toward others that disagree with them. Some screaming at the top of their voices using filthy, vulgar speech without any shame. At the same time defending and promoting their damnable lifestyles that are contrary to God’s Word. Is this the fruit of a Christian Nation? Can we honestly say America is a Godly Christian Nation? My answer is no, and it has never been!

The fruit of America seems to be bearing different fruits! Sweet and sour is coming out of the same mouth! Blessings and curses is being spoken by the same mouth! Good works on one hand, while evil and corruption on the other hand. These offences to God are not only coming out of the lives of citizens, but also from the politicians in charge of our nation.

What would be the qualifications for a nation to be called a Christian Nation? Is it because the majority of the population professes Christianity as its religion? According to the most recent figures, the United States population is 64% Christian (*In 1970 it was 90%*), 1.2%

Judaism and 1% each are Hinduism, Buddhism, and Islam. If we look at the population figures alone, then perhaps America be called a Christian Nation.

But what about the moral standpoint of the government and its people? Should not the United States be considered a Christian Nation because it stands for Christian moral values as well? Would it not be hypocritical to consider a nation as Christian simply by their word rather than its actions? You can say you are a Christian, but the way you live may prove otherwise!

According to the evidence that is before us, the United States of America does not qualify to be called a Christian Nation. Yes, the majority of its citizens claim to be Christians. However, the moral position the government has taken with the majority of the people's approval screams one word, "HYPOCRITES"!

I know there are righteous men and women in government that are vexed by the laws that have been passed which support lifestyles contrary to God's Word. I know they are trying their best to right the wrongs that have been committed by evil men and women in government. I pray for them and wish them well in their pursuit. However, changing laws will never change the hearts of anyone, including those that have disgraced America and that is the problem. Without hearts being converted to righteousness, there will never be a real

Christian nation built by man. Somehow Christians have forgotten that "Men shall wax worse and worse"!

Be encouraged as there is a Christian Nation in this world but it not of the world. It is a nation not founded by man, but by God! No man-made government will ever replace the nation God has chosen and ordained!

The nation I am talking about is a holy nation! It was promised to a man named Abraham. *"And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing, And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed"*[Genesis 12:2-3].

The church of Jesus Christ is the seed of Abraham by faith! Yes, there is One True Christian Nation in this world! It is a holy nation that fills the entire world. Although it's citizens are in the world, they are not of this world! *"But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light: Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy"* [1Peter 2:9-10].

The Body of Christ worldwide is the Only Christian Nation in this world!