



What is Christian nationalism?

- Many of you may have recently heard the term “Christian nationalism” in the news broadcast. Christian nationalism is most often employed as a derogatory term.
- It has gotten much press of late due to the comments of the likes of *Congresswoman Marjorie Taylor Greene who has referred to herself as a Christian nationalist.*
- When it comes to beliefs, it requires more than a “*superficial*” connection to biblical faith to be truly “*Christian,*” just as vague similarities between two ideas do not make them equivalent.
- Even in its broadest sense, biblical Christianity neither implies, inserts, nor includes the idea of “*Christian nationalism.*”
- *Christians are obligated to individually submit to the will of God.* That is clearly what the apostle Paul wrote in *Romans 12:1–2 (NET 2nd ed.)*
- Prior to that, Jesus taught we are to support one another along those lines as we hear Him say in *John 15:12 (NET 2nd ed.)*
- *Proverbs 14:34 (NET 2nd ed.)* reveals the basis of our viewpoint.
- *The charge to defy any government commands to commit sin. Acts 5:29 (NET 2nd ed.)*
- *We must never forget that a believer’s primary mission is not earthly, let alone political. John 18:36 (NET 2nd ed.)*
- The main descriptor for a Christian’s relationship to government is “*submission*” not “*domination.*” *Romans 13:1 (NET 2nd ed.)*
- *Christian Dominionism refers to a subset of American Christianity that is conservative, politically active, and believes that Christians should, and eventually will, take control of the government.*
- Christian Dominionists believe that God desires Christians to rise to power through civil systems so that His Word might then govern the nation.
- *A word of caution here when we are quick to take biblical or spiritual advice from a political party, your politician is not your pastor, and Congress is not the church!*

- *Kingdom Now theology is a theological belief within the Charismatic movement of Protestant Christianity, mainly in the United States. Kingdom Now proponents believe that God lost control over the world to Satan when Adam and Eve sinned.*
- *Since then, the theology goes, God has been trying to reestablish control over the world by seeking a special group of believers—known variously as "covenant people," "overcomers," or "Joel's army"—and that through these people, social institutions (including governments and laws) would be brought under God's authority.*
- *The belief is that, since believers are indwelt by the same Holy Spirit that indwelt Jesus, we have all authority in heaven and on the earth; we have the power to believe for and speak into existence things that are not, and thus we can bring about the Kingdom Age.*
- *Nationalism is a sense of loyalty and commitment to one's country.*
- *Loving one's country is fine, however, "nationalism" is rarely used as a criticism without qualification: it is tied to factions such as "white nationalism" or "Christian nationalism."*
- *Are Christian nationalists simply Christians who love their country? NO!*
- *Keith Simon also states, "While full-fledged Christian nationalism is a distortion of Christianity, patriotism is an appropriate love that Christians, along with their fellow citizens, have toward their country. Patriotism is a love for one's home country, but it does not elevate that country over others."*
- *C. S. Lewis said, "patriotic love for country isn't aggressive. It does not dominate others or demand uniformity. Instead, patriotism includes a sense of camaraderie with other Americans and leads us to cheer and chant for the USA in the Olympics and then wish the best for everyone, win, or lose."*
- *Attitudes that follow biblical principles can't be fairly described using the popular definition of Christian nationalism; the attitudes that the label implies are not part of a biblical worldview.*
- *The columnists Andrew Sharp of The Daily Times in an article entitled: **Neither the flag, nor the republic for which it stands, is sacred.** He says, "People say the athletes are disrespecting the flag and what it represents, but their fury at the athletes is almost religious in fervor. Maybe the word they're searching for is "sacrilege," not "disrespect." But the flag is not a sacred or holy totem, nor is the national anthem a religious ceremony, and I believe we'd do well to steer clear of treating them that way. The sacred is above criticism from mere mortals. But neither our flag nor the nation it stands for fit comfortably into that category."*
- *The fact is, you can't sing "God Bless America, land that I love. Stand beside her and guide her through the night with the light from above..." and yet engage in everything that is ungodly.*



- The above picture is taken from an article posted by Keith Simon. He states, "*Ever since the January 6th "Stop the Steal" rally led to an angry and violent mob attacking the Capitol, the phrase "Christian nationalism" has become ubiquitous (global)... It is because of their love for their country and their desire to see it grow and improve that patriotic Christians are willing to examine America's past and be honest about our national sins and failures. At its heart, nationalism puts love for country above Jesus. Patriotic Christians love Jesus more than their country.*"
- Take the time to watch this video YouTube: (place the cursor on the link below, hold down the control key (command key if a Mac), then left click the link, and it will go to the YouTube video. You may need to click it twice.
- White Supremacy: Same Dog, Same Tricks – Time to Change the Training |Russell Ellis | <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XUhdZ4jwCQ>