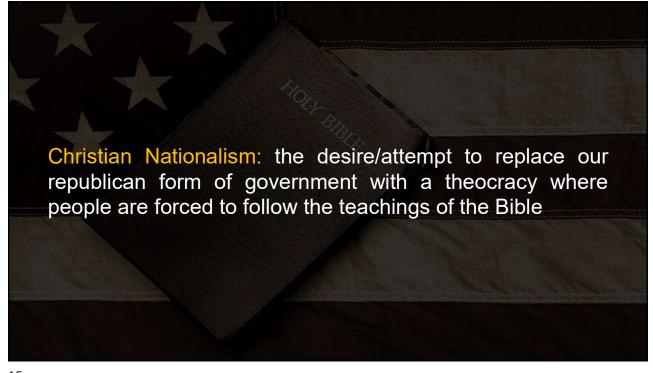
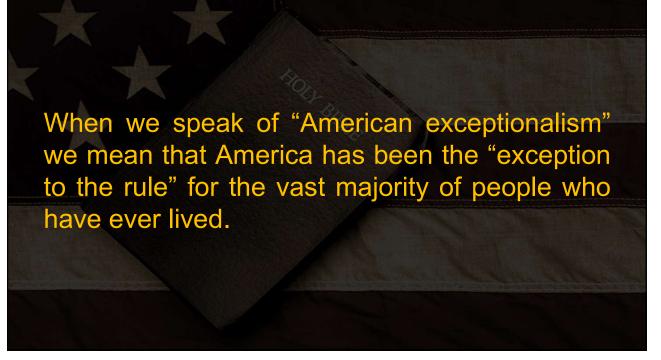


Patriotism: love for one's country

Nationalism: love of country at the expense of other people/nations; a belief that being from one country makes one superior to people from a different country







Mt 28:18 All authority in heaven and on earth has been given unto Me

Mk 12:30-31 And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.' This is the first commandment. ³¹ And the second, like it, is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

Mt 6:33 But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness

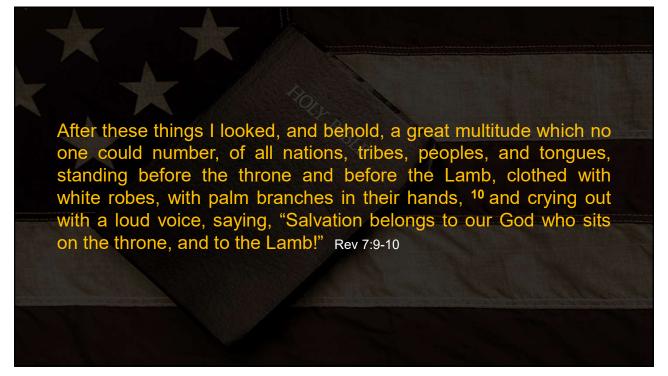
Lk 14:26 "If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple.

Mt 10:37 He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me.

1 Jn 2:15 Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

- The Christian's primary allegiance is to God and His church
- Love of God's Kingdom and love for all people must transcend everything
- It is a sin to allow our patriotism to supersede our "first love"

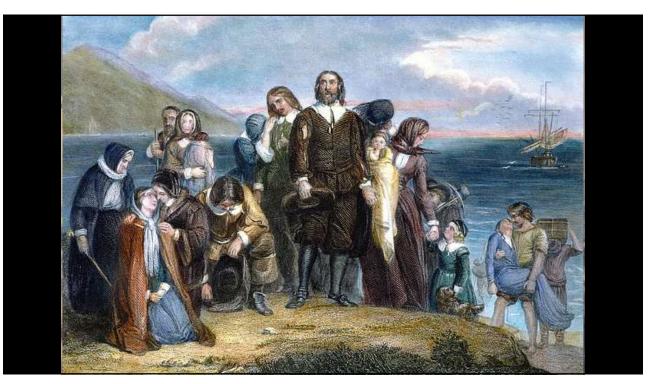












Deut 32:8 When the Most High divided their inheritance to the nations, when He separated the sons of Adam, He set the boundaries of the peoples according to the number of the children of Israel.

Dan 2:21 And He changes the times and the seasons; He removes kings and raises up kings;

Dan 5:21 the Most High God rules in the kingdom of men, and appoints over it whomever He chooses.

Job 12:23-24 He makes nations great, and destroys them; He enlarges nations, and guides them. ²⁴ He takes away the understanding of the chiefs of the people of the earth, and makes them wander in a pathless wilderness.

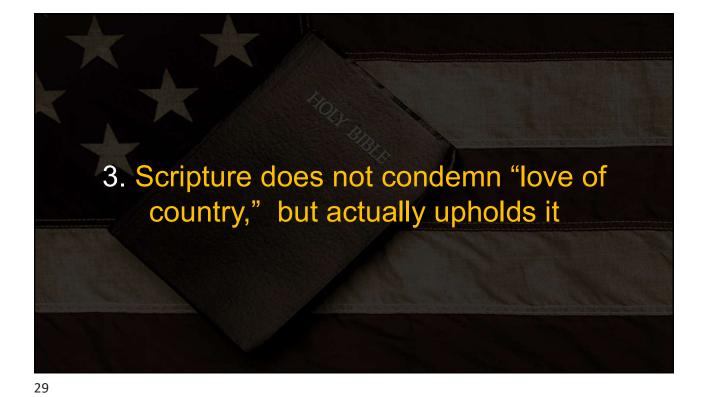
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Ps 33:12 Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people He has chosen as His own inheritance.

Prov 14:34 Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a ^[h]reproach to any people.

Acts 17:26 And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings,

Rom 13:1,4,7 For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God. ... ⁴ For he is God's minister to you for good. ... ⁷ Render therefore to all their due: taxes to whom taxes are due, customs to whom customs, fear to whom fear, honor to whom honor.



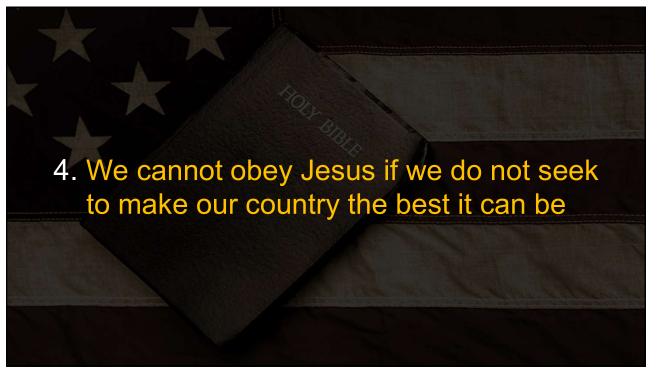
David loved his countrymen, calling them "my people" (Ps 59:11)
Jeremiah mourns the fate of his countrymen (Jer 8:19)
Daniel loved his country and his countrymen (Dan 9:1-19)

Jesus loved Israel – and specifically, Jerusalem

Lk 19:41 Now as He drew near, He saw the city and wept over it (Mt 23:37-39, Lk 13:34-35)

Paul loved Israel and his countrymen

Rom 9:1-4a I tell the truth in Christ, I am not lying, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Spirit, ² that I have great sorrow and continual grief in my heart. ³ For I could wish that I myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my countrymen according to the flesh, ⁴ who are Israelites ...



Mk 12:31 And the second, like it, is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

Mt 7:12 Therefore, whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.

Gal 6:10 Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.

1 Tim 5:8 But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.





