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Can a Christian be a Patriot?

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When two roads cross one another, we call it an intersection. If you travel on one road, you are on that single road, exclusively, until it crosses another. In that square space called an intersection, two roads become the same thing. Pass through the intersection, and you are back on a single road. You can drive on either road, and each is an exclusive path. Where they intersect; that space is **both roads at the same time**.

This is the focus of our study; the space that is BOTH Christianity and American Patriotism.

Can a Christian be a Patriot?

With the incredible division in America, these days, blatant lawlessness and the deplorable anti-American activities carrying on in our high offices, this type of question is emerging among concerned Americans – who are Christians. I hear nobody addressing it. Let's change that. (It will take some explaining, so please don't expect a one-pager.)

Isaiah 1:23 “Your princes are rebels and companions of thieves. Everyone loves a bribe and runs after gifts. They do not bring justice to the fatherless, and the widow's cause does not come to them.”

Clarity On Some Things

A Christian is one who believes Jesus is God's son and the ONLY way to salvation. A Christian strives to walk with Jesus through prayer, Bible study and the help of the Holy Spirit. S/he demonstrates his/her love for Christ through obedience and faithfulness as depicted in the Bible.

An American Patriot believes this nation is a blessing to all people who seek freedom. Patriots seek to maintain the fundamentals of America's founding, and strive to maintain our Constitution by being informed on issues and voting for representatives who espouse the same values. A Patriot demonstrates his/her love for our nation by observing our Constitutional laws and by being a responsible and engaged citizen.

From Webster's: “**Patriot: One who loves and supports his or her country.**” It can be summed up; ‘an American patriot puts their nation first and holds the constitution up as the law that governs our government.’

Hmmm....I can think of lot of very fine people who fit these characterizations. Some of them are in public office. MOST of them are in my community. In fact, I meet people every day who

fit this profile. I meet them when fueling my truck, when getting materials for a job, when standing in line at a store, when talking with friends, when GOING TO CHURCH! We see things brewing in our nation that alarm us.

We are watching the destruction of America's social and constitutional pillars at the hands of our elected officials who swore (with hand on the Bible) to defend them. The conversations I'm having with Christian Patriots lead me to believe there is confusion over what we are to do when we find ourselves in the intersection of Christianity and Patriotism when our government is off the rails. Hang with me, I believe there is an answer!

Most natural born US citizens don't look at our nation's Oath of Citizenship. Let's see what United States law requires of a new citizen:

Naturalization Oath of Allegiance to the United States of America

"I hereby declare, on oath, that I absolutely and entirely renounce and abjure all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty, of whom or which I have heretofore been a subject or citizen;

that I will support and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States of America against all enemies, foreign and domestic;

that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same;

that I will bear arms on behalf of the United States when required by the law;

that I will perform noncombatant service in the Armed Forces of the United States when required by the law;

that I will perform work of national importance under civilian direction when required by the law;

and that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; so help me God."

A person striving to become a citizen of the USA, is required to be a "patriot." If you're over 50 years old, you may remember classes in school on "citizenship." We were taught, in state-run schools, what it is to be a citizen; to be "patriots." Whether a new arrival, or born here, US citizens are expected to put the interests of their nation above all other nations. We are to love and put our country first. Remember the Pledge of Allegiance?

So, can the path of a Christian and the path of a patriot intersect and become the same thing?

Another way to approach the question is; "Is there anything about Patriotism in the USA and our Constitution that constitutes SIN?"

We'd better define sin: **"Anything that separates us from God is sin."**

- Anything that is contrary to God’s word is **sin**.
- Anything that we have to do in secret from God is **sin**.
- Anything we do – knowing it is sin – is **sin**.
- Anything we do that is defined in the Bible as “sin” is **sin**.
- Any sin that is fully accepted, redefined and embraced by society is **sin**.

In short, it is God who defines ‘sin’ and not man. Anything that separates God and man is sin.

Can Christians Disobey The Government?

In 1611, the Bible was translated from its original languages into the King James English. Using the vernacular of the day, the 6th Commandment states “Thou shalt not kill.” Many well-meaning Christians came to understand that this commandment means that serving as a combatant in time of war, and capital punishment, are sin. A lot of people protested via “civil disobedience” based on their religion or conscience.

However, modern Christians know that the word “KILL” in Exodus 20:13 was translated from the original Hebrew word: ‘ratsach’ – **to kill a human, to murder, to man-slay**. Most translations since the KJV reflect the more accurate word; ‘murder.’ To serve in the military, or for the state to execute a criminal, is not murder. These well-meaning civil dissidents are misinformed and misguided, but their objections are respected by our government. Our laws allow such civil disobedience in the form of “conscientious objection,” etc.

By the way, “**Civil Disobedience**” means; **the refusal to comply with certain laws or to pay taxes and fines, as a peaceful form of political protest**. The emphasis is on “peaceful.” It can also get tied up with one’s first amendment liberties (speech, freedom of worship, etc.). Therefore, our government is sensitive to certain forms of peaceful civil disobedience. Patriots who are Christian often dissent in this manner, exercising their first amendment right.

The most oft cited example of civil disobedience is the case in which Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat on a bus and move to the rear. Her faith and her knowledge of our constitution, convinced her that all humans are created equal. Other examples include conscientious objectors during the Viet Nam conflict who had been drafted, but refused to serve based on their religion. The Amish, for example will not serve in the military for this reason.

Many Christians believe that elective abortion is murder. Though laws have been enacted to legalize abortion, many believe those laws conflict with constitutional laws which protect life and label premeditated killing as a capital crime. They believe abortion laws are an attempt to supersede God’s ultimate authority. They further believe that life begins inside the womb, based on many statements in the Bible and knowledge gained through biological science. Christians also believe that all life, born, or unborn, is given rights equally from a higher power than man, and are protected under our constitutional law.

Jeremiah 1:5 “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born, I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.”

“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.” Declaration of Independence of the USA

Many who identify as ‘religious’ not only object to abortion on demand, they feel it is never medically warranted, and that the laws are immoral and actually give consent to sin. Many also believe that public funds should NOT be given to support the practice as it makes every citizen a co-conspirator in murder. Christians holding these positions against abortion often protest, pray with and talk with pregnant women near abortion clinics in an attempt to save lives. They do it lawfully and peacefully.

If you do careful examination, certain recent laws in our nation ARE immoral and anti-constitutional; those that favor the welfare and financial growth of other nations to the detriment of the USA, those that extend the benefits of US trade and financial aid to nations that practice serious human rights violations, those that allow the funneling of public funds to specific sub-groups to the detriment of the rest of the nation, those that seriously hamper private enterprise, those that identify certain elective medical procedures (abortion, sex reassignment, etc.) as ‘healthcare,’ etc.

Also immoral are the flagrant and well-known examples of anti-American, and sometimes criminal, behaviors of elected officials which go uninvestigated and unaddressed. Additionally, a great deal of evidence is surfacing about illegal election practices, which strip the American citizens of their constitutionally protected right to participate in their own government. Other immoral acts are observed in cities that constrain their police from fighting crime and the federal government forbidding the lawful actions of immigration officials.

Proverbs 29:2 “When the righteous increase, the people rejoice, but when the wicked rule, the people groan.”

Agree, or disagree, the treatment of these laws is being carried out by elected representatives of the people. Agree, or disagree, the behavior of certain elected officials is the duty of their peers and/or federal investigative organizations to oversee. There may be immoral, even sinful aspects to this system, but they are, by our laws, being handled as our elected officials dictate. Patriot citizens with objections may exercise their first amendment rights peacefully, and exercise their right to vote, in the effort to drive change.

So, YES, being a Christian Patriot has the undesirable consequence of being forced, by law, into enduring immoral and sinful activity. In light of the exponential growth of immorality and lawlessness in our own government, it can be a challenge to think like a patriot (like our patriotic founders), and keep our eyes on the Savior!! Yet, careful study of our forefathers

reveals that it was not for selfish reasons, but for Christ's glory that they pursued a land that is free and which values all lives equally....as does the Gospel.

Our domestic enemies want nothing more than for Christian Patriots to lose faith in our legal processes – to feel disenfranchised, to feel like we are not represented. They strive to make the system seem like a failure. However, our system has strong legal avenues that the government MUST respect, and we should use the legal path rather than vigilantism.

“America will never be destroyed from the outside. If we falter and lose our freedoms, it will be because we destroyed ourselves.” — Abraham Lincoln

Man-Made Government Will Always Tend Toward Corruption

Christian patriots must be mindful that manmade government has but one singular function; to reduce freedoms. Every law, every policy, every tax collected, every social program reduces freedoms for the overall citizenry. The only act of government that can expand liberties for the citizenry is the elimination of laws, policies, programs etc. Though our government was established to PROTECT and DEFEND freedoms it's being overrun by those who HATE liberty. Corruption in this cursed world is inevitable.

1 John 2:15-17 “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. For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world. And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.”

Psalms 118:8 “It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in humans.”

Do not misinterpret scriptures aimed at encouraging Christians NOT to put our faith in the things of this world. We STILL live in this world, and God fully expects us to make our lives livable. These exhortations are aimed at preventing worldly passions from edging out Jesus' leadership in our lives. Seeking freedom is entirely Biblical.

John 8: 36 “So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”

Let's examine a Biblical example of Christian civil disobedience. Remember, civil disobedience is persisting in doing what one feels is right.... PEACEFULLY and lawfully.

Acts 5: 27 “The apostles were brought in and made to appear before the Sanhedrin to be questioned by the high priest. 28 “We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name,” he said. “Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and are determined to make us guilty of this man's blood.”

29 Peter and the other apostles replied: “We must obey God rather than human beings! 30 The God of our ancestors raised Jesus from the dead—whom you killed by hanging him on a cross. 31 God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Savior that he might bring

Israel to repentance and forgive their sins. 32 We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.”

If the law of man conflicts with the law of God, Christians are to obey God. If our duties as Christians results in suffering, it is considered the outward acknowledgment of our Christian walk. However, this is ONLY valid when our conduct is truly Christ centered and not extensions of our own pride, or self-justification.

If an action of an elected official is unconstitutional, the Patriot **must obey the constitution** rather than the offending authority. An example is the shuttering of places of worship and small businesses during the covid lockdown. Many disobeyed those actions, holding the constitutional laws above the policies of local officials.

Example: With the advent of the “Affordable Healthcare” law, many faith-based organizations objected to mandates to provide contraceptive and abortifacient products as part of their healthcare plans for employees. In the summer of 2020, The Little Sisters of the Poor practiced Christian civil disobedience and refused to do so. They, then, prevailed in a Supreme Court case in which they argued that the new law forces them to violate their belief structure.

Example: In Colorado, a gay couple entered the Masterpiece Cakeshop and asked for a custom wedding cake for their reception (in 2012). The owner and master baker, Mr. Phillips, declined to make a “custom” wedding cake for them, but offered plain products - because it would violate his religious beliefs to artistically create a tribute to a homosexual marriage. The couple filed a complaint with the state’s civil rights commission which found the business was violating the state’s anti-discrimination laws that prohibit businesses from discriminating against LGBTQ people.

The battle between the two sides, the state and Phillips, eventually landed in the US Supreme court, which sided with the bakery business — and admonished the state's commission for showing animus against religion.

Too Much Goodness Is Not The Problem!

The past 20 years in America have been full of aggressions by authorities that push hard against the constitutional rights of ALL citizens. Christians hold to a moral standard as set forth in the Bible and, therefore, have strong motivation not to comply with laws that would violate our faith (abortion on demand). Christian civil disobedience is exemplified in the Bible as a way to protest to authorities that we will obey God and not man when it comes to moral issues.

“It is never wrong to do the right thing.” Mark Twain

As our two illustrations show us, the courts are there for our protection, and they are required to uphold the constitutional laws of our land.

1 Peter 4:12 “Dear friends, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that has come on you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. **13** But rejoice inasmuch as you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed. **14** If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you. **15** If you suffer, it should not be as a murderer or thief or any other kind of criminal, or even as a meddler. **16** However, if you suffer as a Christian, do not be ashamed, but praise God that you bear that name. **17** For it is time for judgment to begin with God’s household; and if it begins with us, what will the outcome be for those who do not obey the gospel of God?

2 Timothy 3:12 “In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted,”

As patriotic Americans who strive to preserve the fundamentals of our nation’s founding, our values can fully coexist with our values and guiding principles as found BOTH in the scriptures AND in our Constitution. That space in the intersection of the two roads can be a beneficial blend, and not a conflict, if we make sure that we DO NOT violate our own CONSTITUTIONAL laws as citizens.

This is the standard: We demonstrate love for God through knowledge of His word and obedience to it. We demonstrate love for our nation through knowledge of our founding, constitution and laws and our defense of them.

If anti-American, anti-Constitutionalist politicians achieve high office (as we’ve witnessed) and proceed to legislate immoral and un-American laws (as we’ve witnessed), they can be challenged. We do not challenge with weapons, but with the legal avenues that are in place for citizens to use. As long as our constitution stands, citizens have the right and duty to influence our government.

If the sum total of a citizen’s involvement is to curse at the nightly news and pass along emails and cartoons on the internet, we make no progress. **If the Christian community is to function as a patriotic community, we must stand as a united group; for Godliness and Constitutional integrity in balance.**

2 Chronicles 7: 14 “when my people humble themselves—the ones who are called by my name—and pray, seek me, and turn away from their evil practices, I myself will listen from heaven, I will pardon their sins, and I will restore their land.”

NO Christian Patriot Chooses Violence

We cannot end this discussion without an honest acknowledgment of the violent nature in which the freedoms we now enjoy were secured. When the pilgrims first boarded those rickety ships bound for this land, they were escaping tyrannical government and a state

religion which had become a weapon of government. They were pursuing the passion for freedom that beats within the chest of every human. They were not rebelling against that government, they escaped it (this is key!). It was not an overthrow, it was escape.

Once news reached the King of England that this new land was rich with resources and productive enterprises, he ordered his forces sent here to pillage and plunder. They had long razed their own forests for building ships, and wantonly stripped the forests of New England. They built more ships and pressed their presence even further into this land, collecting crops, fur, wool, alcohol, cotton, minerals, tobacco, and other resources they had no hand in producing.

Proverbs 28:15 “Like a roaring lion or a charging bear is a wicked ruler over a poor people.”

The settlers were faced with a future that mirrored what they had escaped, and many passionately proclaimed that they would rather die in a struggle for freedom than return to slavish servitude to a soft-bellied king. (Perhaps an example; I’ve spoken with several cancer survivors who have told me that they will never go through chemotherapy again.) It’s a sobering choice. Similarly, many who have lived under tyranny would rather die fighting for freedom than live in bondage again. However, rather than to first take violent action, our founders followed a Biblical example:

Matthew 18:15 “If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. 16 But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. 17 If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.”

They reached out to the king requesting their own autonomy. Upon his refusal, the settlers bonded together as one group and sent letters informing the King of their unity in rejecting his imperialism. They refused to become a colony of England existing only to enrich and serve the Crown. When that did not work, they penned the “Declaration of Independence” and signed it. In doing so, they were pledging to the King that they would fight to the death for their cause of freedom...SHOULD THE KING CHOOSE TO INVADE AND WAGE WAR. The settlers wanted no bloodshed, but the war was forced upon them.

“The tree of liberty must be refreshed from time to time with the blood of patriots & tyrants. It is its natural manure (fertilizer).” Thomas Jefferson (Nov 1787)

This Declaration touched off a terrible war, the history of which, we know. However, do you know the fates of the signers of the Declaration of Independence? Each HAD to be fully vested in their cause:

56 men signed the Declaration of Independence, and they pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor.

Five signers were captured by the British as traitors, and tortured before they died. Twelve had their homes ransacked and burned. Two lost their sons in the revolutionary army, another had two sons captured. Nine of the 56 fought and died from wounds or hardships of the revolutionary war.

Twenty-four were lawyers and jurists. Eleven were merchants, nine were farmers and large plantation owners, men of means, well educated. But they signed the Declaration of Independence knowing full well that the penalty would be death if they were captured.

Carter Braxton of Virginia, a wealthy planter and trader, saw his ships swept from the seas by the British Navy. He sold his home and properties to pay his debts, and died in rags.

Thomas McKean was so hounded by the British that he was forced to move his family almost constantly. He served in the Congress without pay, and his family was kept in hiding. His possessions were taken from him, and poverty was his reward.

Vandals or soldiers or both, looted the properties of Ellery, Clymer, Hall, Walton, Gwinnett, Heyward, Rutledge, and Middleton.

At the battle of Yorktown, Thomas Nelson Jr., noted that the British General Cornwallis had taken over the Nelson home for his headquarters. The owner quietly urged General George Washington to open fire. The home was destroyed, and Nelson died bankrupt.

Francis Lewis had his home and properties destroyed. The enemy jailed his wife, and she died within a few months.

John Hart was driven from his wife's bedside as she was dying. Their 13 children fled for their lives. His fields and his gristmill were laid to waste. For more than a year he lived in forests and caves, returning home to find his wife dead and his children vanished. A few weeks later he died from exhaustion and a broken heart. Norris and Livingston suffered similar fates.

Such were the stories and sacrifices of the American Revolution. These were not wild eyed, rabble-rousing ruffians. They were soft-spoken men of means and education. They had security, but they valued liberty more. Standing tall, straight, and unwavering, they pledged: "For the support of this declaration, with firm reliance on the protection of the divine providence, we mutually pledge to each other, our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor."

George Washington, whom Americans consider a hero, was viewed by the Crown as a traitor, and a great price was placed on his head. He had served in the British army and led men in

battles, however, when he saw the incredible prospect for freedom and liberty – especially freedom of worship – he began leading the people of this land in in that pursuit...against his former homeland. He put America first.

As John Winthrop put it, America became a religious “refuge”. “Wave after wave of religious groups sought sanctuary in North America.”

"While we are contending for our own liberty, we should be very cautious not to violate the rights of conscience in others, ever considering that God alone is the judge of the hearts of men, and to Him only in this case they are answerable." - George Washington

Are There Biblical Examples Of Patriotism?

We find many examples of individuals taking strong patriotic actions for the benefit of Israel. Here are just a few:

- **Ehud executes the king: Judges 3:15 Again the Israelites cried out to the Lord, and he gave them a deliverer—Ehud, a left-handed man, the son of Gera the Benjamite. The Israelites sent him with tribute to Eglon king of Moab. 16 Now Ehud had made a double-edged sword about a cubit long, which he strapped to his right thigh under his clothing. 17 He presented the tribute to Eglon king of Moab, who was a very fat man. 18 After Ehud had presented the tribute, he sent on their way those who had carried it. 19 But on reaching the stone images near Gilgal he himself went back to Eglon and said, “Your Majesty, I have a secret message for you.” The king said to his attendants, “Leave us!” And they all left. 20 Ehud then approached him while he was sitting alone in the upper room of his palace and said, “I have a message from God for you.” As the king rose from his seat, 21 Ehud reached with his left hand, drew the sword from his right thigh and plunged it into the king’s belly.**
- **Jael executes Sisera: Judges 4: 16 Barak pursued the chariots and army as far as Harosheth Haggoyim, and all Sisera’s troops fell by the sword; not a man was left. 17 Sisera, meanwhile, fled on foot to the tent of Jael, the wife of Heber the Kenite, because there was an alliance between Jabin king of Hazor and the family of Heber the Kenite. 18 Jael went out to meet Sisera and said to him, “Come, my lord, come right in. Don’t be afraid.” So he entered her tent, and she covered him with a blanket. 19 “I’m thirsty,” he said. “Please give me some water.” She opened a skin of milk, gave him a drink, and covered him up. 20 “Stand in the doorway of the tent,” he told her. “If someone comes by and asks you, ‘Is anyone in there?’ say ‘No.’” 21 But Jael, Heber’s wife, picked up a tent peg and a hammer and went quietly to him while he lay fast asleep, exhausted. She drove the peg through his temple into the ground, and he died. 22 Just then Barak came by in pursuit of Sisera, and Jael went out to meet him.**

“Come,” she said, “I will show you the man you’re looking for.” So he went in with her, and there lay Sisera with the tent peg through his temple—dead. 23 On that day God subdued Jabin king of Canaan before the Israelites.

- Nehemiah had returned to Judah to rebuild the walls of the city which had been torn down. The builders were being attacked while they worked. **Nehemiah 4: 13 Therefore I stationed some of the people behind the lowest points of the wall at the exposed places, posting them by families, with their swords, spears and bows. 14 After I looked things over, I stood up and said to the nobles, the officials and the rest of the people, “Don’t be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, who is great and awesome, and fight for your families, your sons and your daughters, your wives and your homes.”**

These are not examples of vigilantism. These warriors were chosen and led by God to do very important jobs at a specific time. In America, such acts are considered vigilantism (illegal) and must never be a hasty or emotional approach to solving a problem.

As Christians, we are to walk in the KNOWLEDGE of God’s Word (all of it!) and in OBEDIENCE to it. Doing so will naturally result in resistance, ridicule and even bodily harm. We are to count such sufferings as glory for our part in advancing the kingdom of Christ.

As patriots, we have a constitutional right to live free. That, naturally, excites the desires of those who want us on our knees...obeying....paying...deferring to....them. We have the constitutional rights, and the duty, to protect our homes, families and our own liberties. Our Constitution protects these rights (acknowledging that they are bestowed by God, not man) and the carrying out of this duty. The process of penning the Constitution was bathed in prayer by faithful Christians intent on forming a government that would serve the people, and not the other way around.

The Christian’s body, which is the Temple of the Holy Spirit, and the Patriot’s heart which tells him to fight for freedom and equality for all are perfectly compatible. The key is that we MUST obey our creator first, and the United States Constitution.

Psalm 146:3-5 “Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation. When his breath departs, he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish. Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God.”

“Our cause is noble. It is the cause of mankind.”

- George Washington

In closing, I’ll quote a great contemporary Christian Patriot, whom I’ve studied over the past 33+ years.

“The battle for freedom and liberty really never is over, and there are really low points in it, but I'm not giving up, and I'm not going to engage in phony pep talks, either.

...WE ARE the Founders' posterity, in whom they placed so much hope and for whom they paid so dearly, yes, we will triumph and yes dark forces will fight us (and our posterity) every step of the way, with extreme prejudice. We must expect this battle forever.

But we do not fight alone. We really are a nation blessed by God.

I firmly believe that. I believe that after having studied elements of American history, the true story of the first Thanksgiving, so many absolutely unique, wonderful things had to happen. There's a book by Catherine Drinker Bowen called “Miracle at Philadelphia.” It's about the writing of the Constitution; how it came together. It is a miracle. No other time in human history has anything like the United States ever been attempted. The constitution has never been attempted anywhere but here, and it worked, and it continues to work, despite efforts to undermine it that are coming from within.

Our founding documents remain a powerful threat to [our internal enemies].

The reason for George Washington's first Thanksgiving proclamation was largely about thanking God for the newly ratified Constitution. Everybody who participated in the Constitutional Convention realized how unique it was, how special it was, how privileged they were to be a part of it. And remember the phrase, “Lives, fortunes, sacred honor.” People sacrificed everything to create this nation.

This is what [our internal enemies] don't get; the pricelessness of American liberty. They don't have the first clue why we treasure it, our flag, our patriotic songs, our shared experience – including our history's pain and effort - and our love for the American way of life.

Defending America is our [never ending] battle. It's is the same battle of the republic described in a haunting lyric and melody from 160 years ago which begins, “Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord,” and ends like this:

In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,
With a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me:
As he died to make men holy let us die to make men free,
His truth is marching on. Glory, glory, hallelujah!

It is for this purpose that we are here.” (Rush Limbaugh)

The First Conquest Goal Of A Tyrant Is TO Remove GOD

Faith in God must be eliminated BEFORE any serious effort to conquer faithful people can be attempted. Since Jesus' birth, and forever into the future, faith in Christ is the greatest threat

of all to tyranny. If we Christian Patriots don't protect America's constitutional freedoms, we will LOSE our religious freedoms....then the rest of them!

“Perhaps you and I have lived with this miracle too long to be properly appreciative. Freedom is a fragile thing and is never more than one generation away from extinction. It is not ours by inheritance; it must be fought for and defended constantly by each generation, for it comes only once to a people. Those who have known freedom and then lost it have never known it again.”

— Ronald Reagan

When the cause of Christ and of liberty are the unified cause of the people in a conflict, there is no other “way out.” When God is stripped away, there IS a way out, because liberty loses its moral, Godly foundation.

“Always give your enemy a way out. If you totally surround them, they will fight even more fiercely. With a way out, they will not.” -Sun Tzu, The Art of War.

Christian Patriotism is a greater threat to tyranny than guns, greater than mobs, greater than the ballot box. That is why tyrants HATE Jesus. Tyranny cannot stand in the face of Jesus Christ and His true followers.

Acts 26:28 Then Agrippa said to Paul, “Do you think that in such a short time you can persuade me to be a Christian?”

A person fully dedicated to Jesus and fully dedicated to the quest for liberty is an irresistible force for good – because it is an effort blessed by God. It formed the most unique human experiment in world history and has withstood 245 years of attacks upon it. It is worth preserving.

Romans 1:18-19 “For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them.”