



The Perils of Christian Nationalism

"Any time you wrap the cross in the flag, you obscure the cross and deify the flag, thereby distorting the meaning of both."

--Reverend Dr. David A. Jones, Pastor, Williams Memorial Baptist Church, Roanoke, Virginia

"Christian Nationalism is the single biggest threat to religious freedom in America."

--Amanda Tyler, Executive Director, Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Freedom

**We, the Undersigned,
Denounce the Distorted Views of Christian Nationalism.
The cost of silence compels us to speak.**

Christian Nationalism advocates a particular brand of Christianity, which it believes is superior to other religions. It seeks to guide and dominate American civic life with its twisted version of Christianity.

Christian Nationalism Is Based on Misplaced Beliefs that Have No Biblical Basis.

We reject the belief that America was established as a White Christian nation.

We reject the belief that America is God's chosen nation.

From these beliefs flow a steady stream of hate and intolerance: racism, antisemitism, misogyny, anti-immigrant, anti-LGBTQ+, anti-indigenous, basically, anti-anything that is other.

The Founders of Our Nation Believed in Freedom of Religion.

The First Amendment of the United States Constitution declared that **our government cannot establish a religion**, and that **every religion can be freely practiced**. Regardless of where people worship—in a cathedral, mosque, synagogue, church, or temple—**all religions enjoy the same status and protection**.

The Biblical Jesus Rejected Nationalism.

We reject the militant, hard-nosed, and authoritarian image of Jesus offered by **Christian Nationalism**. Their Jesus carries a sword and attacks his foes. That Jesus has no biblical foundation. Instead, Jesus refused to retaliate when beaten and nailed to a cross. He **preached love** for enemies. He blessed peacemakers and urged his followers to **love their neighbors as themselves**. He rejected domination and replaced it with **service to others**.

Jesus Invited ALL to the Table.

Jesus invited Jews and non-Jews, prostitutes and tax collectors, outcasts and religious leaders to follow him. All were welcomed. Jesus announced a kingdom that transcends nation and ethnicity, created and defended not by the sword, but by the **power of divine love**.

Protecting America's Commitment to Religious Freedom

We, the undersigned, **denounce Christian Nationalism**. The cost of silence **compels us to speak**. We affirm the strength of an **inclusive and interfaith** United States of America. We applaud the **promise to protect religious freedom**—allowing **every** faith, and those of no faith, to worship as they are called with dignity and equality. We commit to creating a more just and loving society for all.

(Individual names will be listed here.)



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Resources

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Statement by Christians Against Christian Nationalism: <https://www.christiansagainstchristiannationalism.org/statement>