

Series: Christianity & Politics
Title: Christian Nationalism
Lesson: 2

Text: Assorted Texts
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Review

1. Love and unity should overcome our political differences.
2. Remember that unity within diversity is a sign of the Holy Spirit's work.
3. We need to differentiate between first and second-tier issues.

Candidate # 1 - _____

He consults astrologers, has two mistresses, chain smokes and drinks 8-10 martinis a day

Candidate # 2 - _____

Kicked out of office twice, sleeps until noon, used opium in college, and drinks a quart of brandy every evening.

Candidate # 3 - _____

A decorated war hero, a vegetarian, doesn't smoke, drinks an occasional beer, no illicit affairs

Stephen Wolfe - "A case for Christian Nationalism"

"Christian nationalism is the totality of national action consisting of civil laws and social customs conducted by a Christian nation as a Christian nation in order to procure for itself both earthly and heavenly good in Christ"

Andrew Whitehead & Samuel Perry - "Talking America Back For God"

"Christian nationalism is the belief that America has been and should always be distinctively 'Christian' from top to bottom in its self-identity, interpretations of its own history, sacred symbols, cherished values, public policies, and it aims to keep it this way."

Two questions to get at the core issue of Christian Nationalism.

Do we need government to advance the mission of the church?

How much is your Christian hope linked to the next election?

Two dominant perspectives:

1. Christianity as an _____
of government.

A warning

2. Christianity as an _____
through government.

A summary of Christian Nationalism

Since America is a Christian nation, we should strive to fuse religion and politics with religious laws that are enforced by civil government.

Six reasons why Christian Nationalism is unbiblical and dangerous:

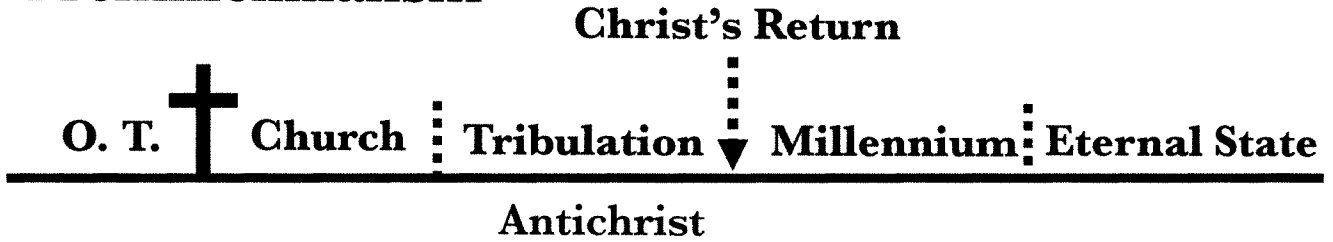
1. It presents a _____ of church and state in a unbiblical way.

2. It can become a _____ for making disciples.

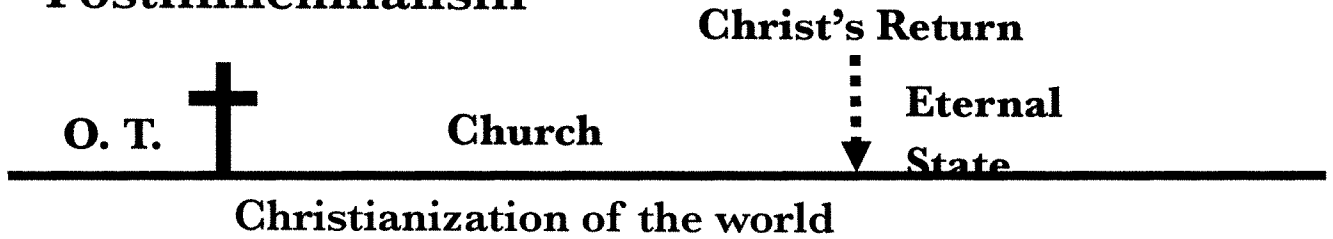
Revelation 12:11 “And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they did not love their life even when faced with death.

3. It is the wrong view of _____.

Premillennialism



Postmillennialism



4. It attempts to turn New Testament government back into a _____.

5. It can lead to a subtle form of _____.

6. The success of Christianity does not depend on
_____.

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John 18:36 Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, then My servants would be fighting so that I would not be handed over to the Jews; but as it is, My kingdom is not of this realm."

There are two kingdoms.

"My kingdom" / "this world"

"His servants" -

John 18:10–11 Simon Peter then, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest’s slave, and cut off his right ear; and the slave’s name was Malchus. 11 So Jesus said to Peter, “Put the sword into the sheath; the cup which the Father has given Me, shall I not drink it?”

Implications

1. God’s kingdom does not depend on our government’s

_____.

2. We can trust the outcome of the next election will be

_____ to advance the gospel.

Romans 13:1 Every person is to be in subjection to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are established by God.

Discussion Guide

1. How important is it to vote for candidates that pass our moral standard? Why is it important that we realize we are not voting for spiritual leaders?
2. What is the difference between a healthy involvement in government and Christian Nationalism?
3. How can politics become idolatry?
4. How can implication # 6 release us from the ternary of political outcomes?
5. How was today's sermon helpful in your view or politics?



ANSWERS: Franklin Rosevelt, Winston Churchill, Adolf Hitler, Christian Nationalism, influencer, enforcer, partnership, substitute, eschatology, theocracy, idolatry, worldly alliances cooperation, God's will