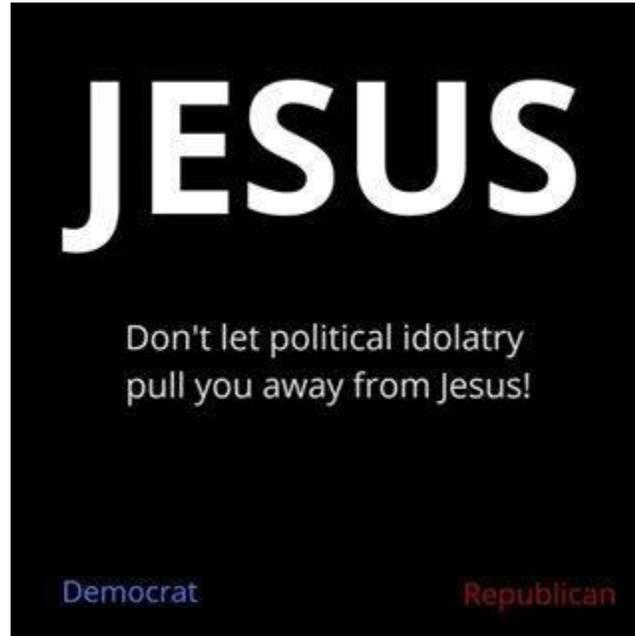


Political Idolatry: Putting America before the Kingdom of God/Christ



When a person puts his politics or country before the Kingdom of God, he moves into idolatry.

This idolatry is understandable in the non-Christian because he has no identification in or with the Kingdom of God. He must absolutize his country, race, or his political cause to fulfill his inherent need for a personal sense of belonging and acquire an identity that transcends self.

However, it is inexcusable for the Christian to put America or her politics above the Kingdom of God. The priority for the Christian is to be the socio-political-economics of the Kingdom of God, which includes the universal and international community of other Christians centered in Jesus Christ.

Our country is increasingly shutting doors to fellow Christians in other countries who suffer persecution from their governments--recently, there has been a 40% reduction in allowing persecuted Christians from the Mideast into our country.

While every Christian should be a patriot, Christ and His Kingdom must come first. This means that he must first be oriented to the multinational community of the fellow believers centered in Christ as well as the politics of God and natural law.

To think that God loves Americans and America more than other people is nothing short idolatry of the state. Consider the words of the conservative Cal Thomas:

a huge difference between affirming American exceptionalism and the claim by some that God favors America more than other nations. This is idolatry. Jesus didn't die and rise for Americans, who did not exist in His time, but for everyone from every land and for all time.

It is unfortunate that many clamor to make America great again, but do not give a hoot about the Kingdom of God or even the local body of believers in Christ and His Kingdom.

Many will spend countless hours of being brainwashed by watching Fox News or CNN. Yet, they never darken the doorway of a local church (an outpost of the Kingdom of God) because they do not have time or interest in what God has to say about ethics, politics, government, and human nature. Or they go to a church that does not dare to teach the whole truth about the politics of Jesus lest they offend politically (idolatrous) Christians.

In His Matchless Grace,

Pastor Don