

## How Can A Nation Be Christian?

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What is it that makes a nation a Christian nation? Is it the number of her citizens which attend church and show support for Christian causes? Is it the determination of her leaders to follow the doctrines of Scripture? Is it the formation of a national Christian church? What makes a nation Christian? Many nations have met the above criteria in the past while claiming to be Christian, and several of them have genuinely adhered to a biblical philosophy at different points throughout their history, but America has a different basis for her claim of Christianity.

She has never had an established, national church. The majority of her populace has often been opposed to Christian causes. She has endured lengthy periods of low church attendance, and her leaders have often strayed from the edicts of God's Word. Yet from the moment of her conception as a handful of British colonies to the present day, she has more closely followed the principles of the Bible than any of her peers. Why? Because America's claim to Christianity is not founded on the religion of her people but on that of her laws.

Other nations that have claimed to be Christian have been primarily aristocratic in their legal systems. As such, those nations have only been Christian to the extent that their supreme ruler has been content to follow the Bible. A few supposedly Christian nations have been established under democratic governments, but as democracies are subject to the supreme whim of the majority, so those nations have adhered to the precepts of Christianity only so much as the majority of their citizens have agreed to those precepts.

America, on the other hand, is neither an aristocracy nor a democracy but rather a republic. She is governed by a supreme document rather than a supreme ruler, and thus she will be a Christian nation to the same extent that her ruling document is Christian. That document is the Constitution of the United States of America. It is the supreme law of the land to which all other laws must agree. If the Constitution is found to be a Christian document, then America will remain a Christian nation for as long as she remains under the rule of the Constitution.

I have previously demonstrated forty-eight portions of this supreme law which are in complete agreement with the principles of the Bible. No other legal document in the history of mankind (save the Bible itself) can claim such agreement with God's Word, nor is any other document of any sort so similar to the edicts of the Constitution. Is it any wonder that American humanists are against the literal application of our nation's ruling document? The Constitution and the Bible are inseparably linked, and any nation governed by this document can proudly claim the title of "One Nation Under God."