

# Christian Nationalism

What is it?

Where did it come from?

What do we do about it?

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**AN APPEAL TO HEAVEN**





**AN APPEAL**

*"The people have no  
other remedy in this,  
as in all other  
cases where they  
have no judge  
on earth,  
but to  
appeal to heaven..."*



*- John Locke  
1775*

**TO HEAVEN**

# The Christian Nationalist “story” of America:

- America was founded as a Christian nation, by (white) Christians
- American laws and institutions are based on “Biblical” (that is, Protestant) Christianity
- America is divinely favored as evidenced by its enormous wealth and power
- America has a divine mission: in exchange for these blessings, America has been given mission: to spread Christianity, freedom, and civilization—by force, if necessary.

Rev James Fifield  
Apostle to Millionaires

- Dismissed many NT passages wealth and poverty, and instead assured the elite that their worldly success was a sign of God's blessings.
- Fifield started his religious-political organization [Spiritual Mobilization](#) in 1935; liked to talk about "Freedom Under God".
- Praised businessman and capitalism and denounced FDR and decried the New Deal as an encroachment upon our American Freedoms".







# ~ New Apostolic Reformation Cult ~

## False commission: 7 Mountain Mandate

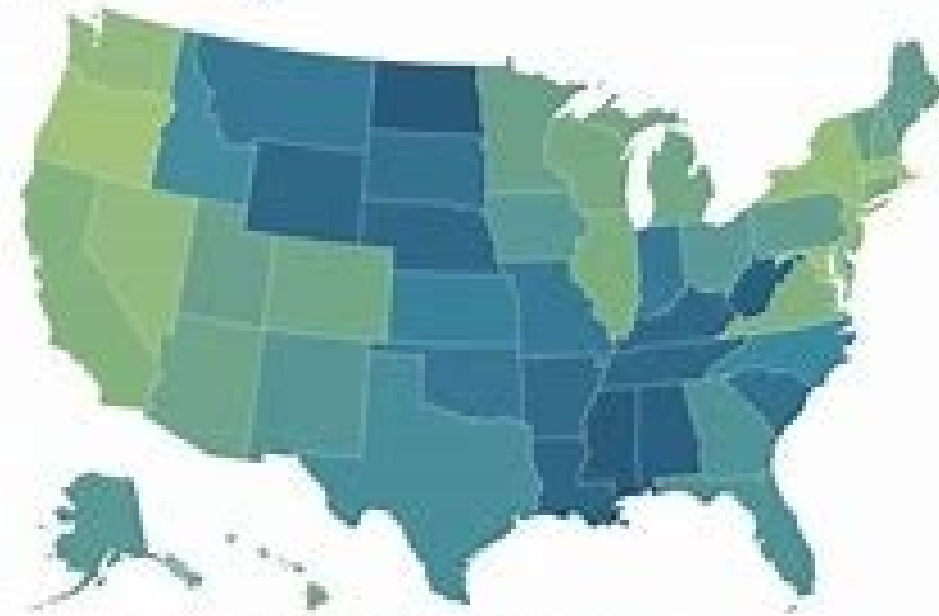
### Kingdom of God

*"Now it will come about that In the last days The mountain of the house of the LORD Will be established as the chief of the mountains..." Is 2:2*



Assignment: 1. Assimilate | 2. Illuminate | 3. Demonstrate | 4. Propagate  
(Mountains may also be called pillars, spheres, moulders, shapers, etc.)

### Support for Christian Nationalism (Adherents and Sympathizers), by State



Source: Pew Research Center, "American Values Atlas," March 9-16, 2022. Created with Tableau.

# Democracy and Faith Under Siege: Responding to Christian Nationalism

**CHRISTIANS**

**AGAINST**

CHRISTIAN  NATIONALISM

# What can we do?

- One good first step for Christians is to learn more about Christian nationalism — and how and why it conflicts with Christianity (Whitehead's book as a good place to start).
- Christians bear a special responsibility to understand and to root out Christian nationalism so be informed and pay attention to what is happening in our community, our state and our country.
- Push back against the idea that White, native-born people are privileged; hold people accountable for what they say and do in a non-confrontational way.
- Try to (re) build relationships across differences of politics, race and religion.
- Remember the words of Dr. Martin Luther King "Darkness cannot drive out darkness, only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate, only love can do that." Christians need to offer a positive alternative to Christian nationalism: an affirmative, positive way of being Christian centered on the teachings, the example and the spirit of Jesus of Nazareth.

What can we do??

Stand up for non-white, non-Christian, non-binary, non-cis-gendered people who CN do not think belong in America.



**Stay informed!  
Pay attention!**

“In new documentary ‘God and Country,’ Rob Reiner shines a light on Christian nationalism”





**THIS IS NOT A  
CHRISTIAN  
NATION**



**IT'S A NATION  
IN WHICH YOU  
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CHRISTIAN**