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# Should America Be a Christian Nation?

A Quick Guide

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*Should the United States of America Be*

# A CHRISTIAN NATION?

This is an important question, because every nation is going to be centered on some worldview or other. If not Christianity, then something else.

## **A Key Fact to Consider**

Remember that Christianity spreads not through force, but rather through evangelism and discipleship, (Rom. 10:14; Mat. 28:19).

## **What Is a Christian Nation?**

For our purposes, a Christian nation is one in which there is:

- **Sphere sovereignty.** Four “spheres” of authority are recognized: civil government, church/religion, family, and the individual.
- **Biblical basis.** These “spheres” look to the Bible for their definitions, rules, and how they should adapt over time.
- **Christological emphasis.** The nation’s guiding principles are found in the Bible, with an emphasis on the New Testament and special focus on Christ’s teachings and work.

Jesus is the “author and finisher of our faith” (He 12:2). So a Christian nation would be based on His teachings, character, and goals. It would resemble Jesus.

The U.S. *should* be a Christian nation, for three reasons.

## **Reason #1: Christianity Is True**

Christianity is rooted in historical fact, not mere abstract teachings. The Bible gives the basis for logic, morality, and science and tells us our origin, purpose and destiny. In the Trinity we find the origin of love, justice and unity in diversity. It uniquely explains human experience.

## **Reason #2: Christianity Is Good**

The Bible’s teachings order society. It gives both rationale and limits to the civil government’s power (cf. Rom. 13). It recognizes other centers of sovereignty (church, family, and self), with God as Supreme over all. Scripture balances both liberty and responsibility.

## **Reason #3: Christianity Is Beautiful**

Where Christianity has spread, it has brought literacy, education, medicine, scientific advancements, moral improvements and civil rights. Not to mention beautiful art and architecture!

## **Discussion Questions:**

1. How would you define a Christian nation?
2. Why might someone *not* want America to be a Christian nation?
3. What would be some benefits of living in a Christian nation? What challenges might there be?
4. How can you personally spread the Christian message?

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Recently I did a “Debate Stage” on the Discord Politics server on the topic, “Should America Be a Christian Nation?”

After my opening statement, I respond to the seven different debate partners, who raise the following challenges:

- Would a Christian nation violate basic rights?
- Did we really used to be a Christian nation?
- Can Christianity take credit for civilizational advancements and moral teachings?
- Is Sharia law superior to biblical Christianity?
- In a Christian nation, how much force could Christians use?
- Would it be better if the state was seen as supreme?
- Why isn't atheism a better foundation than Christianity?
- How would we reconcile all the various Christian denominations?
- Does the Bible teach the principles of a constitutional republic?



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