

Midweek Bible Study

The Christian and His Country

I. We are citizens of God's kingdom above all else

Phil. 3:20-21; 1 Pet. 2:11

Heb. 11:13-16

II. Our attitude towards the country where God has placed us

A) Acts 17:26

B) Jer. 29:4-7

III. What should love for country look like?

A. Gratitude for the blessings

B. Mourn the sins of our nations
Psa. 119:136

C. Submit to its authority
Rom. 13:1-7

D. Be a Citizen with Moral conviction
Dan. 4:27; Mk. 6:17-20; Acts 24:24-25
Mic. 6:8

E. Be a Citizen of Moral influence
Matt. 5:13-16; Phil. 2:14-15

F. Engage in its Service



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- F. Pray for your country
1. Leaders - 1 Tim. 2:1-4
 2. Confession and Repentance - Ezra 9; Neh. 9; Dan. 9
 3. Imprecations against evil.
 4. Revival/Awakening/Mission - Rom. 9:3

IV. Warnings and Counsels

- A. Can I love my country too much?
- If I feel I have more in common with someone because we are Americans rather than because we are Christians (esp from different countries who are in Christ).
 - If my concerns for my own country eclipse any concern for the nations in terms of missions or the persecuted church.
 - If political issues consume me and squeeze out the means of grace and a walk with God, do not presume that one's patriotism or nationalism is spirituality.
- B. What about Christians who disagree politically?
- C. What if I get really angry or really anxious over the state of my country?
- Remember God's sovereignty
 - Pray – Phil. 4:4-6
 - Remember this present life is short and preparatory 1 Cor. 7:31; 1 Jn. 2:17

Conclusion

