

## A Patriot - 07/07/19

**TEXT – Php 3:20** *For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ:*

**1 Pe 2:11** *Dearly beloved, I beseech you as **strangers and pilgrims**, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul;*

**Heb 11:13** *These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were **strangers and pilgrims** on the earth.*

**Heb 13:14** *For here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come.*

**INTRO – We celebrate our independence from England on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. We just celebrated our 243<sup>rd</sup> birthday of our nation. Our country has a rich heritage and we should be grateful to live in such a free and prosperous land. But, what should our relationship be to our country as Christians? Should we be patriotic?**

### I. American Patriots

**Patrick Henry** - Give me liberty or give me death!

**Nathan Hale** - I only regret that I have but one life to give for my country.

- A. Many were Christians not deists
- B. They were men of conviction
- C. They were men of vision and a pioneering spirit
- D. They were not perfect

**Hero:** *A person of distinguished courage or ability, admired for his/her brave deeds and noble qualities.*

**Patriot:** *A person who loves, supports, and defends his or her country and its interests with devotion.*

- E. We should pray for the best in our country

**Pro 14:34** *Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people.*

**1 Ti 2:1-3** *I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; 2 For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. 3 For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour;*

- F. we must obey those in authority

**Heb 13:17** *Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.*

- G. We have concerns for our country

**Mat 22:21** *They say unto him, Caesar's. Then saith he unto them, **Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's.***

### II. Our Christian Patriotism

- A. We have a heavenly home

**1 Pe 1:4** *To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you,*

- B. We have an earthly family

**Eph 2:19** *Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God;*

- C. We have a heavenly King

**Joh 19:14-15** *And it was the preparation of the passover, and about the sixth hour: and he saith unto the Jews, Behold your King! 15 But they cried out, Away with him, away with him, crucify him. Pilate saith unto them, Shall I crucify your King? The chief priests answered, We have no king but Caesar.*

**Rev 19:16** *And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.*

**Rom 14:11** *For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.*

**Php 2:9-11** *Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: 10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; 11 And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

- D. We have the hope of revival

**2 Ch 7:14** *If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.*

### III. Our Christian Responsibility

- A. God must be first

**Mat 6:33** ***But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.***

- B. Give our best to Him

**Pro 3:9** *Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase:*

- C. Give our time

**CONCL – Give him the first day of the week the first hour of very day. The first fruits of our increase.**