

CHRISTIANS AGAINST CHRISTIAN NATIONALISM

As Christians, our faith teaches us everyone is created in God's image and commands us to love one another. As Americans, we value our system of government and the good that can be accomplished in our constitutional democracy. **Today, we are concerned about a persistent threat to both our religious communities and our democracy — Christian nationalism.**

Christian nationalism seeks to merge Christian and American identities, distorting both the Christian faith and America's constitutional democracy. Christian nationalism demands Christianity be privileged by the State and implies that to be a good American, one must be Christian. It often overlaps with and provides cover for white supremacy and racial subjugation. **We reject this damaging political ideology** and invite our Christian brothers and sisters to join us in opposing this threat to our faith and to our nation.

As Christians, we are bound to Christ, not by citizenship, but by faith. We believe that:

- **People of all faiths and none have the right and responsibility to engage constructively in the public square.**
- **Patriotism does not require us to minimize our religious convictions.**
- **One's religious affiliation, or lack thereof, should be irrelevant to one's standing in the civic community.**
- **Government should not prefer one religion over another or religion over nonreligion.**
- **Religious instruction is best left to our houses of worship, other religious institutions and families.**
- **America's historic commitment to religious pluralism enables faith communities to live in civic harmony with one another without sacrificing our theological convictions.**
- **Conflating religious authority with political authority is idolatrous and often leads to oppression of minority and other marginalized groups as well as the spiritual impoverishment of religion.**
- **We must stand up to and speak out against Christian nationalism, especially when it inspires acts of violence and intimidation—including vandalism, bomb threats, arson, hate crimes, and attacks on houses of worship—against religious communities at home and abroad.**

Whether we worship at a church, mosque, synagogue, or temple, **America has no second-class faiths.** All are equal under the U.S. Constitution. As Christians, we must speak in one voice condemning Christian nationalism as a distortion of the gospel of Jesus and a threat to American democracy.

Join thousands of Christians by signing this statement at ChristiansAgainstChristianNationalism.org

STAND UP

to Christian nationalism

Christians Against Christian Nationalism is a **grassroots movement of Christians** from across the theological spectrum to oppose a political ideology that seeks to merge Christian and American identities, distorting both our Christian faith and America's constitutional democracy.

Launched in July 2019, individual signers of the statement represent the **diversity of Christianity in America**:



More than 6 dozen different denominations



Representing all 50 states, D.C. and Puerto Rico



Rural, urban and suburban localities



A mix of clergy & active churchgoers

Signers include Protestants (Evangelical, Mainline, and Historically Black), Catholics, Orthodox, and others. Below is a sampling of the groups represented:

African Methodist Episcopal Church

Eastern Orthodox Church

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Southern Baptist Convention

American Baptist Churches USA

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Presbyterian Church in America

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

Assemblies of God

Greek Orthodox Church

Progressive National Baptist Convention

The Episcopal Church

Cooperative Baptist Fellowship

Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

Roman Catholic Church

The United Methodist Church

Disciples of Christ

Mennonite Church USA

Seventh-day Adventist Church

United Church of Christ

See an updated list of signers and **add your name** at **ChristiansAgainstChristianNationalism.org**

By demonstrating common ground across the broad Christian family, this campaign serves as a resource for those combating the damaging ideology of Christian nationalism and those engaging in civil dialogue.