

WHAT'S HAPPENED TO OUR CHRISTIAN COUNTRY?

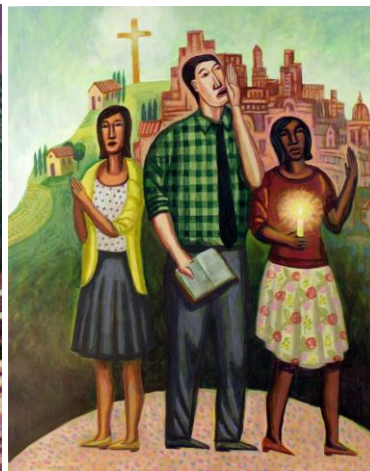
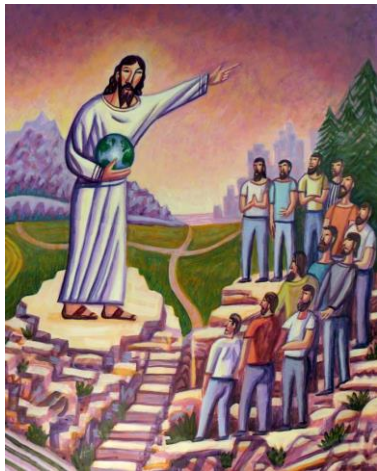


Christian country? Get real.

There has never been such a thing, nor will there ever be until Jesus returns.

Our job is not to make our country Christian.

Our job is to make disciples---of all nations.



To be witness to Jesus as Lord *in a world which doesn't have a clue about him.*

To live in this pagan world as sons and daughters of God's kingdom.

To bring....

**good news to the poor,
deliverance to the captives,
sight to the blind,
freedom to the oppressed,
hope to all who will listen.**



The Ten Commandments may be stripped from the walls of every courthouse in the land. Surprised?

**These commandments have long since vanished
from the lives of those who claim to revere them.**



The Lord's Prayer may be silenced in every school. Shocked?

**This prayer has long since lost its welcome
in the hearts of those who pay it lip service.**

There is no better contribution we can make to our country than to see to it that WE obey the Ten Commandments, as Jesus interprets them in Matthew 5.



There is no better contribution we can give to our land than to make sure that WE pray the Lord's Prayer with contrite hearts.

"It's time for judgment to begin with God's own household."

1 Peter 4:17

Prayer: Yes Lord, help us to look to our own hearts. Make each of us Christ-like, truly living as people of your Way so we can do the work you call each of us to. Help us to stop relying on leaders, laws, programs, and institutions...including churches to fix the broken lives of this clueless, twisted generation. Give us the faith, the courage, and the vision to see that you are as powerful amid pagan, godless systems as any so-called Christian land. Help us to reach out and touch people individually, personally to their cores with your holiness.... empowered by your Spirit. Fill us with compassion and love for the lost instead of criticism and repulsion. Help us to see that they are not hopeless, they are not loveless, they are not worthless. They are beloved by you. Oh Lord, bring healing to them, draw them close to you...nurturing a desire, a burning fire within them to become your disciples as well.... and together we will live as bright lights, as sons and daughters of your Kingdom wherever you place us.... even in the midst of great darkness. Amen.

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