

Sermon Notes
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The Paradox of Patriotism

1 Peter 2:9-11

**Every Christ follower has a _____
citizenship that must be prioritized.**

Philippians 3:20a – *“But our citizenship is in heaven.”*

**Do you consider yourself a _____
American or an _____ Christian?**

When national citizenship is priority:

- * _____ **concerns become more important than spiritual commitments.**
- * _____ **conforms to fit the American dream.**
- * _____ **the American way becomes the main thing.**

When spiritual citizenship is priority:

- * **I _____ for our nation and its leaders.**
* 1 Timothy 2:1-2 * Luke 6:28
- * **I _____ the culture.**
* Matthew 5:13-16 * 1 Peter 2:11-12
- * **I am a _____ citizen.**
* Romans 13:1-7 * 1 Peter 2:13-15
- * **I give God’s truth _____
over national preferences.**
* Acts 4:19 * Acts 5:29

A Prayer of Repentance

Heavenly Father, we ask You to help us humble ourselves, not only today, but every day. Hear our prayer, forgive our sin and heal our land!

We acknowledge our complete dependence upon You. You are our Creator, God, and Father of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Your faithfulness continues through all generations and our generation is in desperate need of your love and grace and an awareness of your power and holiness.

We have been proud and arrogant, as individuals, families, churches and as a nation. You have blessed us greatly, but we have taken Your blessing for granted.

You call us to be a light, to live holy lives, to walk in Christian love and take the gospel of Christ to the nations. Instead, we have withheld the grace of Your gospel from our family, friends, neighbors and co-workers, allowing far too many to face a Christ-less eternity. We have been complacent, apathetic, lazy, disobedient, and unfaithful to Your call.

Lord, Heal our Land. Revive Your churches. Set our hearts aflame with righteousness. Purge compromise from our congregations and cause Your word to reach to every city and town in America.

Make Your people salt and light again. Raise up godly leaders in the church and in the government so that we may lead quiet and peaceable lives in godliness and holiness. Help us to return completely to You and return to us Lord. We pray in the Name of Jesus Your Son.