True Patriots Are Bible-based Constitutionalists

We Have A Greater Regard For God's Law "To Love" Than Being Politically "Conservative" or "Liberal"

Our faith in the God of the Bible and in His deep love and compassion for humankind compels us to love others for these reasons: •they're made in His image and •our Lord Jesus shed His blood for them. Because we earnestly love God we observe His

moral laws and refuse to hate or despise fellow human beings. We hold our convictions deeply and they keep us from becoming embroiled in political antagonism.

In a nation that's become prone to hostile politics, people who embrace God's Laws of love appear "Liberal" to self-labeled "Conservatives." We appear "Liberal" because we refuse to hate or despise others. To self-labeled "Liberals" we appear "Conservative" because we staunchly uphold the moral boundaries of God's Law.

To keep from being trapped in what we see as **antagonistic**, **polarized political views**, we simply tell people, "We're Bible-based Constitutionalists." Most folks think of the Constitution as a historic document containing a series of amendments to guide the government of this nation. They have lost sight of the Bible-based motives of the signers of our Constitution. God's concern for the welfare of mankind and His Law regarding how we treat each other is captured in the Preamble:

<u>The Preamble</u>: <u>We the People</u> of the United States, in Order to form a <u>more perfect Union</u>, <u>establish justice</u>, insure <u>domestic Tranquility</u>, provide for the <u>common defense</u>, promote the <u>general Welfare</u>, and secure the <u>Blessings of Liberty</u> to ourselves and <u>our Posterity</u>, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America. (emphasis added)

Stated in this Preamble are the God-inspired aspirations of the wise men who framed a document that was based on God's commands in the Bible:

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments'" (Matthew 22:37-40; see also Deuteronomy 6:5).

"So in everything, <u>do to others what you would have them do to you,</u> for this sums up the <u>Law and the Prophets</u>" (Matthew 7:12).

The exercise of <u>love through action</u> in these two passages was foundational to the "**Golden Rule**" that was once a fundamental concept of society in the US — <u>the principle of treating others as you yourself would want to be treated</u>. It's important to recognize that some of the



signers of the Constitution even warned future generations that when we forsook the authority of God's Word in guiding our decisions, this nation would fail. Some also warned that when this nation quit being a Republic and devolved into a democracy, we were committing societal suicide. The prophetic fulfillment of their warnings is all around us today.

Have you ever sung this particular verse of "America" ("My Country 'Tis of thee")? The mighty intervention of our Great God and King is needed now more than ever in these turbulent times.

"Our fathers' God to Thee, Author of liberty, to Thee I sing; Long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light; Protect us by Thy might, Great God, our King! America."

We believe that our God is calling us to be resolute in our love for Him *and* in our love for every person for whom our Lord Jesus died. <u>Loving them doesn't mean we agree with everything they stand for</u>. But to respond with anything less than seeing them from His eyes of compassion demeans His sacrifice both for us and for them.

The increase of hatred, bigotry, sexism, racism and self-obsession in this land, no matter whether you're "Conservative" or "Liberal" or belong to a faction of Christianity, is our society's failure to exercise the same regard for others we would want for ourselves. We collectively as a people have failed to pass along this essential relational standard to our children and grandchildren. And as we as a nation have given up on God and His Law of regard for others which the signers of the Constitution held dear, He's giving up on us in our defiant self-willfulness and is leaving us to our own self-destruction.



Don't let this next Presidential election tear the heart out of this nation! Bible-based Constitutionalists may be able stop this land's self-destruction by first choosing to regard others with the same loving compassion Jesus had for them on the cross. Anger, animosity, and hostility only lead to destruction.

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