

3 How to think about the polarizing divisions in the American church over politics, Trump?

Christianity Today article

→ Great Danger = an over-allegiance + over-identification w. nation/leader and an under-allegiance + under-identification w. Jesus Superior to Moses

① The Situation then and now

☞ Reminds them of their identity and allegiance
holy brothers, you who share in a heavenly calling

Why?

1. Then = Moses was the greater leader of Israel ► Law was God's Word to Israel. Jewish Christians persecuted for faith were tempted to revert to Judaism 10:32ff
2. Now = Much over-identification and over-allegiance to nation and faith in political leaders to save nation.

② The superiority of Jesus Christ

Can we agree that Moses / Θ 's Law / Israel elect has a unique place in redemptive history, so a perfect test case of our identification w. nation / political leaders?

Nations/ Leaders	Israel/ Moses
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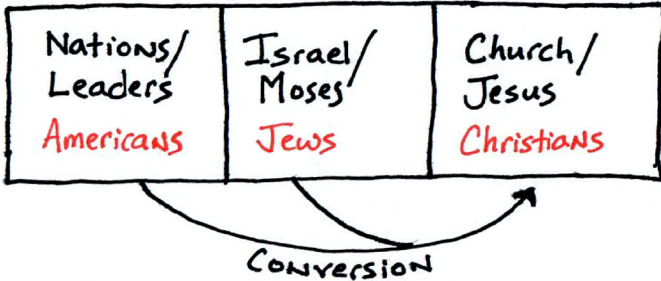
Consider Jesus, the apostle + high priest of our confession, who was faithful...

► Argument by comparison

MOSES	JESUS
Both faithful in Θ 's house <i>as people</i> BUT...	
Moses' glory is that of a SERVANT	Jesus' glory is that of a SON <i>like the glory of builder over the house</i>

➡➡➡ Jesus is Superior so hold fast to your allegiance + identification to him *We are his house if indeed we hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope*

③ The Citizens this makes *We are his house (v6)*



What kind of citizens does this make?

= Ones whose first allegiance is to Jesus, who identify first w. other Christians as family and as citizens of heaven "heavenly calling" Abraham... looking forward to a city that has foundations, whose designer + builder is Θ (11:10)

Christians *Be holy (3:1, 12:14)*

1. Care about politics/leaders BUT care far more about your *heavenly calling*
2. Care about your political tribe BUT care far more about your *brothers/sisters*

Americans ► **National Identity** The foundation of every human nation is crumbling, only Jesus, citizenship in Heaven can give you the *REST* your \hearts longs for *Augustine*