

CITIZENS



America's semiquincentennial birthday

semi: half

quin: five

cent: one hundred

ennial: years



Half of 500 years

Every Christian holds dual citizenship as a citizen of a nation AND a citizen of God's Kingdom.

Romans 13:1 (ESV)

Let every person be subject to the governing authorities.

Titus 3:1 (ESV)

Remind them to be submissive to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work.

1 Peter 2:13-14 (ESV)

13 Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, **14** or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good.

1 Timothy 2:2 (ESV)

(Pray) for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way.

Ephesians 2:19 (NIV)

Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of His household.

Philippians 3:20 (ESV)

Our citizenship is in heaven.

But living a just and holy life requires one to be capable of an objective and impartial evaluation of things: to love things in the right order.

St. Augustine, 396 BC

Matthew 6:33 (ESV)

But seek first the kingdom of God
and His righteousness.

Patriotism

A love for or devotion to one's country.

June 30, 2026 Gallup Poll

What percentage of Americans are either “extremely proud” or “Very proud” to be an American?

2001: 87%

2026: 53%

Acts 17:26-27 (ESV)

26 And God made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place,

Acts 17:26-27 (ESV)

27 that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward Him and find Him.

Indonesia



Nationalism

Elevating one nation above all others and promotion of its culture and interests.

Acts 10:34-35 (ESV)

34 Truly I understand that God shows no partiality,
35 but in every nation anyone who fears Him and
does what is right is acceptable to Him.

John 18:36

My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But My kingdom is not from this world.

Mennonite Brethren Confession of Faith

God has given governments authority to maintain law and order and to punish wrongdoers. Followers of Christ respect and pray for those in authority so that peaceful order may prevail.

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The primary allegiance of all Christians is to Christ's kingdom, not the state or society.

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Because their citizenship is in heaven, Christians are called to resist the idolatrous temptation to give to the state the devotion that is owed to God.

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