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Is Our Freedom at Risk?

The word **MYTH** is defined by Webster's Dictionary as "a real or fictional story that appeals to the consciousness of a people by embodying its cultural ideals or by giving expression to commonly felt emotions."

That definition expresses exactly what has happened to the American church in regard to politics.

An emotional, heartfelt desire to see our Christian ideals represented in government has led to the creation of a myth that Christians will lose their religious freedoms unless they become actively involved in the political system.

Impact of Grassroots Movements

In the 1970s and 80s, this myth caused the largest grassroots movement of evangelical Christians into the political process that we have ever seen.

That movement helped elect conservative presidents to the White House more consistently, and it subsequently changed the makeup of the Supreme Court.

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While these are good results, it is easy to see that politics have not solved our real problems.

Abortion still claims the lives of millions of innocent children every year, and the moral fabric of America appears to be unraveling at an alarming rate.

Church vs. Government

Does this mean we are doomed? It does if we believe the government can do what only the CHURCH has been called to do.

Our form of government was never intended to change society; it is incapable of producing morality through legislation.

It may help restrain immorality, but only if the CHURCH has established a **moral foundation** in the hearts of the men and women who govern.

Charlie Kirk was a great example of high moral and Godly character making an influence in the political and educational realm.

As we have seen through judicial activism, judges with great legal power and no moral character are making judgments contrary to any reasonable interpretation of the law.

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Isaiah 5:20

*Ah! Those who call evil good, and good evil,
who change darkness to light, and light into
darkness,
who change bitter to sweet, and sweet into
bitter!*

They are calling good evil and evil good

often making the victims feel guilty while
creating sympathy for the perpetrators.

The Link Between Morality and Freedom

John Adams, the second president of the United States, wrote in 1789, “Our Constitution was designed only for a moral and religious people.

It is wholly inadequate for the government of any other...Free government rests upon public and private morality.”

Matt. 5:13 “You are the salt of the earth. But if salt loses its taste, with what can it be seasoned? It is no longer good for anything but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

It is not our government that has failed;

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it's the church that has failed to be the salt of the earth

Dr. Jedediah Morse was an American preacher and author who 1761-1826, his text books became a staple for students in America.

He said in 1799:

"In proportion as the genuine effects of Christianity are diminished in any nation, either through unbelief, or the corruption of its doctrines, or the neglect of its institutions; in the same proportion will the people of that nation recede from the blessings of genuine freedom..."

"Whenever the pillars of Christianity shall be overthrown, our present republican forms of government, and the blessings which flow from them, must fall with them."

He was saying that **Christianity**, not **government**, is the driving force behind true freedom.

Revival Awakens the Church

When World War II brought America back to her knees, a revival broke out that is still

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referred to as the era of the highest church attendance in recent history.

A time of repentance and seeking God brought peace and a period of great prosperity.

The result of those good times was a church that has fallen a sleep.

And while it was sleeping, a new generation, the “baby boomer,” became obsessed with materialism and freedom from moral constraint.

How did the church react?

In many ways,

some of which were very good.

People began seeking the Lord, and the Lord answered through what is often called

“The Jesus People Movement,”

“The Charismatic Movement,”

“The Word of Faith Movement,”

“The Lay Witness Renewal,”

These revivals were not spearheaded by any individual, yet they had a worldwide impact.

Truly, these were mighty moves of God’s Spirit.

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Political Traps: Are We Missing the Point?

Make no mistake—Christians who live in a country that provides them the freedom to govern through voting or holding political office have a responsibility to participate.

However, for many, politics has been the only weapon against moral decline.

Calvin Coolidge, the thirtieth president of the United States, declared,

“The foundations of our society and our government rest so much on the teachings of the Bible that it would be difficult to support them if faith in these teachings would cease to be practically universal in our country”

Our society isn't sick because of the government;

it's sick because the church has not made faith in the teachings of the Bible

Once we cease to win the hearts of men, it is inevitable that ungodly men will make their way into leadership and take the country with them.

The Power of the Gospel: Our Best Tool

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If we change people's hearts with the Gospel, the people will change the government with their votes.

Government merely reflects what people believe in their hearts; it does nothing to form those beliefs.

William Penn, the founder of Pennsylvania, wrote in the early 1700s, "Government seems to me to be a part of religion itself...Let men be good, and the government cannot be bad."

It's good to pursue legal action and political means to right wrongs.

But the power of the Gospel has more power to change the hearts of men than all the military might and legislative bodies of any government.

Billy Graham understood this. When asked to run for president in the 1950s, he responded by saying he would not lower himself to that position.

The Apostle Paul lived in one of the most immoral and politically corrupt societies that the world has ever known.

Yet he advocated no political action.

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Instead, he told the Christians to submit to government

Romans 13 tells us to pray for those in authority

1 Tim. 2:1-4

1 First of all, then, I ask that supplications, prayers, petitions, and thanksgivings be offered for everyone,

2 for kings and for all in authority, that we may lead a quiet and tranquil life in all devotion and dignity.

3 This is good and pleasing to God our savior,

4 who wills everyone to be saved and to come to knowledge of the truth.

He inspired change in society one heart at a time.

In a short period of time, Christianity became the official religion of the empire that once threw its followers to the lions den.

Light vs. Darkness

Elias Boudinot, president of the Continental Congress in 1783, and later a congressman from New Jersey who served as president of

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the American Bible Society, said, “The moral character of a people once degenerate, their political character must soon follow.”

There is a civil war going on in America today, but it is not political.

Sure, the courtrooms and congressional halls are the battlegrounds!

But the war itself is between light and dark, the truth of the Gospel and the lies of the devil.

It's between the people of God and the children of the devil.

Recognizing the Real Enemy

In this war, the enemy tries to hide his true objectives behind the mask of individual rights and personal liberties.

But make no mistake—the real goal is the elimination of **God** and His influence from our society so that people can indulge in their carnal lifestyles without conviction or guilt.

The way to win this war and save the political character of this nation is to use the Gospel to change the moral character of its people.

Our founding fathers understood this.

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Returning to the Great Commission

The church needs to refocus its energies back to the great commission that our Lord Jesus Christ gave us:

Matthew 28:19-20

19 Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit,

20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.”

This was Charlie Kirk's mission and If every born again American would lead just one other person to the true faith, and invite them to church,

we would see a massive shift in the values and morals of our society.

If that happened, then there really would be significant change in the politics of our nation.

Charlie understood this as he felt called to bring truth to the education system.

It's time for the church to take back what we lost in our Christian rights and Spiritual Roots of Gods love and absolute **TRUTH!**