

## What The Movement Is

The Christian Amendment Movement is an Association of American citizens who are united in the effort to bring the United States of America to an acknowledgment of the Lord Jesus Christ, which shall be expressed in an amendment to our national Constitution.

## The Proposed Amendment

SECTION 1. THIS NATION DEVOUTLY RECOGNIZES THE AUTHORITY AND LAW OF JESUS CHRIST, SAVIOUR AND RULER OF NATIONS, THROUGH WHOM ARE BESTOWED THE BLESSINGS OF ALMIGHTY GOD.

Section 2. This amendment shall not be interpreted so as to result in the establishment of any particular ecclesiastical organization, or in the abridgment of the rights of religious freedom, or freedom of speech and press, or of peaceful assemblage.

Section 3. Congress shall have power, in such cases as it may deem proper, to provide a suitable oath or affirmation for citizens whose religious scruples prevent them from giving unqualified allegiance to the Constitution as herein amended.

## History of the Movement

From the time the Constitution of the United States was written, there has been a constant witness to the need of such an amendment. This witness has borne good fruit.

The Christian Amendment Movement was formed in 1946 to continue that witness and is being blessed of God remarkably. Many groups of Christian people, hearing its message, have given it their enthusiastic support. Representatives of many denominations have expressed their approval, including moderators of four Presbyterian assemblies, the General Secretary of the Assemblies of God, editors and educators in the Baptist, Methodist, Christian, Nazarene, Mennonite, and other churches. The Board of Administration of the National Association of Evangelicals has endorsed it, as has the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of eight states.

Dr. Peter Marshall, while chaplain of the United States Senate, preached to his congregation at the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church in Washington on the need of such an amendment. He said:

"It is strange, and I believe tragic, that the Constitution makes no reference to God . . . Many efforts have been made at different times to introduce such an amendment, but there has been opposition and indifference, so to this good day the Constitution of our country ignores the principles upon which our country was founded. Forty-three of our States have already written into their constitutions vague religious acknowledgments . . . but not one State honors Jesus Christ . . . All pious, vague affirmations about God as the Supreme Being, etc., are vain unless supreme honor is specifically given to Jesus Christ."

At the suggestion of Senator Harley M. Kilgore, this sermon was placed in the "Congressional Record." It was also chosen "Sermon of the Month" by the "Christian Herald."

"The Christian Patriot" is the monthly periodical of the Movement. Its numerous subscribers appreciate its regular arrival and timely messages on this great subject.

The Christian Amendment has been regularly introduced in Congress since 1947 and must be kept before our nation until America is willing to confess her faith in Christ.

### Why The Amendment Is Necessary

**The Christian Amendment is necessary because civil government is ordained of God and He should be acknowledged by the nation.**

The Scriptural ideal is set forth in these words: "The Lord is our judge, the Lord is our lawgiver, the Lord is our King; he will save us" (Isa. 33:22). This covers the whole field of civil government—the judicial, the legislative, and the executive.

The founding fathers realized all this and dedicated our nation to God. The Mayflower Compact, the compacts of the colonies, the Declaration of Independence, the Articles of Confederation, the Northwest Ordinance were all undergirded with acknowledgments of God and the Christian faith.

When we were young and struggling to become a nation we recognized our dependence upon Almighty God; but when we became strong enough to adopt a constitution of civil government we forgot God. At least we made no acknowledgment of Him whatsoever in that fundamental law of the land. In the supreme law there is no Supreme

Being. "We the People" have taken the place of God.

**The Amendment is necessary because God has committed all authority over the nations to His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, and requires the nation to acknowledge Him through Whom He bestows divine guidance and divine protection.**

The Christian Amendment is necessary for the nation just as a confession of Christ is necessary for the individual. In the second Psalm God declares, saying, "I have set my King upon my holy hill of Zion." Then He calls upon the nation to "kiss the Son lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way." Furthermore, Jesus Himself said: "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth."

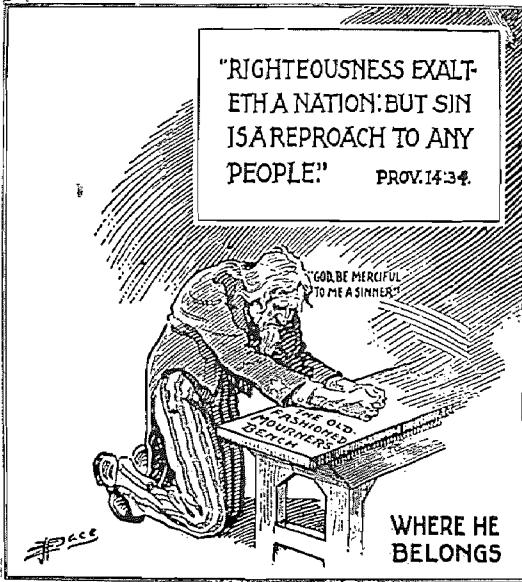
We cannot preserve our cherished political heritage unless Jesus Christ Himself is at the center of our national life. William Penn said: "Men will be governed by God, or they will be ruled by tyrants." The best defense against tyranny is the commitment of the nation to Jesus Christ and Christian principles of civil government.

The confession of Christ by the nation involves repentance of national sin just as truly as it does by the individual when he becomes a Christian. Our nation is guilty of many moral evils—the liquor traffic, gambling, Sabbath desecration, low standards of honesty in personal and public life.

But our greatest sin is that of placing ourselves, "We the People," as the highest source of authority in our national Constitution. Our failure to acknowledge Christ

and obey Him as Lord is to reject Him. This is not only our greatest sin; it is also our greatest peril, for we know from the Scriptures and the examples of history that the nation and kingdom that will not serve God shall perish. The Jewish nation rejected Him, and the nation disappeared. The Romans rejected Him, and the Roman nation has gone down into the graveyard of nations.

The Christian Amendment Movement is calling Uncle Sam to repent and acknowledge Him Whom God has appointed the Ruler of nations.



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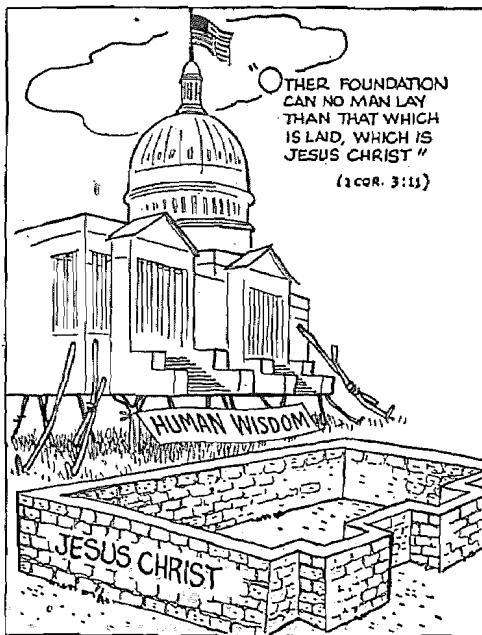
Men and nations do not live by material and scientific progress alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. What we need is not more miracle-producing industrial machines, higher wages or increased profits. We need stronger moral

and spiritual underpinning, and we need it badly.

Can anything less than a national confession of faith in Jesus Christ provide the necessary foundation upon which we can make a sufficient spiritual progress?

## What the Amendment Will Do For Our Country

It will provide a Christian foundation for our government.



The Amendment alone will not save our nation, but without it there is not even a foundation upon which to build a Christian society in our country.

The state is not a secular institution. Paul, speaking of the state's relation to God, wrote: "The powers that be are ordained of God" (Romans 13:1). The state has a duty to recognize the source of its authority. The Constitution should not be on the side of the atheist.

Christ did not redeem us as individuals and neglect the redemption of society. When we pray, "Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven," we include our national life as well as our individual lives. The acknowledgment of Jesus Christ is a necessary foundation if Christ's kingdom is to be fully realized on earth.

The Christian Amendment will enable church and state to work together for public righteousness.

Church and state must be kept separate so far as government and organization are concerned. The church should never interfere with the state in political affairs. No denomination should ever be set up as the established church in this country.

Neither should the state ever interfere with the church unless, through its practices, it is interfering with public morals. For instance, polygamy must be prohibited, since it interferes with moral standards. But the state should never pass laws which pertain to matters of church government or

worship, such as the choice of church officials or the observance of the sacraments.

Forty-three of our forty-eight states now make religious acknowledgments in their constitutions, but that does not unite any church with these states; neither would an acknowledgment of Christ in our federal Constitution unite any church with our federal government. The acknowledgment of Christ by our nation and a union of church and state are two entirely different things.

If the state must be completely separate from God and entirely secular, then the church and the state are going to work against each other. "A house divided against itself cannot stand." Rather, let both church and state acknowledge Jesus Christ and cooperate in establishing Christian principles of conduct.

**The Christian Amendment will give support to Christian political leaders.**

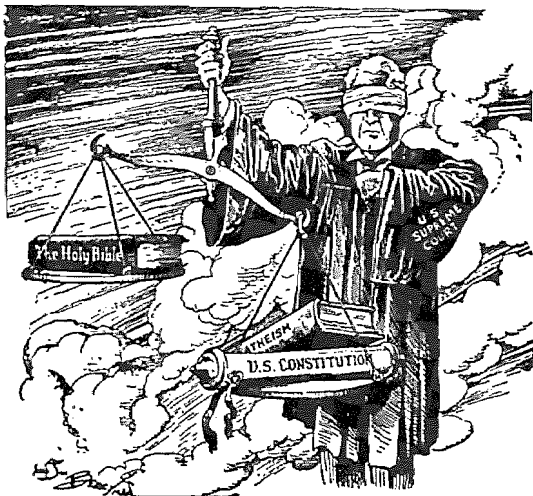
Every citizen has a definite responsibility to God that no institution or office can take from him. "Every man must give account of himself to God." But a Christian in political life in America works under the severe handicap of serving a government that is not Christian. To which does he owe his first loyalty? If we had a Christian civil government, there would be no such problem of conflicting responsibilities. Such a government would attract to its offices men of high Christian character.



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"The position taken by a government with regard to morals and religion will in the long run, if unchecked, bring to its own likeness a majority of the people" (W. J. Coleman). For example, bad government and wicked leadership in Germany, Italy, and Japan lowered tragically the moral standards of otherwise great peoples. If Christ were in our government, however, and Christian men in office, we could then expect a corresponding rise in moral standards.

The Christian Amendment will afford a constitutional basis for Christian legislation and judicial decisions.



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The Amendment will provide our lawmakers with a Christian foundation for progressive legislation. It was a tragic decision of the Supreme Court that to teach the Bible in the public schools is unconstitutional. Certainly this decision would have been different had the Constitution been Christian.

The Christian Amendment will furnish a basis for the improvement of moral conditions for all our citizens, regardless of religious profession.

Every citizen of our country will be helped by this Amendment. Few would want

to live in a community where Christian influences were not evident. In such a community, devoid of Christian ideals, the value of property would decline, neighborliness would wane, the ties that bind society would weaken, many of the blessings we enjoy would disappear.

To Jews and others who do not believe in Christ, the Christian Amendment would work no injury but would be rather for their protection. Three representatives of the Christian Amendment Movement went to call upon the leaders of the American Jewish Committee in New York City. Those leaders were told that this is a Christian movement, under Christian leadership, with nothing anti-Semitic about it. Dr. Moses Jung, a leader in this committee and Lecturer in Religion at Columbia University, said: "Gentlemen, no true Christian can be anti-Semitic." Neither would a true Christian nation be anti-Semitic.

Sections two and three of the proposed Amendment protect the rights of conscience. The acknowledgment of Christ will not destroy freedom; it will put it on a firmer foundation. When Christ makes our nation free, we will be free indeed.

Something must be done to stem the tide of wickedness in our country, but few have any remedy to suggest. We believe that a most effective Scriptural remedy is the Christian Amendment. Letters of encouragement from hundreds of people say: "We are praying for your great cause. TELL US WHAT WE CAN DO TO HELP."

## What You Can Do to Help

### Pray for our country.

Pray for a real Christian revival. Pray that America may turn from her sin and confess Christ. Pray that she may not go as so many nations have gone who have forgotten God.

### Work for the Christian Amendment.

Distribute this tract to your friends.

Secure other literature. Study it and pass it on. Ask for free sample packet.

Subscribe to "The Christian Patriot." This eight-page monthly periodical costs only \$1.00 a year. There is a special rate for gift subscriptions of 2 for \$1.00.

Crystallize public opinion. Conduct study classes on the Christian Amendment. Schedule the radio program, "THE WAY OUT," on stations nearest you.



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