

# Our Nation's Biblical Foundation

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# Introduction

Just like a foundation of a house is an underlying basis or principle for something, our nation, The United States of America, has a foundation of its own. Our founding fathers laid down a biblical foundation so their country could prosper. America's Constitution and Declaration of Independence was based on Biblical principals. In this presentation I will cover:

- What does a “Christian Nation” actually mean?
- America's blessings because of its Biblical foundation
- Why America's founding fathers made America with a Biblical foundation
- Christian Basis for Laws set by our founding fathers
- Examples of how our Biblical foundation today is being slowly torn down



*"Religion and good morals are the only solid foundation of public liberty and happiness." ~Samuel Adams*

# 5 Biblical Principals

The United States of America had 5 main Biblical Principals that were used in the Declaration of Independence. These helped form our Biblical foundation.

1. God created all people equal~Genesis 1 and 2
2. God gave every person certain rights that are essential to God's purpose for them.~Genesis 1 and 2
3. God instituted government to secure and protect these rights.~Genesis 9 and Romans 13
4. God established moral laws in His Word. "We the people" hold the government accountable to God's moral laws.~Exodus 20, Acts 4:18-20 and Romans 2:12-16.
5. Government must rule at the consent of the people.~Exodus 18:27

# What does a “Christian Nation” actually mean?

- Post-modern critics who say that America is not a Christian nation always avoid from giving any definition of what the term “Christian nation” means. So what is an accurate definition of “Christian Nation”?
- A Christian nation is not one in which all citizens are Christians, or the laws require everyone to follow Christian theology, or all leaders are Christians. America is called a “Christian Nation” because Christianity has largely shaped and molded our nation to make it like it is today.
- A Christian nation is a nation founded upon Christian and Biblical principles, whose values, society, and institutions have largely been shaped by specific principles.

*“It is the duty of all **nations** to acknowledge the providence of almighty **God** and obey His will.”~George Washington*

# God's Blessings because of America's Biblical Foundation

- When compared to other nations America comes up on top when it comes to America's rich religious culture, the nation has far lower crime rates, much higher levels of charitable giving, better health, stronger marriages, and less suicide, to note only a few of the benefits.
- Those who forged our nation's documents and laws were God-fearing people, with a Christian outlook on life, morals, and government, which set the course for maintaining the freedoms we now take for granted.
- Unlike other nations, America has the freedom of religion. Nobody in America is being denied access to the truths of the gospel. In other countries Christians are being prosecuted. America has become a missionary nation, sending the Good News around the world.
- God has blessed this obedience and allowed our freedoms to continue.
- Even though we see the Christian mindset stumbling, our nation withholds incredible liberties and is the envy of the world.
- America has rich diversity because we are the melting pot with many immigrants.
- America plays a big role in equality.

# God's Blessings because of America's Biblical Foundation Continued...

*"We cannot read the history of our rise and development as a nation without reckoning with the place the **Bible** has occupied in shaping the advances of the Republic. Where we have been the truest and most consistent in obeying its precepts, we have attained the greatest measure of contentment and **prosperity**." ~Franklin Delano Roosevelt*

# Why did America's Founding Fathers make it with a Biblical Foundation?

- As said by George Washington “It is impossible to govern the world without God and the Bible.”
  - What he meant: This is very self explanatory, You can't run this country or the whole world without God and the Bible.
- Patrick Henry said, “If we cannot be emphasized too clearly and too often that his nation was founded, not by religionists, but by Christians; not on religion, but on the gospel of Jesus.”
  - What he meant: This nation was founded by Christians not on just any religion but on God's Word, the gospel of Jesus.

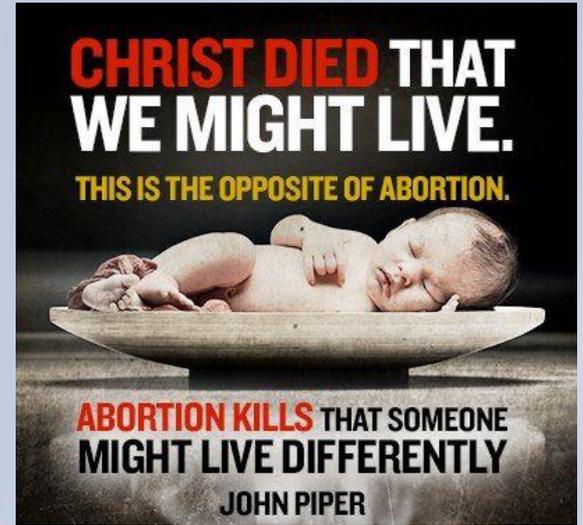
# Christian Basis for Laws

Our founding fathers used the Bible to set Biblical Principles into our government. Here are some examples.

<u>Biblical Principle</u>	<u>Legal Document</u>	<u>Bible Verse</u>
All men created equal	Declaration of Independence, Constitution	Galatians 3:28~ There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.
Existence of objective moral values, Fixed standards, Absolute truth	Declaration (“unalienable rights”, “self-evident truths”)	Hebrews 13:8~ Jesus Christ <i>is</i> the same yesterday and today and forever.
All men are sinners	Constitutional checks and balances	Romans 3:23~ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God

# How our Biblical Foundation is being Torn Down

- Abortion
- Assisted Suicide
- Christianity being taken out of schools
- Gay Marriage



# Abortion

- The Bible teaches that human life is different from other types of life, because human beings are made in the very image of God.
  - “So God created mankind in his own image in the image of God he created them male and female he created them.”~Genesis 1:27
- The Bible teaches that children are a blessing.
  - “Truly children are a gift from the Lord; the fruit of the womb is a reward”~Psalm 127:3
- The Bible teaches that the child in the womb is truly a human child, who even has a relationship with the Lord.
  - “For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother’s womb.”~Psalm 139:13, “My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.”~Psalm 139:15



# Assisted Suicide/ Euthanasia

- This is when a state allows a person to die voluntarily and take no further action to extend his or her life.
  - It is legal in Washington, Oregon, California, Vermont and Bernalillo County, New Mexico.
  - There are some people with lethal diseases and cancer that do not want to have to suffer, so they end their life early.
  - There are also people who live life to the fullest and wait till God is ready to take them.
  - This problem is getting bigger just like abortion became legal. At first it was just for people who were victims of rape or something else, but now it is legal for any reason. You can just abort your baby because of something so simple as to you didn't want to have it.
  - If euthanasia becomes legal in many states it might become legal for any use just like abortion.
  - Exodus 20:13 says very simply “You shall not murder”.
  - Job 13:5 says “Since his days are determined, The number of his months is with You; And his limits You have set so that he cannot pass.”
- This means that God already knows and determines the number of days we live and not us.

# Conclusion

Since we are the next generation, we need to build back our Biblical foundation. The reason America has prospered is because of our Biblical foundation set by our founding fathers who sacrificed a lot to make America what it is now. This is the whole reason America was built on a Biblical foundation in the first place. Most of our laws were based on Biblical laws, but now they're being altered. We cannot let this nation's foundation be torn down, and this starts with who we elect as leaders.

*"The entire plan for the future has its key in the resurrection." ~ Billy Graham*

*The End*