





I pledge allegiance



We are Ambassadors

- 2 Cor 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! ¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: ¹⁹ that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰ We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.



Our Kingdom is other worldly

- John 8:23 But he (Jesus) continued, “You are from below; I am from above. You are of **this world**; I am not of **this world**. NIV
- John 18:36 Jesus said, “My kingdom is not of **this world**. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place.”

NIV



God brings order out of chaos

- Gen 1-2 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. ² The earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the waters. ³ Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. NASB
- Gen 1-2 First this: God created the Heavens and Earth—all you see, all you don’t see. Earth was a soup of nothingness, a bottomless emptiness, an inky blackness. God’s Spirit brooded like a bird above the watery abyss. Mssg



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- 1 Cor 14: 26 When you assemble, each one has a psalm, has a teaching, has a revelation, has a tongue, has an interpretation. Let all things be done for edification...³³ for God is not *a God* of confusion but of peace, as in all the churches of the saints...⁴⁰ But all things must be done properly and in an orderly manner. NASB



God puts governments in place for order

- Rom 13:1 Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God...⁴ For the one in authority is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for rulers do not bear the sword for no reason. They are God's servants, agents of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer.



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- Deut 19:15 “A single witness shall not suffice against a person for any crime or for any wrong in connection with any offense that he has committed. Only on the evidence of two witnesses or of three witnesses shall a charge be established.
- How many people let off for lack of evidence?
- This indicates many Israelites were left angry



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Human governments are **NEVER** perfect

- People sin
- People pervert the truth to make themselves appear innocent
- “The danger lies in believing that the legal system can right every wrong and that lawyers and legislators need to do "whatever it takes" to make sure that bad guys are put in jail (or pay civil judgments) and only "good" people are set free. We should, at a minimum, expect some "bad" results from an imperfect system”



What did we pledge?

- First and foremost we are believers in Jesus
- This makes us a part of the Kingdom of God
- Secondly, we pledge our allegiance to the USA
- I pledge allegiance to the flag of the USA
- (And to the republic for which it stands)
 - One nation under God
 - Indivisible (unable to be divided)
 - With liberty (for all)
 - And Justice for all



What did we pledge?

- As Christian citizens of the United States
 - Recognizing much of the law comes from our book
 - We promise to work to support
 - One nation under God!
 - Not to work toward division; but toward unity
 - To make sure every person is able to live free
 - To make sure there is justice for every person



Re-vamp or build anew?

- Even before the recent unrest
 - I have been frustrated by outcomes of cases
 - I do not have access to the information jurors have
 - I have often felt our justice system got it wrong
- Do we re-vamp?
 - We live in a mess while it is under construction
- Do we build anew?
 - Not if we live in chaos as it is deconstructed
 - Disorder due to sin must not be allowed to reign



The God of the Universe values every individual

- Ps 8:3 When I consider your heavens,
the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars,
which you have set in place,
⁴ what is mankind that you are mindful of
them,
human beings that you care for them? ^{NIV}
- God cares about human beings: individuals



Join the Kingdom of God

- I am a minister in the Kingdom of God
- That is my primary allegiance
- I am not here trying to make you see the political spectrum as I do,
- I am not trying to make a US citizen of you
- My primary concern is you belonging to the Kingdom of God; with Jesus as your King



So what?

- Have you walked according to guidelines of the Kingdom of God?
- How are you doing at living in one kingdom but representing another? (Ambassador)
- Has your attitude been in step with your promise of allegiance to the USA?
- Do you cherish order? Freedom? Justice?
- In your conversations, have you built bridges, or aided in the “divisibility?”