

Distinguishing What Is Caesar's and What Is God's

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As Christians, our first allegiance is to the kingdom of God, and we must not confuse our national identity with our Christian identity.

Scripture: Matthew 5:14-16, Matthew 22:21, John 18:36, Acts 5:29, Romans 13:1, 2 Corinthians 5:20, Philippians 3:20, Colossians 3:2, Hebrews 11:10, 1 Peter 2:9-10

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Description

A.W. Tozer emphasizes that Christians must prioritize their allegiance to the kingdom of God above all else, recognizing their true citizenship in heaven. While appreciating political freedoms and democracy, believers should not conflate the gospel with any political system or ideology. Christ transcends all human constructs and does not align with any political party, but rather calls individuals to follow Him in righteousness. True Christians maintain loyalty to their country while understanding that Christianity surpasses national culture and human ideologies. This perspective encourages believers to live out their faith authentically, independent of political affiliations.

Transcript

One thing must be kept in mind: We Christians are Christians first and everything else after that. Our first allegiance is to the kingdom of God. Our citizenship is in heaven. We are grateful for political freedom. We thank God for democracy as a way of life. But we never forget that we are sons of God and citizens of another city whose builder and maker is God. For this reason, we must not identify the gospel with any political system or make Christianity to be synonymous with any form of government, however noble. Christ stands alone, above and outside of every ideology devised by man.

He does not join any of our parties or take sides with any of our great men except as they may come over on His side and try to follow Him in righteousness and true holiness.

Then He is for them, but only as individuals, never as leaders of some political faction. The true Christian will be loyal to his country and obedient to those in authority, but he will never fall into the error of confusing his own national culture with Christianity. Christianity is bigger than any country, loftier than any civilization, broader than any human ideology.

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