

## *The Rise of Christian Nationalism*

Over the last several election cycles, we have become more conscious of the complex role religion plays in our political life. One manifestation of this is the rise of Christian Nationalism. In his article, [\*Do We Dare To Disciple People Out of Christian Nationalism?\*](#), Adam Russell Taylor examines this phenomenon and notes that we must confront Christian Nationalism's gross distortions of the gospel message while at the same time remaining open to those who feel that their religious beliefs are under attack.

### **Read the article.**

**Christian Nationalism: “a constellation of beliefs – that the founding of the United States was ‘divinely inspired’ or that God is invested in the success of the U.S. – that manifest in political goals.”** Sociologists Samuel L. Perry and Phillip Gorski, co-authors of *The Flag and the Cross*

This understanding, which goes back to Puritan times, has been used to justify enslavement and genocide, and to foster an “us versus them” mentality. Adams stresses the importance of building bridges of understanding between Christians of different political convictions while also disciplining people away from the heresy of Christian nationalism. Genuine community can help people “move beyond Christian nationalism and into a radical commitment to the kingdom of God, which is characterized by inclusive love and protecting human dignity.”

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