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“BUT HE THAT SHALL ENDURE UNTO THE END, THE SAME SHALL
BE SAVED” (MTH. 24:13)

One Nation under God

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There is only one nation truly “under” God today. America is not that nation. America has never been that nation nor ever will be that nation. Only patriots believe this long standing lie. I recently heard a preacher on the radio say there have only been three nations under God: “America, the UK, and Israel”. This statement is simply not true. There have been two nations “under God”. One was a physical nation, the other is a spiritual. The physical nation being referred is Israel. They were God’s people but this is no longer the case. The latter, the spiritual nation, is to this hour “under God”. Let me talk about the former, the nation of Israel for a moment. In the dispensation of the Law, Israel was “under God”. This is true. In that time, Israel was God’s people and was a nation that had a unique relationship with God. In fact, Israel was **THE ONLY PHYSICAL NATION THAT WAS EVER “UNDER GOD”**. Did you get that? The **ONLY** physical nation on this planet that was ever “under God” or could be correctly referred to as “God’s people” was Israel in the time of the Law. That time is over. Once Jesus Christ came, ministered on this earth, died and resurrected and established the Church, the second (spiritual) nation under God was established. God’s people are not found in the form of any particular physical nation (America, Britain, Nigeria, etc.) in this current Church age. Popular racist/patriot doctrines claim otherwise. One claims that the Anglo/Judeo/Christian nations are “God’s people”. This is a joke indeed and nothing more than people glorying in the flesh. These people claim that America and the UK are the lost tribes of Israel. This is a lie made by racist white people. There is another group that claims that many African tribes/peoples are really Israel; again, people glorying in the flesh. Let no man

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glory in the flesh but in God alone (2 Cor. 10:17). You can see these groups are all trying to align with the physical nation of Israel. Why?! Israel is **NO LONGER** God’s people. There are some promises prophetically still to come to pass concerning Israel that goes all the way back to Abraham for sure. But that in itself only means and proves that God keeps His Word and also that he declares the end from the beginning, Amen. The **ONLY NATION** that is truly God’s nation or God’s people, or is “under God” is the Christian nation. It is a spiritual nation that is made up of all races, peoples, etc. Let’s use the Word of God to support what has been declared in this edition of Unto the End. My hope is that you will see who are and who are not God’s people by the time you complete this article. Amen and Amen. Before we get to the heart of the subject I want to establish a few ground rules that will help the broader picture that is being painted here. Specifically I want to list some scriptures regarding the Church:

“There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; One Lord, one faith, one baptism, One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.” Eph. 4:4-6.

“So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.” Ro. 12:5

“For we being many are one bread, and one body: for we are all partakers of that one bread.” 1Cor. 10:17.

These passages all say the same thing: there is only **ONE** Body (the Church). There are not many

churches or many bodies. There are many false churches, sure. But according to God's Word there is only ONE TRUE Church. This ONE church has many members. I wanted to establish this simple truth before we look more closely at who comprises this ONE body of Christ. Amen.

“But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light:” 1Pet. 2:9.

Apostle Peter in this epistle is writing to the believers “scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia”. Notice he tells them they are a holy nation. This holy nation is the Christian nation I was referring to earlier. As I said, there is but ONE nation truly “under God” today and that nation is the “Holy Nation”. Not Israel, but the Christian nation. The Christian nation is made up of people from all races, skin colors, nationalities, etc. We will see this in the next passage:

“For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew, nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.” Gal. 3:26-29.

This passage couldn't be any clearer. Apostle Paul, writing to the BORN AGAIN BELIEVERS in Galatia tells them that they, the Christians he is writing to, are children of God through the faith they have exhibited and exercised in Christ. He further says here that as many as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. We know that Christ isn't divided (1Cor. 1:13) and there is only ONE church (Eph. 4:4). Those that are born again, having been baptized in Christ are all ONE for there is only ONE body. This one body is the “Holy Nation” Peter was talking about in prior scripture. Paul further goes on to say that in the natural, the flesh, it does NOT matter what your background was/is, whether it be Jew, Gentile (Greek), bond or free, man or woman. Once in Christ, once in the ONE body all are ONE. This is that spiritual nation that is “under God”. The Church is made up of born again believers that in the flesh, in the natural are Jews, Gentiles, blacks, whites, Americans, Chinese, Libyans, etc. I will further comment on the significance of this later. Let's continue.

“Wherefore remember, that ye being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands; That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world: But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us; Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace; And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby: And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh. For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father. Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God;” Eph. 2:11-19.

Paul is writing to the Gentile Christians in Ephesus. Notice he says that before they came to Jesus Christ they were called the “uncircumcision” (Gentiles) by the “circumcision” (Jews). In the time of the Law the Jews, the physical nation of Israel (the circumcision) were God's people. They had the Law; they had the oracles (Ro. 3:1-2). Israel had a special relationship with Almighty God that NO other physical nation had or has had since the time of the Law. The Gentiles were indeed strangers from the promises and covenants that God had given and made with the Jews. But once Christ came and shed His precious blood those that

were far off (Gentiles) were made close to God. God made peace between Jew and Gentile IN Christ. All were and to this day are free to come to Christ Jesus. Scripture tells us that “God commands men everywhere to repent.” (Ac. 17:30). It makes no difference if a person is Jew, Gentile, black, white, Italian, Russian. All men have access to God through the Spirit. Those that are born again are now fellow citizens with the saints and are of the household of God. There is ONE church and this ONE body is the only nation on earth that is “under God”. It’s a spiritual nation made up of all nationalities, skin colors, backgrounds, etc. In Christ all are one. Amen!

From this vantage point you can see the folly and just how unscriptural it is to believe that because you are white you are a Christian; Or that because you are an American you are a Christian etc. God’s people are those that have been born into the ONE Body of Christ, the Church, regardless of nationality, skin color, etc. “Verily, verily I say unto thee, except a man be born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” (Jn. 3:3). Notice the prerequisite for seeing the kingdom of God is being BORN AGAIN, NOT being born white, born black, born an American, etc. “He that is born of flesh is flesh, he that is born of the spirit is spirit.” (Jn. 3:5-8). Scripture is so very clear on this subject and yet I have heard many people in my day say that they are a Christian because they are an American. As if America is God’s special nation! That is a joke. America is a nation that contains Christians and unbelievers. It is not a Christian nation. It is like EVERY OTHER NATION ON EARTH in that it has both believers and unbelievers. There is nothing special in the eyes of God about America. “It has a Christian constitution!” you yell. NO it does not. Jesus Christ is NOT mentioned in the American Constitution. The constitution contains some moral ideas, but so what! So does Sharia Law! Yes! It is against Sharia law to steal, to commit adultery, etc. In fact, for the record the punishments for many of these same things are more severe in Arab nations to be exact. There is NOTHING Christian about the American Constitution. In fact it was made up by men that wanted to be free from England all the while some of them OWNED SLAVES! Pitiful! Moving on, China is a nation that has believers and unbelievers. Nigeria is a nation that has believers and unbelievers. Israel is a nation with believers and unbelievers. All those that are believers, regardless of nationality, socioeconomic background, skin color, etc. are part of the Holy Nation Peter was writing to and talking about. This Holy Nation has NO physical boundaries. It is made up of peoples from all nations. This Holy Nation, i.e. the Church (the ONE true Church) is the ONLY nation on earth that is “Under God”. Praise the Lord! All other nations, the physical ones, lie in wickedness (1Jn. 5:19). Amen.

I will now comment on something I was alluding to earlier. From the vantage point of the Truth that has been established you can now see why in Christ you cannot be a patriot. You cannot be a racist. You cannot be a chauvinist. You cannot be a bigot. Scripturally, the Church is made up of people from all nations, skin colors, men, women, Jew, Gentile, etc. Let’s now turn to some powerful scriptures for further insights. I ask that you please read carefully, prayerfully, and slowly the following passages:

“By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.” Jn. 13:35.

“This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.” Jn. 15:12.

“And the Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all men, even as we do toward you:” 1Thess. 3:12.

“Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another. No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us.” 1Jn. 4:11-12.

“If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? And this commandment have we from him, that he who loveth God love his brother also.” 1Jn. 4:20-21.

“In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.” 1Jn. 3:10.

“Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently:” 1Pe. 1:22.

“My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and truth.” 1Jn. 3:18.

“Let brotherly love continue.” Heb. 13:1

These passages all say the same thing over and over again: that a Christian is to love his or her brother. Just in case you are a Christian and are not clear on who your brother or sister is, let Jesus Christ Himself shed light on this one, **“But he answered and said unto him that told him, Who is my mother? and who are my brethren? And he stretched forth his hand toward his disciples, and said, Behold my mother and my brethren! For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother.” (Mth. 12:48-50)**. In the above passages when it commands you to love your brother and sister, it is talking about your brother and sister in the Lord! In fact, the passages above clearly say that Christians are to lay down their lives for the brethren, just as Christ laid down His life for us. We also read above that if a Christian hates his brother, he is a liar. I will list one more passage along these lines. It is a profoundly powerful verse and I wanted to list it separately from the others:

“We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death. Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him.” 1Jn.3:14-15.

Look at that! One of the ways you know you are born again is IF you love the brethren! It also says that if you DO NOT LOVE YOUR BROTHER YOU ABIDE IN DEATH! If you hate your brother you are a MURDERER! No murderer hath eternal life in him. Guess those that believe in eternal security feel foolish about now! As you read these passages you can clearly see why I said that nobody can be a bigot, racist, patriot etc and a Christian at the same time. You have to love your brethren, i.e., all those that are born again believers! If you are white, how will you love your black brother if you are a racist? If you are a die-hard patriot, and your country goes to war, how can you love your brother from the opposing nation? The answer: impossible. This is why no born again spirit filled man or woman of God can be a racist, a patriot, a bigot, etc. Thus saith the Lord. Amen.

In summary, we have seen that there is NO physical nation today that is “under God”. We have seen that there have only been two nations that can make such claim: the physical nation of Israel in the dispensation of the Law, which is over. The current nation that is “under God” is a spiritual nation that has no physical boundaries. It is a holy nation made up of born again believers that come from all nations, skin colors, ethnicities, backgrounds, etc. All born again believers are in the ONE Body or Church. Born again believers are to love one another not only word but action and are to be able to lay down their lives for one another, to sacrifice for one another. In doing so we will show the world we are the disciples of Christ. Obviously given the truth that has been declared here, you can see that a racist, a bigot, a patriot etc. cannot love their brethren in the Lord and therefore are liars and no eternal life is abiding in them. If this is you today, repent! You are to love your brethren regardless of skin color, regardless of nationality, regardless of ethnicity etc. You are a royal priesthood, a HOLY NATION, a peculiar people. We are to shine forth as lights in a crooked and perverse world. The whole world lieth in wickedness (this means American, England, Nigeria, Russia, Brazil, etc.). Thank God we have been called out of this world. We are pilgrims (1 Pet. 2:11), this world is not our world (Jn. 18:35-36). We are to love the brethren unto death. We are to wage a good warfare and not get entangled in the affairs of this life (2 Tim. 2:1-4). This is what it is to be part of the “One Nation under God”! Praise Jah Jehovah! Thus saith the Lord. Amen and Amen.

Race Relations

I'm always amazed at how many Christians today believe that it's wrong for two Christians of different skin color and/or races to mix. There have even been so-called Christian Universities that have taught such utter racist nonsense; and that's just what this boils down to: good old fashioned racism. Now these Christians will sight Old Testament passages that show God commanding Israel not to mix with other races etc. as the basis for such doctrine today. Yes, it's true in the Old Testament it was wrong for an Israelite to intermarry with people from other races (Gentiles). This wasn't because they were from other races in of its self but rather, it was because in that day people of other races did not worship Jehovah. Stated another way, the Gentiles did not follow the God of the Bible. The Gentiles in that day worshipped other gods. Therefore it was wrong for Israel to mix with them. Mixing with them would have brought idol worship into the households of men and woman of God. This race mixing "no-no" in the Old Testament however cannot be used as a basis to declare races should not mix in the current dispensation of the New Testament Church! If you have a white Christian and a black Christian they most certainly can get married because they WORSHIP THE SAME GOD. This was NOT the case in the Old Testament when God forbid the Israelites to intermarry with the Gentiles. In other words God commanding Israel to avoid interracial marriage in that day is not comparable to two Christians of different races getting married in this current dispensation. Somebody can quote that God never changes and that He is the same yesterday, today, and today (Heb. 13:8). This is a true statement, God does NOT change. God still has a commandment to His people concerning who they should and shouldn't marry. Christians CAN marry other Christians (1Cor. 7:39) but they cannot marry Non-Christians:

“Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? And what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? Or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? For ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.” 2Cor. 6:14-16.

There you have it: Christians are NOT to marry Non-Christians. This has nothing to do with race, but belief - which is the SAME THING IT HAD TO DO WITH IN THE OLD TESTAMENT. In the OT God didn't want His people mixing with unbelievers, and it's the same in the NT. Amen. I mentioned that Christians can marry other Christians and this has NOTHING to do with race, nationality, skin color, etc. All are ONE in Christ. I covered this already in the previous article. Once you come to Christ, Jew, Gentile, black, white, free, slave, it does not matter. All those in Christ are your BROTHER. You are free to marry in the Lord regardless of skin color. You are supposed to lay down your life for your brother (Jn. 15:13-14), supposed to bear your brother's burdens (Gal. 6:2), supposed to love your brother with unfeigned love (1 Pe. 1:22). You are also free to marry your brother. As I stated in the previous article, it is because of this profound truth that you cannot be a racist and a Christian and hope to make it to heaven (1Jn. 2:9-11). Unbelievably there are Christians today that would prefer their son or daughter marry somebody of the same skin color, race, or ethnicity regardless of belief! Yes this is sad but true. There are people who would prefer their believing son or daughter marry an unbeliever of the same skin color/race rather than marry a believer from another race/skin color. This is NOT the Spirit of Christ. It is racist and wicked and all such have not the love of or doctrine of Christ. How can ye escape the damnation of hell you wicked racist liars?!?! If this describes you then you need to repent! You need to ask God to give you love for the brethren (1Jn. 4:21). You need to be able to see brothers and sisters in Christ and not skin color, nationality, ethnicity, etc. Remember, he that loves not his brother, whom he can see, how can he love God whom he cannot see (1Jn. 4:20)? The answer: it's impossible. He that hates his brother is a murderer and a liar and no murderer or liar has eternal life abiding in him (1Jn.3:14-15, Rev. 22:15). I pray if this describes you that you that you will soften your heart to the truth and ask God to give you love of the brethren (1Jn.4:7-8). “Let brotherly love continue.” (Heb. 13:1). Thus saith the Lord Amen.

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