

JOHN WINTHROP OR ROGER WILLIAMS? (Part-one of a six-part study)

Someone once said, “The more things change, the more they stay the same.” That proverbial wisdom certainly applies to the current divided state of the Christian faith in America. Evangelicals within every generation have always had their fair share of heartfelt disagreements. But it’s difficult to imagine a stronger and more adamant difference of opinion that exists in our nation right now, among equally sincere Christians who love the Lord.

At one end of the spectrum, there are millions of true believers who are convinced that the United States was founded for the express purpose of establishing a New Testament theocracy; equivalent to Israel under the Mosaic Covenant. Their efforts are geared toward restoring and fulfilling that original purpose, by means of an aggressive political activism, unlike anything ever seen in our nation’s history.

On the distinctly opposite end of the spectrum, we have millions of equally devoted Bible-believing Christians who are certain that the purpose of the Church Age is primarily spiritual and not political; regardless of a particular geographical location, with no Scriptural warrant whatsoever, for any nation being equivalent to the theocratic nation of Israel. They view evangelism and discipleship as their priority mandate, with the recent emphasis on “Christian Nationalism” as an undermining distraction to the fulfillment of the Great Commission imperative.

Amazingly, these contrasting viewpoints existed during the earliest origins of our nation, embodied in two individuals: John Winthrop and Roger Williams. This study will be both historical and Biblical, in seeking to answer several key questions. How did the differing visions of these sincere men of God affect the future direction of our nation? What can we learn from them in determining what the Christian faith in America should look like going forward? Will we continue to be a democratic republic? Or, will we allow ourselves to be transformed into a dictatorship, with a president possessing the privileges of a king who can do no wrong?

Sincerely in Christ,

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