

MYTH #3: OUR FOUNDING FATHERS ESTABLISHED OUR NATION TO BE A NEW TESTAMENT THEOCRACY

(1) No They Did Not; Here's Why

■ The First Amendment of the Bill of Rights

>> "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; . . ."

>> The very essence of a theocracy is the establishment of a state religion; which stands in direct contradiction to the First Amendment, making myth #3 just that, a **MYTH!**

■ The Foremost Agenda of Jesus Christ (Matthew 16:13-16)

>> Not Theocratic Nation Building (1 Corinthians 5:9-13)

>> But the establishment of the Church in every nation (Matthew 28:18; Acts 1:8)

■ The Fulfillment Guaranteed, By An Assurance of His Presence (Matthew 28:20)

>> The freedom of knowing that Christ cannot fail impacts what we do:

>> We don't *hate* them, we **love** them. We don't *shun* them, we **seek** them.

We don't *reject* them, we **reach** them. We don't *defeat* them, we **win** them.

MYTH #4: JESUS IS CALLING HIS CHURCH TO JUDGE THE WORLD AND LEGISLATE MORALITY

(1) No He Is Not; Here's Why

■ Jesus Didn't Come To Judge The World But To Save It (John 3:16-18)

>> Why then, would He be calling on you to judge it? (1 Corinthians 5:9-13)

>> Harmony with Christ's purpose means saving, not judging (1 Corinthians (9:19-23)

>> What kind of an ambassador are you? (2 Corinthians 5:11-20)

MYTH #5: CHRISTIANS WHO DON'T VOTE ARE GUILTY OF DIRECT DISOBEDIENCE TO GOD

(1) No They Are Not; Here's Why

■ Submission to Lower versus Higher Authority

>> the overwhelming compatibility of one with the other (Matthew 22:21)

>> the preference versus the provision (Romans 13:1-7)

■ Conscientious Objection versus Conscience Imposition

>> the affirmation of the objection (Acts 5:29; Matthew 25:14-30)

>> the avoidance of the imposition (1 Corinthians 10:29)