



What Part Can Believers Play In Bringing Our Country Back to God?

Philippians 1:19-25
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Introduction: *It is only fitting on the July 4th weekend that we review the development and early history of our country to see the intent and direction of our founding fathers. In the pluralistic, humanistic, post-Christian culture in which we live today, Christians are afraid, confused, angry and saddened. What can we do to help turn our nation back to God?*

I. Paul's passion. (v. 20)

A. He wanted never to be ashamed of Christ or the gospel.

B. He wanted Christ to be exalted.

II. Paul's desire. (vv.21-23)

A. His choice was death. (v. 23)

B. He was faced with a dilemma. (vv. 22-24)

1. His calling was as yet unfinished.

2. His desire was surrendered in the interest of God's plan. (v. 25)

III. Paul's philosophy of life. (v. 21)

A. "For to me to live is Christ"

B. "To die is gain"

Conclusion:

1. Do you have a passion to magnify Christ?

2. Do you desire to be with Christ?

3. Are you willing to carry out God's plan for you life even if it means sacrifice?

4. Is your relationship with Christ more important to you than anything else in the world?