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Homeland Security

Hebrews 11:13-16

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Nationalism

Devotion to one's nation.
Patriotism. Excessive or
narrow patriotism, chauvinism.

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Jingoism

Boasting of Patriotism, favoring aggressive, threatening, warlike foreign policy, chauvinism.

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Volunteerism

Theory or practice of being a volunteer or using volunteers, as without pay, in social agencies, charitable organizations.

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Altruism

1. Unselfish concern for the welfare of others. 2. “Ethics” the doctrine that the general welfare of society is the proper goal of an individuals actions. Opposite of Egoism.

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Pacifism

Opposition to the use of force under any circumstances; refusal for reasons of conscience to participate in war or military action.

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Israel

- A “type” of the church
- Began with God as King
- Developed a desire to be like the world
- Spent cycles in bondage
- Hated the Romans, yet were political
- Withstood Rome until 70AD

Early Church

- Had no 'state' participation
- Had no allegiance to Rome
- Did not serve in military
- 19th & 20th Century divided issue
- After WWI & II became less pacifist
- Some persuasion by government
- Some pacifist persecution

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Where is your Nationalistic Spirit?

- “God bless America”
- Blessings of Freedoms
- Blessings abound
- What have we chosen with our freedoms
- America is not God’ s ‘chosen’
- The CHURCH IS GOD’ S CHOSEN NATION

Hebrews 11:13-16

- Embrace the promises
- Confess you are pilgrims and strangers
- Declare plainly that you seek a Homeland
- Don' t call to mind this land
 - lest you have opportunity to return to it
- Desire a better heavenly country
- God will not be ashamed of you

Christian “Ism’ s” priority

- Patriot of the CHURCH & Heaven
- Share Christ with Any, Force Him on none
- Willingly Follow Jesus anywhere
- Willing to sacrifice self for Christ by manner of life
- ALL Answer the highest calling of service that exists

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Scriptures

- Isaiah 2:3-4
- Matthew 5:38-41
- John 18:36
- II Corinthians 10:3-4
- Romans 13

Persecution

- Came of Age
- Refused the Pharaoh name/household
- Chose to suffer affliction
- Reproach of Christ
- Forsook Egypt
- Not fearing the King
- Saw God by faith

Conclusion

- *What you love and what you are willing to do for what you love*
- *Study where you stand on these issues*
- *Make an informed scriptural decision for your conscience*
- *Set your priorities for these “ism’ s” As God says*
- *Do not let avoidance of persecution influence you*
- *There is a higher Nationalism than America - Devotion to The Kingdom of God - the Church*
- *There is a greater Homeland - Heaven*
- *Build security for that Homeland with CHRIST & by the type of life you lead*

