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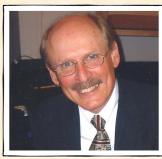
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Bible Study

Acts 9

The Damascus Road: Saul Converted

(Acts 22:6–16; 26:12–18)

- 1 Then Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest 2 and asked letters from him to the synagogues of Damascus, so that if he found any who were of the Way, whether men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.
- 3 As he journeyed he came near Damascus, and suddenly a light shone around him from heaven. 4 Then he fell to the ground, and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?"
- 5 And he said, "Who are You, Lord?"

Then the Lord said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting.[fn] It is hard for you to kick against the goads."

6 So he, trembling and astonished, said, "Lord, what do You want me to do?"

Then the Lord said to him, "Arise and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do."

7 And the men who journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice but seeing no one. 8 Then Saul arose from the ground, and when his eyes were opened he saw no one. But they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. 9 And he was three days without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

Ananias Baptizes Saul

10 Now there was a certain disciple at Damascus named Ananias; and to him the Lord said in a vision, "Ananias."

And he said, "Here I am, Lord."

- 11 So the Lord said to him, "Arise and go to the street called Straight, and inquire at the house of Judas for one called Saul of Tarsus, for behold, he is praying. 12 And in a vision he has seen a man named Ananias coming in and putting his hand on him, so that he might receive his sight."
- 13 Then Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much harm he has done to Your saints in Jerusalem. 14 And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on Your name."
- 15 But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen vessel of Mine to bear My name before Gentiles, kings, and the children of Israel. 16 For I will show him how many things he must suffer for My name's sake."
- 17 And Ananias went his way and entered the house; and laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus,[fn] who appeared to you on the road as you came, has sent me that you may receive your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." 18 Immediately there fell from his eyes something like scales, and he received his sight at once; and he arose and was baptized.
- 19 So when he had received food, he was strengthened. Then Saul spent some days with the disciples at Damascus. Then Saul spent some days with the disciples at Damascus.

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Saul Preaches Christ

- 20 Immediately he preached the Christ[fn] in the synagogues, that He is the Son of God.
- 21 Then all who heard were amazed, and said, "Is this not he who destroyed those who called on this name in Jerusalem, and has come here for that purpose, so that he might bring them bound to the chief priests?"

 22 But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who dwelt in Damascus, proving
- that this Jesus is the Christ.

Saul Escapes Death

23 Now after many days were past, the Jews plotted to kill him. 24 But their plot became known to Saul. And they watched the gates day and night, to kill him. 25 Then the disciples took him by night and let him down through the wall in a large basket.

Saul at Jerusalem

26 And when Saul had come to Jerusalem, he tried to join the disciples; but they were all afraid of him, and did not believe that he was a disciple. 27 But Barnabas took him and brought him to the apostles. And he declared to them how he had seen the Lord on the road, and that He had spoken to him, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. 28 So he was with them at Jerusalem, coming in and going out. 29 And he spoke boldly in the name of the Lord Jesus and disputed against the Hellenists, but they attempted to kill him. 30 When the brethren found out, they brought him down to Caesarea and sent him out to Tarsus.

The Church Prospers

31 Then the churches[fn] throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had peace and were edified. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, they were multiplied.

Aeneas Healed

32 Now it came to pass, as Peter went through all parts of the country, that he also came down to the saints who dwelt in Lydda. 33 There he found a certain man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden eight years and was paralyzed. 34 And Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus the Christ heals you. Arise and make your bed." Then he arose immediately. 35 So all who dwelt at Lydda and Sharon saw him and turned to the Lord.

Dorcas Restored to Life

36 At Joppa there was a certain disciple named Tabitha, which is translated Dorcas. This woman was full of good works and charitable deeds which she did. 37 But it happened in those days that she became sick and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room. 38 And since Lydda was near Joppa, and the disciples had heard that Peter was there, they sent two men to him, imploring him not to delay in coming to them. 39 Then Peter arose and went with them. When he had come, they brought him to the upper room. And all the widows stood by him weeping, showing the tunics and garments which Dorcas had made while she was with them. 40 But Peter put them all out, and knelt down and prayed. And turning to the body he said, "Tabitha, arise." And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. 41 Then he gave her his hand and lifted her up; and when he had called the saints and widows, he presented her alive. 42 And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed on the Lord. 43 So it was that he stayed many days in Joppa with Simon, a tanner.

Prophecy in the News



Next year, America will be celebrating its 250th birthday as an independent nation – a "Christian" nation. There is no other nation on earth that has represented the values and foundational ideology of Judeo-Christianity as the United States of America! Even the Bible portrays America as a nation that "looks like the Lamb" Revelation 13:11.

- Some states have policies requiring public schools to post the Ten Commandments in classrooms.
- Our Pledge of Allegiance includes the phrase, "one nation under God."
- Our money has "In God We Trust" inscribed on it.
- ◆ As you walk up the steps to the Capitol Building which houses the Supreme Court, you can see near the top of the building a row of the world's law givers and each one is facing one in the middle who is facing forward with a full frontal view it is Moses and the Ten Commandments!
- As you enter the Supreme Court courtroom, the two huge oak doors have the Ten Commandments engraved on each lower portion of each door. As you sit inside the courtroom, you can see the wall right above where the Supreme Court judges sit a display of the Ten Commandments!
- There are Bible verses etched in stone all over the Federal Buildings and Monuments in Washington, D.C.
- ◆ James Madison, the fourth president, known as "The Father of Our Constitution" made the following statement: "We have staked the whole of all our political institutions upon the capacity of mankind for self-government, upon the capacity of each and all of us to govern ourselves, to control ourselves, to sustain ourselves according to the Ten Commandments of God."
- Patrick Henry, that patriot and Founding Father of our country said, "It cannot be emphasized too strongly or too often that this great nation was founded not by religionists but by Christians...not on religions but on the Gospel of Jesus Christ".
- Every session of Congress begins with a prayer by a paid chaplain, whose salary has been paid by the taxpayer since 1777, and from the beginning, every Chaplain has been a **Christian**.
- Fifty-two of the fifty-five founders of the Constitution were members of established churches in the colonies.
- Twelve of the original thirteen colonies in America were predominantly Protestant.
- ◆ The very first Supreme Court Justice, John Jay, said, "Americans should select and prefer Christians as their rulers."

America In Bible Prophecy

The Bible prophesied that America would rise just when it did. Revelation 12 speaks of the pursuit of the Church by the Dragon during the Middle Ages, and the refuge which "the wilderness" of America would provide for the followers of Christ from the persecution of the Church of Rome. We have studied this previously. America would rise as the two-horned beast of Revelation 13:11 out of the earth, as the Papacy

had risen from the sea in Revelation 13:1. America would have the appearance of "the Lamb" – an allusion to the Christian faith, and in the end, it would "speak like the Dragon" – deceptively and with no regard for truth and righteousness. Today, the prophecy Revelation 13:11 is unfolding in its final stage of metamorphosis – from a Christian nation, bearing the resemblance of "the Lamb", to a nation promoting false Christianity under the deceptive guise of ecumenism, and bearing the resemblance of "the Dragon."

On February 6, 2025, President Trump signed Executive Order #14202, "Eradicating Anti-Christian Bias." And on May 1, 2025, he signed a second Executive Order #14291, "Establishment of the Religious Liberty Commission." Both of these executive orders appear on the surface to be an extraordinary move on the part of government to protect the religious rights of Christians in America – defending them against any form of "persecution" from those who



oppose the exercise of the Christian faith. But to understand the implications of such "welcome" actions of our President, the Department of Justice, and the agencies of government which will enforce the recommendations coming from the Religious Liberty Commission, I wish to lay out before my readers the following important observations.

True Religious Liberty

Since the beginning of our history as a nation, we have been known in the world for the freedoms which are guaranteed in our Constitution and Bill of Rights – "the freedom to live and express our faith 'out loud' without fear and without consequences!"

First Amendment

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

The Proposed Coming Religious Liberty

In 2001, President George W. Bush established the first "Office of Faith" for our nation, its purpose being to give the faith community a voice in government policy. On May 1, 2025, President Donald Trump established the "Religious Liberty Commission" which "will advise the White House Faith Office and Domestic Policy Council on religious-liberty policies and recommend executive or legislative actions to protect these freedoms." The expressed purpose of the president was to use this Office to "eradicate anti-Christian bias" in government, and by implication in our nation, and to "bring religion back to America in a big way."

At first glance, it's commendable to want America to return to God, after years of anti-Christian sentiment and anti-Christian policy. And for our president, as the political leader of our nation, to lead our country back to a faith in God, foster a new respect for Christians to live and express their faith, and "eradicate anti-Christian bias" in government agencies and policy – who could possibly criticize such strong action?

Some Questions to Consider

• Who are the "Christians" who have been discriminated against in America in recent years? In President Trump's Executive Order #9365, he cites "peaceful pro-life Christians [who were] praying and demonstrating outside abortion facilities, including "a Catholic priest"; "Catholic churches, charities, and pro-life centers"; "Catholics [considered] domestic-terrorism threats"; "Catholic churches and institutions [who] have been aggressively targeted with hundreds of acts of hostility, violence, and vandalism."

- Are there any other specific religious groups besides Catholics mentioned in the executive orders or news who have been unprotected from government scrutiny or discrimination? No!
- Who are the members of the Religious Freedom Commission, and what faiths do they represent?
 Who are going to be the strongest voices on this commission!?
 - One Baptist:
 - ♦ Texas Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick (Chair)
 - One Seventh-day Adventist:
 - ♦ Ben Carson (Vice-Chair) no convictions on separation of Church and State!

FIVE Catholics:

- Ryan Anderson, PhD, president of the Ethics and Public Policy Center in Washington, D.C. The Ethics and Public Policy Center (EPPC) is not exclusively a **Catholic** organization, but it does have a strong **Catholic** presence and influences its work. The EPPC describes itself as applying "the riches of the Jewish and Christian traditions" to contemporary questions. While it engages with Jewish tradition, its primary focus is on Christian values and specifically the **Catholic** tradition. The EPPC has a dedicated **Catholic** Studies program and some prominent figures within the organization are known for their conservative **Catholic** views.
- ♦ **Bishop** Robert Barron author, speaker, theologian, **Catholic** Bishop of the Diocese of Winona -Rochester in Minnesota.
- ♦ **Bishop** Cordileone **Archbishop of San Francisco**, and US Conference of Catholic Bishops
- Cardinal Timothy Dolan Archbishop of New York, a member of the Board of Trustees of the Catholic university of America; previously president of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, the Bishops' Committee on Pro-Life activities and the Bishops' Committee for Religious Liberty
- ♦ Carrie Prejean Boller wife, mother, author, speaker, convert to Catholicism from Evangelical
- Two Evangelicals:
 - ♦ Franklin Graham Son of Billy Graham
 - ♦ Allyson Ho Attorney
- One Church of God:
 - ♦ Dr. Phil McGraw TV Personality
- One Episcopal:
 - Eric Metaxas writer, speaker, radio host, author of <u>Bonhoeffer: Pastor, Martyr, Prophet, Spy.</u>
- One Jewish:
 - Rabbi Meir Soloveichik Rabbi of the oldest Jewish congregation in America, author, scholar, speaker
- One Pentecostal:
 - Paula White Senior Advisor to the White House Faith Office

• One of Unknown Affiliation:

- ♦ Kelly Shackelford constitutional scholar, professor, President and CEO of First Liberty Institute
- ♦ How can government "eradicate" anti-Christian "bias"? Isn't "bias" and attitude? Is the government now in the business of monitoring and mandating a change in "biases", attitudes, beliefs? And if so, what means will be required to do so?
- ♦ How is government currently combatting anti-Semitic "bias"? Answer: By the withdrawal of financial subsidies from educational institutions, universities, that encourage, foster, or just permit anti-Semitic behavior. Example: Harvard University has received \$9 billion per year in grants from the federal government in past years, but due to the school's "failure" in responding to antisemitism, \$3 billion of that grant money has been frozen or cancelled since President Trump took office. Just this week, another \$60 million has been cancelled, according to the Washington Examiner. Furthermore, as of today, "Harvard can no longer enroll foreign students, and existing foreign students must transfer or lose their legal status," according to The New York Times, May 22, 2025.
- ◆ In view of how government is currently dealing with "anti-Semitic bias", how do you suppose the government will deal with what will soon be considered "anti-Christian and anti-American bias" when the followers of Christ refuse to "worship the beast and his image" as mandated by government? Answer: Financial restrictions and withdrawal of constitutional rights! "No one [the uncompliant] may buy or sell" Revelation 13:17.
- What is the definition of "Christian" in the President's executive orders? Is it the new ecumenical, false Christianity which characterizes the church of today, spoken of in Revelation as the False Prophet?
- And what is "anti-Christian bias"? Since the emerging Christianity of America is any church organization and its members that profess a Christian faith Protestants, Catholics, Evangelicals, and even non-church goers who fit into the



American model of a faith in God, anyone who doesn't fit that description will not be considered protected, and those who speak out against the corruption of the church and state imposing this form of Christianity will be excluded from the privileges of citizenship. Those who follow Christ at the end of time will not be a part of any group that doesn't "Keep the commandments of God [all of them] and have the testimony [biblical Gospel] of Jesus Christ." Revelation 12:17; 14:6, 7. Thus, they will be unprotected and persecuted! (Revelation 13:7).

According to prophecy, what issues will separate the followers of Christ from those who follow the Beast (the Church of Rome) and the False Prophet (compromised Protestantism and Evangelicalism) before Jesus returns? What issues will cause the followers of Christ to lose their rights to "buy and sell", and ultimately to live?

Faith in Jesus Christ <u>Alone</u>, by grace <u>Alone</u> for Salvation -- the everlasting gospel of Scripture (Revelation 14:6):

"Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having **the everlasting gospel** to preach to those who dwell on the earth – to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people."

* Obedience to the Commandments of God – including the Sabbath of the fourth Commandment (Revelation 12:17; 14:7):

"And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and he went to make war with the rest of her offspring, who keep the <u>commandments</u> of God and have the testimony [gospel] of Jesus Christ."

Worship of the Creator vs worship of the Beast (compare Revelation 14:7 with Revelation 13:12):

"And he [the beast from the earth – America] exercises all the authority of the first beast [the beast from the sea – Church of Rome] in his presence, and causes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed" Revelation 13:12.

"Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water" Revelation 14:7.

Note: The Church of Rome teaches that salvation cannot be secured except as dispensed through the Church, and she admits to having changed the Sabbath of the Bible, the seventh day of the week, to Sunday, the first day of the week. She gloats that Protestants, who claim to follow the Bible alone, have adopted the observance of Sunday as a day of worship in compliance with the church they once called the Antichrist!

Four Things We Should Never Forget!

- 1) Before Jesus returns, "Christian" America will lead the world to worship Antichrist! (Revelation 13:11-18).
- 2) Satan always "transforms himself into an angel of light" (2 Corinthians 11:14), and in the end, he will "deceive the whole world" (2 Thessalonians 2:3, 9-11; Revelation 12:9). Evil will be hidden under the covering of "good" even "righteousness" and for the deceived, the consequences of embracing the deception will be just as fatal as eating a delicacy which has been poisoned!
- 3) All that the Devil does at the end of time through his human agencies will be seen as "good" and "for the common good." But for the followers of Christ, these actions will cost them their liberties and, in the end, their lives. (Revelation 13:15).
- 4) One of Satan's strategies of deception is to create a problem or need, then offer an attractive "solution" which requires people to disregard the commands of God. He did it in Eden, and he will do it again at the end of time! The final deception will unite the world under a religious leader promising "peace and safety." But the Bible says, "Then sudden destruction comes upon them ... and they shall not escape." 1 Thessalonians 5:3.

The Principle of "Separation of Church and State"

As much as it may seem a good thing for government to guarantee religious liberties for religious people and organizations, the Constitution already does that, and for government to become a broker for the

freedoms we already have – defining who deserves protection and who doesn't, creating laws in the interest of a state-approved religion for the "common good" of the nation, and identifying groups or individuals who create a threat to the religious liberties of other groups or individuals – such an assumed role risks targeting the wrong people for protection and the wrong people for prosecution.

In the past, conservative Christian groups have fought to protect the separation of church and state in America – a principle not specifically stated in the Constitution, but implied by the very nature of the First Amendment, which prohibits government from making laws which establish religious practice or restrict the free exercise of one's faith. But with the new emphasis on faith in America, the line of separation of government from religion is becoming blurred. On May 1, President Trump is quoted as saying, "They say



separation between church and state ... I said, 'All right, let's forget about that for one time." And, he said, "They said, really there's separation. I don't know. Is that a good thing or a bad thing? I'm not sure, but whether there's separation or not, you guys are in the White House where you should be, and you're representing our country, and we're bringing religion back to our country, and it's a big deal."

What has happened in America already, as predicted by prophecy, is that an approved form of ecumenical Christianity has already been defined by the majority of church leaders, Catholic, Protestant and Evangelicals. That has already happened! Soon, those who criticize or condemn as false the beliefs and practices which are approved by the coalition of religious leaders and government will be considered dangerous to the established "church-state system." They will be ostracized, imprisoned, cut off from access to the financial system and the necessities of life, and ultimately marked for death. Revelation calls this coalition of false religion, "Babylon." And **the message** which will stir the wrath of the Dragon, the Beast, and the False Prophet to persecute dissenters to that religious system is clearly expressed in Revelation 14:6-12:

6 Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth – to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people – 7 saying with a loud voice, "Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water" [an allusion to the fourth commandment]. 8 And another angel followed, saying, "Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she has made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication." 9 Then a third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, "If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives his mark on his forehead or on his hand, 10 he himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out full strength into the cup of His indignation. He shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. 11 And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever; and they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name." 12 Here is the patience of the saints; here are those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.

AND

1 After these things I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great authority, and the earth was illuminated with his glory. 2 And he cried mightily with a loud voice, saying, "Babylon the great is

fallen, and has become a dwelling place of demons, a prison for every foul spirit, and a cage for every unclean and hated bird! **3** For all the nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth have become rich through the abundance of her luxury." **4** And I heard another voice from heaven saying, "Come out of her, my people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues. **5** For her sins have reached to heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities." Revelation 18:1-5.

Christian Nationalism

The "brand" of Christianity which is emerging in America is one which is inclusive of **all** mainline Christian churches – Catholic, Baptist, Pentecostal, Evangelical, Methodist, Presbyterian – ALL faiths which profess to believe in Christ. Further, this Christianity is an "America First" faith – a faith which puts God, family, and country first. Those elements of America which promote anti-Christian ideologies and "America last" policies are being overcome by a wave of what some are calling "Christian Nationalism."



For many years, the voices of Democrats, liberals, pro-abortionists, supporters and initiators of violence in our cities, national leaders who have attempted to silence their political opponents – an element in America that has used bogus charges, impeachment, imprisonment, and false accusations of crimes which have not been committed while promoting and seeking to codify DEI, CRT, gender identity policies, illegal migration, and men competing against women in sports and sharing women's bathrooms and locker rooms – this anti-

Christian, anti-American, socialistic element has spoken and controlled our nation far too long! America is done with all that!

Now a majority of Americans are fighting back! America is returning to its roots of "faith, family, and fire-arms" – those principles upon which it was founded. America is in revolt against the attitudes and biases, policies and ideologies of the recent past, and Christianity is on the rise and at the center of the storm!

So consider this! Those who still are still in **rebellion** against law and order, constitutional republicanism (not the party but the form of government from which America was born), **biblical** gender identity, merit-based hiring, anti-abortion, **and** ecumenical Christianity which is inclusive of all "Christian" faiths – those who oppose, criticize, and war against **the new America** will be investigated, prosecuted, and punished "to the full extent of the law" – **and rightly so!** America has had enough! It's time America becomes a constitutional republic again – a Christian nation again!

There's just one huge problem with this backlash against what has been. The reaction of Americans and their leaders to the criminal behavior and anti-Christian policies of the past has created a new brand of American identity – Christian nationalism which embraces an anti-Christian, Satanic ideology clothed in righteousness! Yes, that's true! The Book of Revelation identifies this ideology as "Babylon," and it poses as a unifying religious coalition with political authority which will result in the persecution of the followers of Christ. The "Babylon" of Revelation is a powerful and corrupt religion supported by powerful and corrupt

government – a union of church and state which will "punish" those who oppose it and declare its nature as the evil the Bible declares it to be. The rise of this movement which we see emerging with strength right now will soon result in a death sentence, figuratively and literally, for the messengers of righteousness who identify this new national Christianity as unscriptural, violating the Law of God with its false Sabbath and embracing the false gospel of Rome. Those who refuse to catch this amazing wave of American recovery will be considered "anti-Christian" and "anti-American." Because they remain faithful to "the commandments of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ," the Devil and his agents will be "enraged" with the faithful Church and will "make war with the last visible Church of Jesus Christ." Revelation 12:17.

Even as I write these words, I recognize that soon to say the things which are contained in these newsletters will bring the wrath of the enemy against anyone who teaches the things that Bible prophecy reveals about the false religion, which is rapidly being embraced by patriotic, Christian Americans! There is great strength in the movement now gaining momentum in America. Protestants, Catholics, and Evangelicals are joining hands, merging missions, blending ideologies. America is truly becoming "great again" – and religious again! America and Rome are becoming unifiers of nations and peacemakers in the world. Our American president has invited the new American pope to the White House. The new American pope has offered the Vatican as a place of negotiations between Russia and Ukraine. The world is coming together under one banner of faith and peace, and those who criticize this union and point out the evil it will perpetrate against the faithful of God will be marked as "anti-Christian" and "anti-American" and will risk losing everything for the name and honor of Christ! The events of this moment in time are pregnant with prophetic fulfillment!

Synthesis

What's happening right at this very time in America is what President Trump announced on May 1, 2025 in the Rose Garden at the White House when he said, "We're bringing religion [the religion of ecumenical, compromised Christianity] back to our country, and it's a big deal."

A number of Christian leaders are denouncing the "Anti-Christian Bias Task Force", saying:

- We reject the proposition that there is widespread persecution of Christians in the United States and feel the government is marshalling the resources of federal government for a nonexistent threat.
- Further, we fear that the "Anti-Christian Bias Task Force" will be weaponized to **privilege one tradition within Christianity over others**, ironically creating anti-Christian bias even as it claims to combat it.
- ◆ The administration's efforts seem meant to "only protect a certain sector of Christianity that is pre-approved by this government."

Ultimately, and soon, the religious freedoms of the followers of Christ will be revoked under the guise of "religious freedom"! Catholicism is rising to a new level of power and influence in our world, bringing together religious communities of many faiths, brokering peace between nations, and influencing the religious policies of our own nation. Such advances are rapidly changing the once "Lamb-like" nature of our nation into the likeness of "the Dragon." With a strong American president and a powerful new American pope becoming more and more vocal and visible on the world stage, our values, priorities and the charac-

of our nation are being reshaped. **America** is taking its place on the eschatological stage as prophecy has foretold, and our time of freedoms as followers of Christ is <u>rapidly</u> coming to an end. We are living in the season of Christ's return!



Stay tuned!