

Un American
"The ^ Way?"

"I worship the God of our fathers as a follower of The Way."
 -Paul

Let's Review...


- "The Way": (*gk. hodos*) path, road, journey, way of life, conduct, set of teachings/beliefs
- Our faith is a commitment to the ultimate "cause"
- "Christian" is a way of life...not a standing or mere belief
- Be An Ambassador!

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The Question Of The Day

Are you first and foremost an American, or a Christian?

 How do you know?




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USA	vs.	Christ
Independence!		Total Dependence
Self-Made		God-Blessed
American Pride		Jesus' Humility
Entitlement		Appreciation
Look Out For #1		Put Others First
Get Rich Fast!		Heavenly Treasure
Hate Enemies		Love Enemies

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Living In An Empire

U.S.A. = Rome




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USA	vs.	Rome
The Most Powerful Nation		The Most Powerful Ancient Empire
Our Freedom via Conquest		Pax Romana, "Peace Through Victory"
Sexual Freedom		Sexual Excesses
Abortion		Infant Exposure
Idolizing Luxury		Extravagant Wealth
"Tolerance"		Religious Pluralism

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“Empires accumulate, accumulation gives birth to entitlement, entitlement demands preservation... In empire, you believe in what you preserve, you preserve that which you are entitled to, and you are entitled to that which you have accumulated.”


Rob Bell, “Jesus Wants To Save Christians”



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Living As Sojourners


“Dear friends, I urge you, as aliens and strangers in the world, to abstain from sinful desires... Live such good lives... that they may see your good deeds and glorify God...”
(1 Peter 2:9-17)



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“Give everyone what you owe him: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor. Let no debt remain outstanding except the debt to love one another.”
(Romans 12:9-13:8)



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What Is Our Obligation?

- Be grateful for God’s blessings!
- Pray for your leaders and show them their due respect.
- Pay taxes, be good citizens, and obey the laws of the land.
- Live as sojourners and aliens... citizens of another kingdom.
- Obey a higher authority!




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Remember Your Allegiance

“Give to Caesar what is Caesar’s, and to God what is God’s.”

Jesus, The Gospel of Matthew Ch.22



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