

Let's Show America Great Again

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Ephesians 1:1-14

The Christian faith has always thrived in hostile environments; and without any political power Christians have often been instrumental in overturn and transforming governments. Yet, here in North America, where we have all the freedom we can imagine, the Christian church hardly seems to be thriving, never mind transforming society. Why is that?

When we Christians live in hostile environments, we have no trouble remembering where we belong. We have no trouble remembering that we are temporary residents on this planet and that heaven is our home. We have no trouble remembering that our deepest needs – our need to belong, our need to be valued, our need to be safe – are only be met by our heavenly Father. As a result we live and act like people who belong to the kingdom of God.

However, when we Christians live in friendly and free environments, it seems we have trouble remembering where we belong. We might start off knowing that we are citizens of God's kingdom; but over time we begin to see ourselves as dual citizens of heaven and earth. Instead of looking solely to our Lord and Leader in heaven to meet our deepest needs, we start relying on the things and people around us.

Ephesians 1-14 takes us back to where our deepest needs are met. They get us to see God, our heavenly Father, as the sole satisfier of our deepest needs so that we can be effective ambassadors of his kingdom in the world around us.

You are Wanted – 1:3-6

- Long before creation, the Father chose you to be his child. Long before you were born, the adoption papers were signed.

You are Valued – 1:7-10

- At the right moment in history, the Son paid the penalty for your sin. On the cross, your ticket to God's kingdom was paid in full.

You are Safe – 1:11-14

- The moment you received and believed in Jesus Christ, God wrote you into his will and sealed you with his Holy Spirit. Your future is guaranteed so that you are released to invest your life in God's kingdom.

Do you want to change your world? Maybe you just want to change your household or your own life. This is where it starts, right here with the truths of Ephesians 1:1-14. It starts with where we go to satisfy our deepest needs. Make God, your heavenly Father, your sole satisfier.