

RESOLUTION ON CHRISTIANITY AND CITIZENSHIP

Throughout history, every follower of God faces the challenge of navigating what it means to be a citizen of a country and yet be called a citizen of a holy nation (1 Peter 2:9) looking for a heavenly country (Hebrews 11:16). For the believer, our theology always impacts how we view our citizenship. Our theology also impacts our view and understanding of the Church and its future, purpose, and role in the world.

- God is sovereign over the nations (Psalm 96, Daniel 4:34-35).
- God has a clear plan and purpose for human government, and as such, an expectation that governors would fulfill that purpose (Romans 13).
- National governance patterned after biblical principles for law, order, and justice is objectively better than governance based on unbiblical systems (Proverbs 14:34).
- Christians should be good citizens in whatever nation God has providentially placed them. In some God-ordained systems, good citizenship expects activity in the public and political sphere (Romans 13:1-7, 1 Peter 2:13-17).
- God's future earthly Kingdom, during the Millennium, will be established only by the personal presence of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, reigning from Jerusalem (2 Samuel 7:16, Luke 1:31-33, Revelation 20:4-6).

There has recently been a significant rise in postmillennialism. Some improper iterations of viewpoints concerning our role as citizens under any form of government find connections and roots with postmillennial and amillennial eschatology, which are both tied to covenant theology. While there may be agreement amongst believers on some social, cultural, and political issues, there are theological disagreements that arise between covenant theology and dispensational premillennialism. For this reason, we, the messengers of Regular Baptist Ministries meeting in annual conference, June 24, 2025, in Elgin, IL, denounce the following errant theological beliefs:

- Theonomy – We denounce the belief that all the Mosaic laws, as well as their consequences, should be the rule of law over all peoples living today as the means by which the reign of Christ is applied over the nations, even apart from any redemptive work in the hearts of men.
- Kinism – We denounce the belief that God, based on His directives to Israel, forbids interracial marriage and calls for racial segregation in the church. Though God confused the languages at Babel, we denounce the belief that humanity is to remain segregated and that “reintegration” is an affront to the order God established for the nations.
- Great Commission Confusion – We denounce the belief that the Great Commission command to “make disciples of all nations” means advancing cultural Christianity (bringing the nations under subjection to God, His laws, and His ordained ethnic and national boundaries). This perverts the purpose of the church by making national and political reform the measure of Great Commission fidelity.

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Therefore, we, the messengers of Regular Baptist Ministries meeting in annual conference, June 23-26, 2025, in Elgin, Illinois resolve:

- To engage appropriately in political processes in the current age (Romans 13:1-7).
- To demonstrate our heavenly citizenship as one of primary importance (Philippians 3:20).
- To keep the Great Commission priority of making disciples among all peoples as we await the fulfillment of God's promise concerning the coming kingdom of righteousness under our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (Matthew 28:19-20, Hebrews 1:8, Revelation 20:1-6).