



Focus on Religious Freedom

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“To the distinguished character of Patriot, it should be our highest glory to add the more distinguished character of Christian.” - George Washington

Learn and Live God’s Gift of Religious Freedom: Part 2

9. Of the five freedoms in the first amendment of the Constitution, religious freedom is first and asserts a robust exercise of faith and morals in every part of our lives free from government intrusion. Supporting religious freedom are the other four 1st amendment freedoms: freedom of speech, of the press, of assembly and of redress of grievances.
10. The United States is not a “Christian Nation”... that would be a theocracy, but is founded on the Judeo-Christian ethic which says all men are created equal and must be free to follow their conscience in the service of their God.
11. “The wall of separation between church and state” was a phrase used by Pres. Thomas Jefferson to assure the Danbury Baptists that their rights of conscience and free exercise came from God, not from government and are protected from government control by the 1st Amendment.
12. Tolerance is not a virtue, per Abp. Chaput. The toleration of extreme evil is itself evil.
13. “There is no other subject on which the average mind is so much confused as the subject of tolerance and intolerance. Tolerance applies only to persons, but never to principles. Intolerance applies only to principles, but never to persons.”
– Venerable Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen
14. Elie Wiesel, Nobel Laureate and Holocaust Survivor said, “We must always take sides. Neutrality helps the oppressor, never the victim. Silence encourages the tormentor, never the tormented.” “Silence is consent.”

- We must learn to never apologize or be ashamed of Christ, the Catholic Church, the Bible, our faith and religious practices. The supposed tolerance that requires people of faith to be silenced is a lie and is the worst of intolerance.

- If we silence ourselves, self-censor our speech, for fear of offending, we will place the strongest shackles on America’s liberties. Christ told us that to follow Him we must pick up his cross. Christ promised us suffering for his sake.

“We cannot grow weary of defending the freedom God gives us.” B. Samuells, CFFR