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For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.
Romans 10:13

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So They Came to America

Foreign Christians Seek Peace In the Promised Land

It might be said that "different cultures can have one God, Jehovah, but different religions have many gods." To say 'It is all the same God' applies to the different cultures of the nationalities that came to America seeking religious freedom. They may not have had an American culture, but they were certainly Christians having been persecuted in foreign nations.

America has always been The *Promise Land* for Christians abroad, in the same way the conquering of Canaan by Joshua made the *Promise Land* for the Jews. Many foreigners have been physically assaulted, imprisoned and banished in their home countries because they were caught with a Bible or caught worshipping Jehovah. The Soulwinner Issue 52 deals with the Muslim Christian and how he suffered the fate of the extremists' gun massacre.

Many foreigners in their first generation in America brought a gift with them—it was their culture. The Chinese brought Chinese food, the Italian brought his food, and so on. The Italian Americans are known as some of the greatest workers and laborers America ever had. They brought construction from Rome. America then was the result of many people from all over the world coming together, and if it was not for monetary gain (which sometimes it was) it was for the purpose of religious freedom.

In my city on October 9, 2014 I brought the gospel to an African American man standing at a bus stop. Speaking clearly, I gave him the four points of the Plan of Salvation and he listened intently to my whole presentation. I asked him if he wanted to say a prayer and ask Jesus to save him and he agreed. Then he said the sinner's prayer and got saved!! His family probably contributed a great deal to America.

When America was founded by Europe in the 1600's, Christians were still being persecuted in Europe. It was about the time of the Renaissance and the persecuted Christians had sought religious freedom in America. Before the 1600's persecution of Christians was rampant and it composed the period of the Dark Ages. All of that persecution, some 100,000,000 men, women and children did not go forgotten by God. It was the blood of these martyrs that blessed our nation with a God of mercy and truth.

America's founding documents are Judao-Christian because at one time most of our leaders believed in Jehovah and Jesus Christ. They may have been denominations different than Baptist, but hey all had the same basic beliefs and they sought Jehovah to be the God of America. As time as went on, however, America failed to be a Christian nation, but

many of us are still Christians. As the nationalities came here, many of them adopted the God of America (Jehovah) and got saved, while others came for America's freedoms. But there are still a great many people who came to America with their foreign culture and sought religious freedom from persecution in their homeland. That is what America is historically known for.



(Photo taken From Microsoft Publisher) "Give me your tired, your poor, Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, The wretched refuse of your teeming shore. Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed to me, I lift my lamp beside the golden door!" This is the quote on the statue of liberty that welcomed millions of people to a land of freedom of religion.

You can see then that America is a nation of many different cultures, but many of us have the same God. Of course different cultures brought their religions with them, but America was traditionally a Christian nation. Many foreigners were willing to adopt the religion of this country because we are so great a nation. It may not be quite that way anymore.

When our country was being formed, it was James Madison who was a Baptist who said to give the country religious freedom instead of a list of religions to be permitted here. America is known for its religious freedoms. We are thus a country of many religions, and fewer and fewer people are remaining Christian or being converted to Christianity. God has laws and many people do not like His laws. That is why there is no regard for chastity in America—especially in the attire of the women. Lewdness runs free. It was the gods of the surrounding nations of Israel that ruined Israel in the Bible, no matter how many times a

king tried to bring the people to their God. The devil has a god for every abomination.

We will probably never be an entirely Christian nation like we were at one time, but we are still a safety net for people being persecuted in other nations. Maybe the younger generation can look back at American history and appreciate the prairie people who had faith in God as well as the city-dweller who did a lot of soul winning. It is slowly slipping through our fingers.

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