

# AMERICA'S CHRISTIAN ROOTS

**Ps 11:3** If the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do?" (NAS)

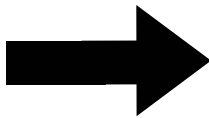
The Leaning Tower of Pisa in Italy is going to fall! The 179 foot tower moves about \_\_\_\_\_ of an inch every year and is now 17 feet out of plumb because it only has a 10' deep foundation.

WE MUST NEVER UNDERESTIMATE THE NEED FOR A SOLID \_\_\_\_\_.

## What is the foundation of our nation?

Our forefathers weren't trying to protect the government from the church. They were running from governmental restrictions being imposed upon the church.

**In 1647 the state of Massachusetts passed the "Old \_\_\_\_\_ Law"** "...one chief object of that old deluder, Satan, to keep men from the knowledge of the Scriptures..." *A teacher was required for any community of 50 families and a school if 100 families exist.*



**The First Amendment:** "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof."

**According to the Delaware Constitution, 1776** – "Every person appointed to \_\_\_\_\_ office shall say 'I do profess faith in God the Father, and in Jesus Christ His only Son, and in the Holy Ghost, one God, blessed for evermore; and I do acknowledge the Holy Scriptures of the Old and new Testament to be given by divine inspiration.'"

**In 1782, the United States Congress voted on this resolution:**

"The \_\_\_\_\_ of the United States recommends and approves the Holy Bible for use in all schools."

**Vidal v. Girard (1844)** – "Why may not the \_\_\_\_\_, and especially the New Testament...be read and taught as a divine revelation in the (school) – its general precepts expounded...and its glorious principles of morality inculcated...Where can the purest principles of morality be learned so clearly or so perfectly as from the New Testament."

**People v. Ruggles (1811)** –

The court ruled, "Whatever strikes at the root of \_\_\_\_\_ tends manifestly to the dissolution of civil government." The court explained that his attack on Jesus Christ was an attack on Christianity. An attack on Christianity was an attack on the foundation of the country.

**Baer v. Kolmorgen (1958)** - The judge warned that the continued use of the phrase "separation of church and state" would make people think it was part of the Constitution.

Dr. William James gave his response to the idea of separating church and state. "There is nothing so absurd but if you repeat it often enough people will believe it."

**America is still governed by its first Constitution.**

We are now the longest-running constitutional republic in the history of the world. To give some perspective, France has had 8 constitutions in the same 200 yrs. Italy has had 54 constitutions in 200 yrs.

Abraham Lincoln said, "The \_\_\_\_\_ of the school room in one generation will be the philosophy of government in the next."

**What were they teaching in the classroom?**

**HARVARD Graduates:**

John Quincy Adams  
John Hancock  
John Adams  
Samuel Adams

**Harvard's original stated purpose**

**for its students was:** "To be plainly instructed and consider well that the main end of your life and studies is to know God and Jesus Christ..."

**Harvard was clearly established and known as a school**

**of \_\_\_\_\_,** stating as a student requirement, "Every-one shall so exercise himself in reading the Scriptures twice a day that he shall be able to give an account of his proficiency therein."

**YALE was clearly established and known as a school of \_\_\_\_\_**

**stating as a student requirement,** "Seeing that God is the giver of all wisdom, every student, besides his private and secret prayer, will be present morning and evening for public prayer."

**PRINCETON Graduates:**

James Madison  
Benjamin Rush  
John Witherspoon

**In the 9 years that Witherspoon taught at Princeton, the school graduated:**

- 1 President & 1 Vice-President
- 3 Supreme Court Justices
- 10 Cabinet members
- 12 Governors
- 21 U.S. Senators
- 39 U.S. Congressmen
- Many others who held state offices

**A full 1/3 of the founding fathers**

**were trained at**

**Princeton University.**

**What was the philosophy of an institution that produced so many national leaders?** Princeton's founding statement,

"Cursed is all learning that is contrary to the cross of Christ."

The \_\_\_\_\_ of each of the founding universities in America was that the student be given a copy of the Greek New Testament and from it make a handwritten translation into English!

Our forefathers believed the **Bible** to be an instrument of **Truth** that would hold a **Nation** on course. **The hope for our Nation is found in the instrument of God's Word.**