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One Nation Under God?

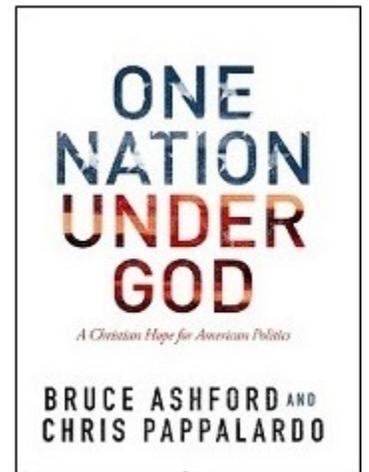
In 2015 B & H published a little book by Bruce Ashford and Chris Pappalardo titled *One Nation Under God: A Christian Hope for American Politics*, (160 pp.). I highly recommend it.

The Church Ambassador Network has as one of its chief goals connecting pastors with local and state elected officials for the purpose of getting to know them, pray with and for them, and have a gospel witness to them.

We are not asking pastors to engage elected officials on political or policy issues. Nevertheless, the question that almost always inevitably comes up in the minds of pastors is, “[h]ow should the church relate to government?” or “[s]hould it relate to government in any way at all?” This book will help you think through that issue.

If you like books that help unpack the implications of the Scripture and the gospel on the issues of the day, you will like this book.

Spoiler alert! The authors conclude along with Richard John Neuhaus, that the United States is indeed “One Nation Under God.” Here is the quote from Neuhaus: “‘To say that ours is a nation under God is both a statement of theological fact and of moral aspiration. As a theological fact, it is true of all nations. As a moral aspiration, it is markedly—although perhaps not singularly—true of the United States of America. To say that we are a nation under God means, first of all, that we are under Divine judgment. It is also a prayer that we may be under Providential care. It is not a statement of patriotic pride, although many may think it is, but of patriotic humility,’” (quoted on p. 141). In this quotation is much worthy of our consideration.



Please—Get this book and read it. I am confident you will be glad you did.

In Christ,

Dave Lingle
WFC Church Ambassador

PS: The next presentation of WFC’s community event, “2020 Vision: Contending for the Faith, Challenging the Culture” is this Thursday, February 6th, at the Oshkosh Pizza Ranch. Please join us! You can register online [HERE](#) or by phone at 888-378-7395.

PPS: For information on “The Gospel and Sexuality” workshop for pastors in the greater Milwaukee area, Tuesday, March 3, click [HERE](#).