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**An Evil That Creeps: Six Reasons Why the Black Church Should Reject**

**Christian Nationalism**

This primer summarizes Christian Nationalism (CN) which is the thought or philosophy that Christianity is superior to any other religious tradition and that America is to be revered. It identifies with “God country and guns” themes that currently often include an allegiance to the 45th president.CN Pulpits and Proponents most likely:

1. Agree with violence and threats against others under the guise of patriotism John 13:34
2. Criticize and condemn immigration rights Numbers 35:14-15
3. Stress anti-choice and abortion but not capital punishment Psalm 33:5 Matthew 12:18
4. Promote extreme views and prophecies that are not fulfilled
	* 1. Democrats are demons May 2022 (Rev. G. Locke, TN)
		2. God said Trump won (Kent Christmas, TN) WRONG
		3. Predicted Trump would not be indicted (Julie Green, IA) WRONG
5. Have a distorted view of and embrace military force through biblical interpretation
6. Endorse the 45th president with little acknowledgment of his wrongdoing or proven misconduct. He previously said he’s never asked God for forgiveness, told reporters he attends church “as often as I can, a lot” and attends different churches since he travels so much (CNN report, 2015). They ignore statements that violate Christian principles:

**Colossians 3:8**

*But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips*

1. “I did try and f--- her. She was married.” September 2005 (Access Hollywood audio) … “I don't even wait. And when you're a star, they let you do it. You can do anything. Grab 'em by the p----. You can do anything.” September 2005 (Access Hollywood audio) – and now has been found liable for sexual abuse and other crimes against women. **Filthy language**
2. He's not a war hero,” said Trump. “He was a war hero because he was captured. I like people who weren't captured.” July 2015 (comments regarding Senator McCain, a former prisoner of war); “He is a Soros backed animal.” March 2023 (in reference to D.A. Bragg of New York) **Malice, slander**

One way that CN infiltrates the Black Church is when one or two of its issues is shared by some Black churches, such as abortion. Yet, we cannot be lured into a dangerous web of racist, hate-filled and violent beliefs because of one issue (*see, “Who are We”, Christian Recorder – May 2023*). We must look at the overall agenda, and then reject it when it threatens our church and most importantly, our faith.

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