

**The Cross And The Sword**  
**“Taking America Back For God?”**

**Matt. 20:25-28** “But Jesus called them to him and said, ‘You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. It will not be so among you; but whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be your slave; just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.’”

**Matt. 26:51-53.** “Suddenly, one of those with Jesus put his hand on his sword, drew it, and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to him, ‘Put your sword back into its place; for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels?’”

**John 18:36.** “Jesus answered, ‘My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.’”

**Eph. 5:1-2.** “Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us...”

**Luke 14:27** “Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.”

**1 John 5:19** "...the whole world lies under the power of the evil one."

**Jn 12:31; 14:30; 16:11** Satan is "the ruler of this world"

**2 Cor 4:4; Eph 2:2** Satan is "the god of this world" and "the principality and power of the air"

**Luke 4:5-7** "And the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for *it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please.* If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.'"

**Rev. 11:15** "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Messiah, and he will reign forever and ever."

**1Pet. 2:11** we are “aliens and exiles” in this world.

**Eph. 2:19** we “are citizens...and members of the household of God...”

**Phil. 3:20** “our citizenship is in heaven”

**Eph. 6:12** “For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.”

# **The Constantinian Revolution:** **“The Church Militant and Triumphant”**