

In God We Trust

By Edwin Fisher

There is an email circulating that the government has removed the “In God We Trust” motto from the new one dollar Washington coins. This is simply not the case. What is true is the IN GOD WE TRUST has been removed from the face of the coin. The Treasury decided to move it to the sides, or edges, of the coin for cosmetic reasons. Some argue that the government is trying to remove God from our money. In America today, God is not the leading factor in the majority of American lives. In fact, once you get out of the Bible Belt, finding a church can be quite difficult, and when you do it is usually of a different denomination than what you tend to believe.

Regardless, the government is simply following the majority of Americans. After all, haven't we as a nation put God on the edge of our lives, only calling upon Him when things go really terribly wrong? Isn't God the last one we consult, after all other means methods have been explored? Do we not give Him barely a gratuitous nod at the sidelines, rather than making Him the center of everything we do? We live our lives with God on the edge looking in, rather than live our lives with God on the front. The sad truth is the new one dollar coins reflect what God is to many Americans...an insurance policy kept on the side in the off chance we may need it.

God said that He is to be first in our lives with nothing else is to be before Him. Is that the case with me? Is that the case with you? Is that the case with America? I fear the true answer. I know where America is heading, you can watch it on the news every day. But I still believe that there are enough Christians in this country to make a stand for God. Perhaps if we spent as much time spreading the gospel as we did spreading gossip, we would see IN GOD WE TRUST on the face instead of the side. Maybe, just maybe, if those whom proclaim to be born again would live as if they are born again, we would see a shift in our nation back towards God.

While I do not expect any radical changes in the current American culture, I do see changes coming for the radically saved. When Jesus comes to gather His Church, those that are saved will have IN GOD THEY TRUSTED forever written upon their testimonies left behind. There is no greater testimony to leave behind, than to live each day as if Jesus was coming, and have those around you notice that you live for Christ. When the rapture happens I will be a part of the millions of testimonies left behind that simply says, “In God I Trusted” and He has redeemed me. I hope you will join me.