

**Righteousness Exalts ...
Sin Ruins**

Proverbs 14:34

Righteousness exalts a nation

- Righteousness – rightness, justice, virtue; just principles and actions
- Exalts – to be high, lifted up; to raise, rise

When we do things God's way, He raises us up so that His way can be seen.

Matthew 5:16

Sin is a reproach

- Sin – offence; any offence to God
- Reproach – reproof; to bring on the ill will of others; to bring contempt and ruin

Where is America? Are we a country of righteousness or reproach?

Look at the evidence

- June 25, 1962 – The Bible and prayer taken out of schools.
- January 22, 1973 – Roe v. Wade, abortion legalized.
- Churches approving same-sex wedding ceremonies.
- Supreme Court legalizing same-sex marriage.
- 1993 – 23% unchurched
2013 – 45% unchurched

What do we do?

- Don't panic!
- Remember your enemy. Eph. 6:10-13
- Know what you believe.
- Be counter-cultural.
- Love and respect all people.
- Be more involved in the political process.
- Pray.