

What makes a nation great?

Controlling an extensive area does not make a nation great – just large. Being rich does not make a nation great – just more prone to corruption. Greatness is not measured by size, wealth, nor power. Greatness is measured by what a nation recognizes and rewards in its citizens. If our nation tolerates corruption in business, politics, or public life, then we are no greater than our lowest standard.

A great nation can be known by the vision of its leaders, the justice of its courts, the honesty of its citizens, and its compassion for those in need. Is Canada a great nation? We leave that for you to judge. Can Canada become or remain a great nation? Yes, most certainly.

Greatness depends on the composite character of our citizens. What do we admire? To what do we aspire? What do we approve and what do we support? How do we live?

The Magna Carta (AD 1215) stands as a monumental achievement for liberty and justice. Its preamble states that the charter was formulated out of “reverence for God and for the salvation of our soul and those of our ancestors and heirs, for the honour of God and the exaltation of the Holy Church and the reform of our realm.....” It recognized that the way to greatness is by a renovation and reform of individual lives. Changing the nature and direction of our citizens and our country can only come from power that changes how each of us thinks and lives.

This life changing, nation changing power is available from only one source. God sent Christ to open a way for us to access God’s power for life change. Christ called the application of such power to your life as being “born again” – being given life and power which changes our hearts and minds so we become what God created us to be – His true sons and daughters. Here is God’s measure of greatness.

‘Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people.’ (Proverbs 14:34)