

Separatists

It is interesting to point out here the similarity in the pilgrims use of the word "separatist" and our use of the word "separatist". The pilgrims wanted to separate from the government church so that they could teach Christianity the way they felt it should be taught and to worship the way they felt they should worship Jesus. They wanted a simpler form of church service. Because the Church of England (the official government church) said no, they separated. This also caused the pilgrims to think about the role of government. They studied the teachings of men like Martin Luther (not the Negro Martin Luther King) and John Calvin. These leaders, among others, had taught that government was to support the church, but not control the church. They also studied the word of God and learned that it was the Christian's duty to resist government oppression when it interfered with the rights of Christians to worship Jesus.

Today, in our modern age, it is said that we do not have an official church of the country. This is sort of true. But, the government continues to pass laws making it harder to worship Jesus Christ. They have already tried (and they continue to make progress) in outlawing Christian teaching and Christian laws in courts, schools, business, Congress etc. They are removing the 10 Commandments from buildings all over the country. They are doing all of this because the politicians have been told that America is supposed to have "Separation of Church and State". We will learn later what this really means and why it's being taught the wrong way today. But briefly, it is ONLY supposed to mean that there isn't going to be an OFFICIAL church like the Church of England.

Another thing I want to point out is that while many churches of Europe fought with each other over doctrine (the official teaching of each church) they were NOT fighting over MORAL issues. They DID NOT fight over things like murder, stealing, lying, homosexuality, race mixing, cheating on your wife or husband (note: race mixing is under the commandment of adultery. Look in a dictionary under adulterate and it will tell you that it means to mix something pure with something impure or to mix two unequal things together. The commandment we usually think of as committing adultery - cheating on your husband or wife is actually under the commandment Thou shalt not covet thy neighbors wife.) The different churches DID NOT disagree on moral issues. They only disagreed on doctrinal issues like baptism or church ceremony. These are still very important to many churches today. This is okay for Christians to discuss. It is their right. But in The Knights, we think the most important issues are the moral issues. And today, we call ourselves separatists because we want to separate from the "church world" because they no longer stand up for the moral issues. They approve of race mixing, let homosexuals come into the churches, don't stand up for the death penalty for rapists and child molesters and many other very important moral issues - moral issues that ALL of the churches 50 years ago until way back until the days of Jesus and even our ancestors in the Old Testament All Agreed on! So in a way there is an official church, because the government is working to stop the preaching of moral issues and the only churches they like or approve of are the churches that agree with them - the government. We don't agree with them and we are separatists!