## The truth about Separation of Church and State

Comment by a responder to an American Family Association's OneNewsNow article titled "Not Constitutional to Target Prayer."

There has been considerable confusion about the topic Separation of Church and State. Liberals have misused this term for years attempting to deprive Americans of their religious freedom to express their opinions or preach against the things the U.S. Government does that go against God and country. I have included a link to an article from the American Family Associations News column and someone's comment to that article. I have also provided a link to a website that shows the letters between the Danbury Baptists and Thomas Jefferson in 1802. Let people know about this. Hold people accountable for distorting the truth to meet their own agendas on this vital subject.

http://www.onenewsnow.com/legal-courts/2012/08/22/not-constitutional-to-target-prayer

## Reason2012•2 hours ago -

(1) There is no such thing as "separation of church and state" in the Constitution. That phrase came from the time a Pastor wrote a letter to Jefferson expressing his fears that Jefferson would in some way restrict religious freedoms. In response to these fears, Thomas Jefferson wrote a letter back to indicate that he would in no way restrict the freedom of religious expression because he saw a wall of separation between church and state.

So actually the phrase means the exact opposite of what atheists claim it means: it reiterates the First Amendment, that government shall make no laws prohibiting the free exercise of religious expression.

- (2) First Amendment: Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; Well Congress/government hasn't made any law forcing the school to start football games with a prayer. End of story there is no case.
- (3) Congress/government also cannot make a law prohibiting the free exercise thereof. So their request is automatically null and void. No one's allowed to make a law forcing them NOT to start a football game with a prayer.

A school can decide to open a football game with a prayer and no one can force them not to. A school can decide NOT to open a football game with a prayer and no one can force them to. But in a Christian nation, the populace will be personally choosing to open with prayer often. If atheists hate this, they can start voting in a large number of atheists and hope this means prayers or songs will stop.

That's liberty.

That's freedom.

That's the Constitution many died to create.

That's the United States of America.

Start understanding the Constitution, the First Amendment and the lie about "separation to church and state" and take back our right to honor and worship God as people in positions of leadership personally choose and see fit to on a case by case basis.

## **Letters Between the Danbury Baptists and Thomas Jefferson**

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