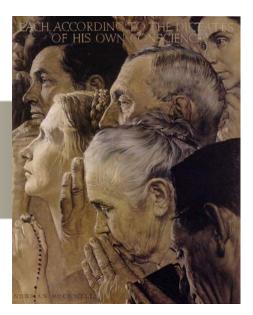
## **#277** The Cross of Jesus Christ vs. the Rights of Man – The subtle deception of "Religious Freedom"

Key Understanding: *The subtle deception of "religious freedom."* One of the most subtle deceptions in the battle between the Cross of Jesus Christ and the Rights of Man is that of *"religious* freedom." The very words *"religious* freedom" should not be confused with the true *spiritual* freedom of the cross of Jesus Christ.



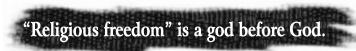
A poster (*left*) depicting the "Four Freedoms," one of which is "Freedom of Worship" (*right*), from President Roosevelt's famous speech of January 6, 1941



"Religious freedom" is simply the political freedom or personal freedom to worship or serve any god we choose, including Satan. Some foolishly proclaim that they will fight and kill for a person's "right" to worship any god, as if that is a calling of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Scripture tells us that mankind has always had the "religious freedom" to worship a god other than the Lord, although it leads to eternal death. God gave man this "free will" in the garden of Eden. Certainly Jesus Christ did not die on the cross for the purpose of giving you and me the political "right" to worship or serve any god we choose. After all, the spirit of the Lord in both the Old and New Testaments is . . .

## Exodus 20:3 (KJV) THOU SHALT HAVE NO OTHER GODS BEFORE ME.



The difference between Satan's worldly "religious freedom" and our Lord Jesus Christ's spiritual freedom can be seen in the practical out workings of



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the apostate church's carnal battle for "religious freedom." The sword of Caesar must be carried in defense of "religious freedom" and "political liberty." The cross of Jesus Christ is carried in defense of true heavenly spiritual liberty.

Like Cain (Genesis 4:5), many have decided to sacrifice to God their own way, the American way of "dying (and killing) to make men free," including dying (and killing) for "religious freedom," rather than dying to self and daily taking up the cross of Jesus Christ (Luke 9:23). Christians are to "*present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service*" (Romans 12:1). The gruesome counterfeit includes men offering their bodies as living sacrifices for "Lady Liberty," acceptable unto Satan.

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