

**God's Patriot:
Carl McIntire, American Pastor**

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Carl McIntire was a staunch theological fundamentalist and proponent of the reformed faith. He was also a distinctly American minister. McIntire spent his life not only preaching the fundamental of the faith, but also standing as a defender of political conservatism, religious democratization, and anti-communism that shaped a distinctly cultural fundamentalism. Through ferocious battles against communism, which reflected his strong support of the Vietnam War, the right to personal liberties, and the necessity of a Christian American government, McIntire proved to be a man of strong and unswerving political convictions. In his commitment to abstinence, premillennialism and ecclesiastical separation, he showed himself to be a man greatly influenced by a cultural evangelicalism shaped by democratizing tendencies. Both religiously and politically McIntire exemplified the American ideal of individualism. From his involvement with the split from the PCUSA and later with his own congregation, McIntire was a man willing to follow his own path, even when everyone around him chose another road. McIntire proved to be the quintessential American evangelical individualists.