## Australia's Christian Foundations and Heritage



Law and Parliament Common Law have been based on the Christian faith, exemplified by the statue of Jesus occupying the central place above the entrance to the Royal Courts of Justice in London, (pictured above the circle with Moses and Alfred the Great towards the side) and by many statements by scholars such as one Chief Justice who declared: "Christianity is parcel of the Common Law of England and therefore to be protected by it. So whatever strikes at the very root of Christianity tends manifestly to the dissolution of civil government.<sup>2</sup>

If the past is misinterpreted then so is the significance of the future. It is important that we don't continue to be deceived by the secularization process which denies the sovereignty of God in history, and be like Esau who sold his birthright for a meal when Psalm 61:56 says: "You have given me the heritage of those who fear your name." Christians of Australia can rejoice in the contribution of our Christian forebears and confidently step out in faith aware of God's great intentions for our great island continent.

An enlarged picture of Jesus can be found here: http://www.artandarchitecture.org.uk/images/conway/145ad2a2.html

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