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“I am a Christian, and I am a businessman, but I am not a Christian businessman.” – Successful anonymous local Oklahoma City Businessman

What part of your life is Jesus, not the Lord over? He's supposed to be the Lord over all our lives. Therefore, there should be nothing off limits in our preaching and disciple-making in the church. Jesus is not just the Lord of Sunday mornings. Jesus is the Lord of our families. He's the Lord of education. He's the Lord of our work habits. He's the Lord of our business ethics. He's the Lord of our sex lives. He's the Lord of our economics. And He's the Lord of our politics. Jesus is Lord of all. So why do we compartmentalize our lives? Why do we believe some subjects are off-limits in church?

There is no question early on that the church at Pentecost was 100% Jewish. They had a Jewish worldview and an excellent knowledge of the Old Testament. In fact, the only Bible the New Testament Church had for about two decades was the Old Testament. When Jesus walked with those on the road to Emmaus, He taught them from the Old Testament that He was the promised Messiah. The Old Testament was the Bible that Paul used in his missionary journeys when debating in synagogues about Jesus of Nazareth being the promised Messiah.

The early church was Jewish to its core. The question debated in the early church was not about baptism or the work of the Holy Spirit in this dispensation; it was about circumcision! Aren't you glad we aren't still having that debate?

Even the Romans treated Christianity as just another sect of Judaism. At the time of Jesus, there were an estimated 24 sects or denominations of Judaism. You're familiar with many of them. You've heard of the Pharisees, the Sadducees, the Essenes, and the Herodians, and now you had this group called the Nazarenes, all gathering at the temple. The question wasn't whether a Jew could become a Christian but whether a Gentile could as become part of this Spirit-born community!

However, after the destruction of the temple in Jerusalem, as the Jewish Apostles died off, and as the church grew into Asia and Europe, the Greek line of thought infiltrated and then replaced the Hebraic worldview of the church.

Much of the New Testament addresses the error called Gnosticism. The Apostles warned against this heresy in many of their epistles. Greek philosophers divided the world into two spheres: the material world and the spiritual world. They believed the material world was inherently wicked and irredeemable. Only the spiritual really mattered. This led to the logical conclusion, but heresy, that Jesus could not have actually lived in the flesh. Some theorized that Jesus was merely a phantom spirit. He wouldn't leave footprints if he were walking along the seashore because he wasn't a material presence. Another theory was that the spirit of the Messiah came upon this man, Jesus of Nazareth, at his baptism by John the Baptist and then departed his body when he was hanging on the cross. Either way, they concluded that the Word did not become flesh and die for our sins.

This thinking led to a logical end that if only the "spiritual" realm mattered, then why worry about charity? Who cares about sexual immorality? Those are part of the material world.

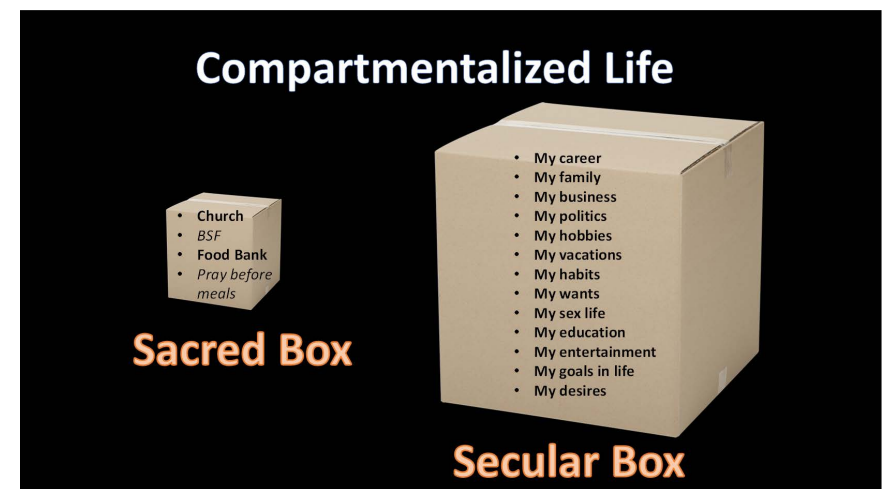
Many gentile Christians came out of pagan idolatry with temple

prostitution. The Gnostics tempted both males and females with the "sin all you want to in your body as long as you keep your spirit clean." Of course, we know that is nonsense, and the Apostle John wrote 1 John to combat Gnosticism. However, it was the Gnostic influence that fed this idea of the compartmentalization of life between the spiritual world and the material world. We have adopted the same mindset in modern-day America as we have compartmentalized Christianity.



Just like a styrofoam picnic plate, we keep our Christianity in a nice, tidy little compartment, but we don't dare let it spill over into our work life, our family life, or any other area of what we call real life. Christianity becomes something we do on Sunday mornings, but we don't let our church thing interfere with reality in the material world.

We have our spiritual life where we have our protected box of sacred things that are permissible to discuss in church. Then we have "real life," our physical life, reserved for only a secular worldview or secular thinking. Those are the things we aren't allowed to discuss in church.



We need to understand that may have been the Greek mindset, but that was not the Hebraic mindset.

The Hebrews understood God created the material and the spiritual. So, Rabbi Paul concluded that "whatever you do, you are to do to the glory of God" (1 Cor 10:31). Paul combated this error head-on when he said to glorify God in your body (the material world) and your spirit (the spiritual world), as they both belong to God (1 Corinthians 6:20). So again, let me ask you this question: What part of your life is Jesus, not the Lord over?

Write down the areas of your life that Jesus is not Lord over. Those are the subjects that are off-limits and can't be talked about in church or Christian discipleship.

However, salvation and subsequent Lordship were understood in the Hebrew mentality. You cannot separate them.

In Biblical Hebrew, there were only about 7,000 words. In modern-day English, we have about 100,000 words. In the Hebrew, each word had a greater depth of meaning and breadth of meaning. As you do your Bible study, you must always remember the context. Who is writing? To whom is he writing? And, what is he writing about? What message is being conveyed as the Jews would have understood it?

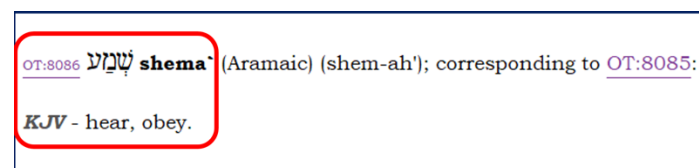
As an example, consider Deuteronomy 6:4. This passage is called the Shema.

"Shema Israel! Adonai Eloheinu, Adonai echad!" Hear, oh Israel! The Lord your God, the Lord is one.

The "shema" is the John 3:16 among Jews. It is still recited morning and evening as a daily recommitment of faith or a daily pledge of allegiance.

The word "shema" is the first word in this verse, and it means "to hear or listen up."

Interestingly, when you look at your lexicon, the word Shema does mean "to hear", but notice that the lexicon also says it means "to obey."



If you heard with your ears, then your response or obedience was understood. He that hath ears to hear let him obey. There was no controversy between James and Paul from a Jewish theological perspective. They were both addressing two sides of the same coin. Paul emphasized salvation by faith alone. James understood the natural result of one falling to his knees to call upon the resurrected Christ as his personal Savior was also to recognize that He is your Lord. In other words, the confession of your faith should match the expression of your faith. There shouldn't be any contradiction.

Works have nothing to do with earning salvation. We are not saved because of a transformed life, but a transformed life is the natural result of being saved.

Think back to your wedding. When you made your confession and said "I do" before a pastor, God, and those assembled witnesses, your relationship status changed as did your behavior from that point forward.

Consider the following as we flesh out the issue. Alex McFarland is a very dear friend and a highly respected Christian apologist. Alex was in a debate several years ago with a Muslim cleric named Khalid Griggs. During the discussion, Alex asked this question: "Does one have to truly *believe* in the Shahada (Islamic confession of faith) to become a Muslim, or does one only have to say the words? The cleric said, after thinking about it for a moment, that one only had to say it.

Saving faith is not simply mental assent. It's not merely reciting a creed or praying an empty prayer. It's not merely a get-out-of-hell-free card.

In comparison, the quote below comes from an Orthodox Jewish website and contrasts the difference between the rational *pistis* of

the Greek language and the Imunah from Hebrew.

Imunah is more than believing that certain statements about God are factual. It is belief in God, trust, and reliance upon God, all of which call forth behavior consistent with that stance of trust and reliance.
(www.myjewishlearning.com/articleemunah-biblical-faith)

The prayer of faith is a heart's confession based upon the revelation that Jesus is Lord, and that confession naturally results in a transformation.

Obedience is the natural result of faith or trust.

As an example, let's recall a list of charges God had compiled against Israel before he judged them through Nebuchadnezzar and Babylon. If you read all the Old Testament prophets, you would find this is a nearly exhaustive list of God's charges.

As you go down this list, would you consider whether this is a spiritual subject or a secular subject? If you are a pastor, would you preach or teach about this subject in your church or not? If you are not a pastor but a church member, would your pastor preach about this subject or not? This is the list of charges:

1. They were dishonest in business
2. They ignored the sabbatical release (an economic crime)
3. They used unjust weights and measures (fraud or inflation)
4. They removed landmarks (private property rights)
5. They bribed judges (blind justice)
6. Leaders fed off of the flock rather than caring for it
7. They were disrespectful to parents and elders
8. They didn't care for their family
9. They lived for revelry and drunken parties
10. They murdered their children
11. Their religion became big business
12. They were no longer ashamed of immorality, even celebrating homosexuality and parading and reveling in their debauchery
13. Things that common sense and God said were evil, they called good
14. Things that experience and common sense and God called good, they called evil
15. They were proud and arrogant

16. Their court system became corrupt
17. The government was corrupt
18. They denied and abandoned God

Yet when Jeremiah preached repentance, the Jews pointed to the Temple and said, "What are you talking about? God lives with us. We're God's chosen people. We go to church on Sunday."

God is not nearly as impressed with how pretty we look on Sunday morning as He is the other 167 hours of the week. As James said, you may talk about your faith, but let's see some evidence of the faith that you claim to have.

The Great Commission commands us to go into all the world and make disciples - not church members, not professors of faith, not people who have repeated the sinner's prayer - but disciples.

Don't get me wrong, I've grown up Independent Baptist and Southern Baptist. I was weaned on the Roman Road. I'm all about door-to-door evangelism. Still, recognize that our calling is to make disciples or followers of Jesus Christ.

Pastors who are reading this remember what a pastor has been charged to do.

Eph 4:11-12

*And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, **evangelists**; and some, **pastors and teachers**; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ.*

While denominations hold varied opinions of the roles of apostles or prophets today, I am not aware of any debate over the importance and relevancy of evangelism, shepherding, and teaching.

As pastors, we are to be evangelists. Evangelism is vital. What does it profit a man if he should gain the whole world but lose his own soul? But it doesn't stop with the sinner's prayer. That's the starting pistol of a new life with Christ. We are also supposed to disciple (train Biblically) and pastor or shepherd our congregations.

The reality is that, as a pastor, I want my people to know Jesus first and foremost. But as their pastor and teacher, I also want them to have strong families, good health, good jobs, and the ability to pay their bills. I am concerned about their entire lives, not just one particular area. I've been called to disciple and protect my flock.

Consider the recent COVID "pandemic" as an example.

You don't have to be a scientist to realize utter nonsense. Remember being required to wear a mask while walking into a restaurant, but the mask could be removed upon taking a seat? I don't need to be a scientist to know that viruses don't work that way.

When locally owned, middle-class mom-and-pop proprietorships were forced to close while the big box stores stayed open, I knew that viruses don't work that way.

As the shepherd to the flock entrusted to my care, we brought in several doctors and scientists to educate our people. I want to shepherd my people. I wanted them to be well-educated on what was happening, as I desired the best for their safety, health, and well-being. I was happy to sign religious exemptions rather than stand idly by while my flock was being forced to take an untested mRNA experimental shot that had never been tested on human beings. By the way, our church had donuts and coffee on Sunday mornings. We had meals on Wednesday nights. We didn't require masks, and we didn't require social distancing.

If someone wanted to wear a mask, they were welcome but not required. We tried to accommodate them if they wanted to keep their distance from others. Interestingly, I did fewer funerals over the 2020-21 COVID years than I would usually do in a normal year.

But this is part of our job: evangelism, discipling, leading, feeding, and protecting. But, in contrast, perhaps you've heard a pastor say, "I only preach the gospel." Of course, they believe they identify with the Apostle Paul from 1 Corinthians 15.

The Apostle Paul certainly knew a little about preaching the gospel, but consider all the actual subjects Paul addressed in his letters of instruction to this new Spirit-filled community:

One, of course, is evangelism. Jesus of Nazareth is the promised Messiah. Paul showed us chapter and verse in the Old Testament, where Jesus fulfilled 456 Old Testament prophecies about the Messiah in his first coming. But Paul also talked about proper civil government. Paul spoke about taxes. Paul talked about appropriate sexuality. Paul talked about sexual sin. Paul talked about homosexual sin. Paul talked about marriage. Paul talked about circumcision, church discipline, work and work ethic, integrity as business owners, charity, church organization, and care for widows and orphans. He also instructed them about handling disputes, pride, humility, and forgiveness, gossip, along with cultural issues such as dress, hairstyles, clean and unclean food, proper doctrine and even eschatology.

"I only preach the gospel..."

- Jesus of Nazareth IS the promised Messiah
- Proper government
- Taxes
- Proper sexuality
- Sexual sin
- Homosexual sin
- Marriage
- Circumcision
- Church Discipline
- Work and Work Ethic
- Integrity as business owners
- Charity
- Church organization
- Care for widows & orphans
- Handling disputes
- Pride/humility/forgiveness
- Gossip
- Cultural issues – dress, hairstyles, clean & unclean food
- Proper doctrine
- Eschatology, etc., etc.

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So if you say that you want to be just like the Apostle Paul, then Amen!! So, do I.

Acts 11 tells us that those **disciples** in Antioch were the first to be called **Christians**. Originally, it was intended to be a derogatory term. Christian literally means "a follower of Christ."

The last time I was in Israel, we were walking through the old city of Jerusalem on our last tour day. If you've been there, then you know typically, the last day is when you visit the empty tomb, walk down the old Jericho Road from the top of Olivet, and stop in Gethsemane.

We were in the Jewish quarter of the old city near the Wailing Wall. One of our group asked our tour guide, Isaac, "Why did the Jews dress so differently?"

If you've never been to Israel, understand that visiting there is just like visiting the 51st American state. They're very much like we are. Some are religious, some are not. They wear everything from blue jeans to suits. But the question was being asked specifically about the ultra-Orthodox, primarily the Hasidic Jews. They all dress in their customary black and white but have distinct style differences. Some wear large hats, some wear tiny hats; some wear long coats; some wear short coats; some wear pants down to their shoes, and some wear knicker-like pants.



As many times as I had been to Israel, I did not know the answer. I just assumed that even among the ultra-Orthodox community, there was still a certain amount of fashion choices. But Isaac's answer shed immense light on how important that question was.

Isaac said, "They wear their hats the way their particular rabbi wears his. They wear their socks the way their rabbi wears his."

Their goal was to imitate their rabbi in thought, mannerisms, and behavior.

It is important to recognize that a Jewish rabbi didn't just hand his pupils a syllabus and tell them to get to class.

They were commanded to "follow" or "walk" with him. "Follow me." "Walk with me." Do those expressions ring a bell from your study of the synoptic Gospels?

One Jewish author likened the maturity of a disciple to being measured by the amount of dust he had accumulated on his clothing from following his rabbi so closely as he watched, imitated, listened, learned, and applied his teaching.

The Hebrew word for walk is *halakh*, which means far more than putting one foot in front of the other. The term *halakha* means:

***"The path that one walks."
"a comprehensive way of life...that affects
every aspect of life."***

That's what John was talking about in 1st John. "If any man *walks* in darkness..." He's not talking about taking a stroll without any lights on a street, he's communicating to us whether you live a sinful life instead of walking in the light. This addresses your overall lifestyle and how you conduct yourself morally. A rabbi's interpretation of the Torah is called *halakha*, which is how to walk by God's Word.

Now, please listen to what I'm about to tell you. If it's the only thing you get from reading this booklet, then it will be well worth it.

We have redefined what it means to live by faith in America. We believe that living by faith means that we make an empty profession. We proceed to live our lives the way we want to live our lives, justifying our behavior in light of the world's wisdom. And then, when we make a complete mess out of things, we get on our knees and ask God to fix it. That is not living by faith. That is testing God.

And while prayer is a great privilege God has given to us as His children, "We need to quit trying to pray our way out of situations that we have behaved ourselves into."

We need to do a better job of discipling our flocks!

Paul preached a trilogy of messages based on Habakkuk 2:5. In Romans, he emphasized justification by faith alone. In Hebrews, he emphasized faith itself. In Galatians, he emphasized living by faith. How now shall we live? We shall live by faith/trust in God.

The Apostle Paul also tells us in Romans 10:17 that faith comes from hearing God's Word. So, living by faith means listening to what our Lord tells us in His Word, obeying it, and applying it to our lives.

Our families SHOULD look different than families in a lost world. Our marriages SHOULD be different than those of the lost world. Our work ethic among employees SHOULD be second to none. Our integrity as business owners SHOULD be exemplary. Our sexual proclivities SHOULD reflect the Lordship of Jesus. How we handle money SHOULD reflect the Lordship of Jesus.

The Bible tells us to work hard, to live within our means, to make a budget, to invest, to be charitable, and to prepare for rainy days. The Bible states a good man leaves an inheritance to his children and his children's children. The Bible also says that the borrower becomes enslaved to the lender. Still, most of our members are up to their eyeballs in debt driving cars they can't afford to drive, living in houses they can't afford to live in, and trying to impress people they don't like. Why is that?

Because pastors in America have never taught their congregations what the Lord says about money and economics, much like the subject of human sexuality, we ignore Biblical principles and allow our people to learn economics from the lost world.

Another important part of "living by faith" is in how we approach the realm of civil government and politics.

Sometimes, Christians will grab a verse that God gave to David or someone else and turn it into a daily devotional. While it may be encouraging, sometimes we are guilty of misappropriating verses not given TO us.

However, Ephesians was clearly written to the church. After dealing with a list of sexual sins and temptations, Paul states in Ephesians 5:11, "(You Christians) Have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them." When you look up the word "fellowship" in your lexicon, you will find the translation could be, "don't be a part of," "don't be a party to," or "a party of the unfruitful works of darkness."

The instruction doesn't end with the command to separate from that darkness, but we are then commanded to expose the darkness and stand against it.

You may be saved, but you are **not following Jesus in your politics** if you are a "part/party" to:

- a platform that endorses baby murder.
- supports or encourages the LGBT movement of trans butchery and mutilation of our children.
- Supports or encourages the agenda that promotes covetousness and theft, better known by us as equity, socialism, or communism.

Solomon said in **Proverbs 3:5**: *"Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Don't lean on your own understanding. Acknowledge the LORD in all your ways. He WILL direct your path."*

That's what living by faith is. Ask yourself, how can I glorify God in this area of my life? How now shall I live as a disciple of Jesus, one who walks with Jesus daily? Study His teaching of the truth and apply His instruction to your life since He is the Lord of all.

George Barna is well known for his extensive research on American religious beliefs and the interplay between faith and culture. In 2021, Barna surveyed a large group of Americans.

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Only 6% Of Americans Believe Biblical Worldview, Barna Survey Reveals

While a high majority of young adults claim to have a biblical worldview, statistics from the American Worldview Inventory demonstrate a disparity between "self-perception and reality."

Among Millennials, 44% claim a biblical worldview; results from the American Worldview Inventory, however, reveal that just 4% have one. Among the 53% of Gen Xers, only 6% have a biblical worldview. As for the 54% of Baby Boomers, there are only 8%, while those over 75 years old, which accounts for 62%, only 8% truly have a biblical worldview.

Based on their answers, he determined that only 6% of Americans have a biblical worldview.

63% of Americans identify as Christian (follow Christ), but only 6% possess a Biblical Worldview.

Obviously, this raised the question, "How can this be?" Barna then gave the same exam to over a thousand conservative pastors and found that only 37% of pastors have a Biblical Worldview. How can we expect pastors to make disciples of Jesus when pastors haven't been taught to think Biblically in life?

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Study finds 37% of pastors have biblical worldview: Spiritual awakening 'needed in our pulpits'

By Anurag Kumar, Christian Post Contributor

A new study from the Cultural Research Center at Arizona Christian University has found that just 37% of Christian pastors in the United States have a biblical worldview, demonstrating that spiritual awakening is "needed just as desperately in our pulpits as in the pews," according to the pollster.

The nationwide study of about 1,000 Christian pastors found that just slightly more than a third (37%) of the U.S. pastors hold a biblical worldview. The majority (62%) possess a hybrid worldview known as Syncretism.

The study, released Thursday, showed that 41% of senior pastors — as compared to 28% of associate pastors — have a biblical worldview. Further, only 13% of teaching pastors and 12% of children's and youth pastors have a biblical worldview.



We have accepted the lie of dualism, taught it in our seminaries, compartmentalized our lives into secular and sacred, and not made disciples by teaching them to observe all things the Lord has commanded.

Consequently, we have people in our congregations who have been genuinely born again. However, they think and live like Darwinian socialists as that is the worldview they have been taught in public education, university, and the mainstream media.

In Ecclesiastes, Solomon tells us there is nothing new under the sun. When you consider all the sins that we face in our day and age, none of it is new. The same sort of debauchery was going on in the days of Noah and the days of Lot.

God has dealt with every issue and assigned responsibility for each to one of four realms of government. Whenever we hear the word government our mind immediately defaults to a vision of the United States Capitol or the White House. That is not correct.

There are four different realms of government revealed in Scripture: self, family, church, and civil.

God's Separation of Powers

1. Self Government
2. Family Government
3. Church Government
4. Civil Government

It begins with self-government. As an example, remember COVID? It is up to you to determine whether you think masking will keep you from getting a virus. If the evidence convinces you, then wear one. Wear ten if you want. It is not the mayor's responsibility to order you to wear a mask any more than he has the right to make you take Vitamin C or wear a jacket in the winter. That is not the responsibility of the civil authority; it is the job of self-government.

The most important responsibility in self-government is whether we choose to bend our knees to Jesus. Your mom and dad can't make that decision for you, your preacher can't, and the governor can't. You must decide for yourself.

Second, there is family government. As you study the Bible, you'll find out there are a lot of responsibilities entrusted to moms and dads. One is the education of their children. God commanded parents to train their own children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

Yet, we drop our kids off at Pre-K when they're four and then pick them up when they graduate from university at 21. We wonder why they're now woke, atheists and postmodernists. Of course, they will be woke atheists and postmodernists; that's what they've been taught by government education for 16 years.

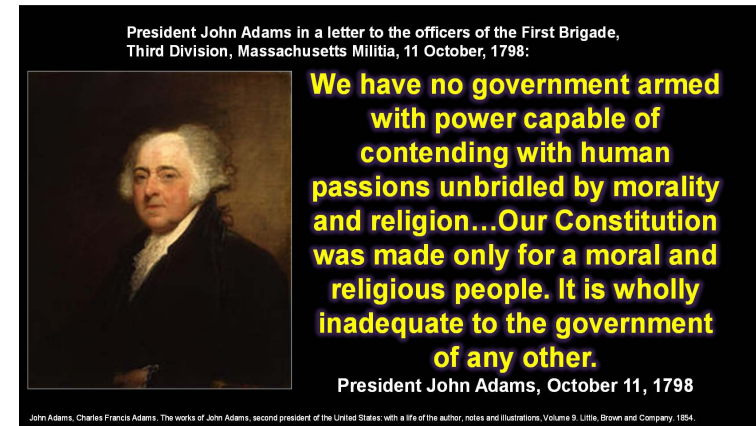
The third realm of government is church government. A certain number of responsibilities are entrusted to the church. For example, the church government is responsible for charity. The church does a much better job of effectively helping those with legitimate needs and helping them progress out of those needs and get back into a balanced budget.

The fourth realm of government should be the smallest. Civil government, in the Bible, punishes evil and protects the good so that we may live peaceably in all godliness.

These four work in an inverted relationship. The stronger we are in self-government, the stronger families we have, the more vital churches we have; you don't need a lot of police officers.

You don't need a lot of civil laws because we are already self-governing. That's what John Adams said as our second president:

"Our Constitution is made only for moral and religious people. It's wholly inadequate for the government of any other."



But where are we in this country? We no longer **preach against sin because it could offend somebody, and it's politically incorrect. So, we've removed self-government from the table.**

Families have been under attack since legalizing "no-fault divorce" and the Hugh Hefner free-sex era of the 1960s. Now, we say a family doesn't need two parents of the opposite gender; we define any group - homosexuality, polygamy, polyamory - you name it. Family can now be anything.

At one time, churches stood for righteousness and were the backbone of a community. Today, it seems to be a popularity contest as we are more concerned about worship experiences than making disciples and building community. When you understand that these three realms of government have been intentionally destroyed, all that's left is an ever-growing, omniscient, omnipotent, omnipresent civil government, precisely what Karl Marx's dream was. Wouldn't he be proud of where America is today?

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"Where the Church Went Wrong"



Paul K. Blair is a compelling critique of the modern Christian Church's departure from the total lordship of Jesus Christ over every facet of life. Arguing against the widespread practice of compartmentalizing faith to Sunday services, Blair calls for a return to a holistic Christianity

that influences our families, work, ethics, and politics. Drawing from the early church's struggles with Greek thought and Gnosticism, he highlights how these historical challenges have led to a division between the sacred and secular in contemporary faith practices. This concise booklet is both a critique and a guide, urging believers to fully integrate their faith into every aspect of their lives and challenging pastors to lead this charge. It's an essential read for those seeking to align more closely with a biblical, grounded, comprehensive approach to Christianity, where Jesus reigns supreme over all aspects of life.



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