

“What To Do After The Divorce”

(When Societal Authority and the Church End Their Marriage)

Church Mission and World Trends 1 of 4

Matthew 28:19-20; 5:13-16; 13:33; 2 Corinthians 4:1-12

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The gospel remains _____; the world constantly _____.

1. THE M_____ --A Mistake We Made

Christendom is d_____. Christendom is an era in which the truth of _____ was taken to be the truth of secular politics.

Before Constantine it took _____ to be a part of the kingdom of God. After Constantine it was almost _____ that belonging to the Roman Empire was also part of church membership.

2. THE D_____ -A Reality We Must Accept

The _____ of Christianity has shifted from the West (Europe and N. America) to the South (Africa, Asia, and Latin America).

The church today is more like the church of the _____ century than the _____ century.

3. The T_____ --A Return To God’s Original Plan.

Some want to r_____ Christendom; some want to w_____ from the world; God says let the church be s_____, l_____, and y_____.

The church must get back to f_____ l_____ and be judged by our faithfulness to the _____, not judged by the success of society over which we have less and less control.