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Is the Church fit for purpose?

Date

Friday
17th May
2019

Time

6.30pm -
9.00 pm
(Prompt)

Venue

Haggerston Community
Centre, 1st Floor IT Suite,
8 Lovelace Street,
London, E8 4FF



Speaker

Pelumi



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Coming to UK



Fire

Burden



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Non denominational

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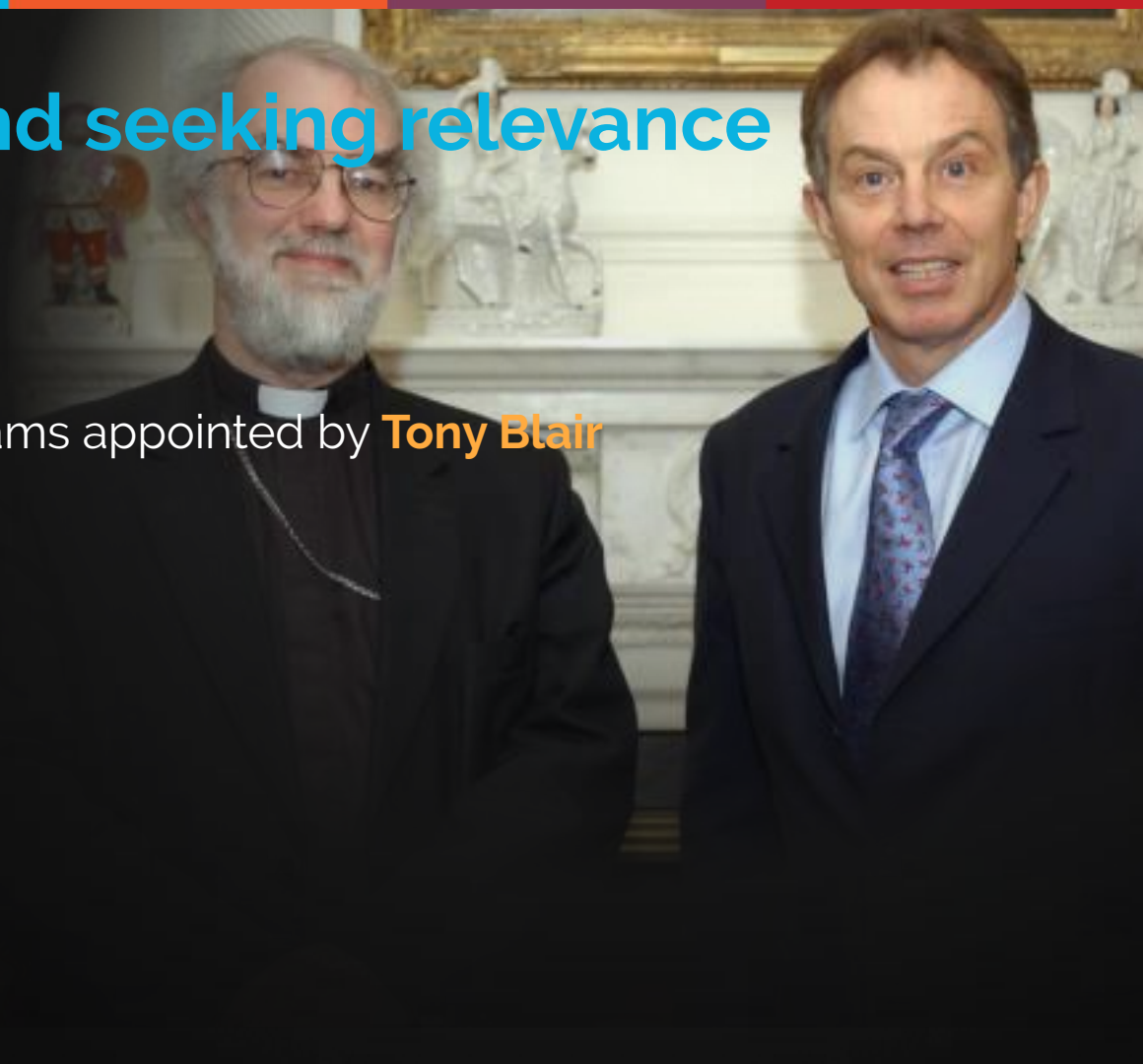
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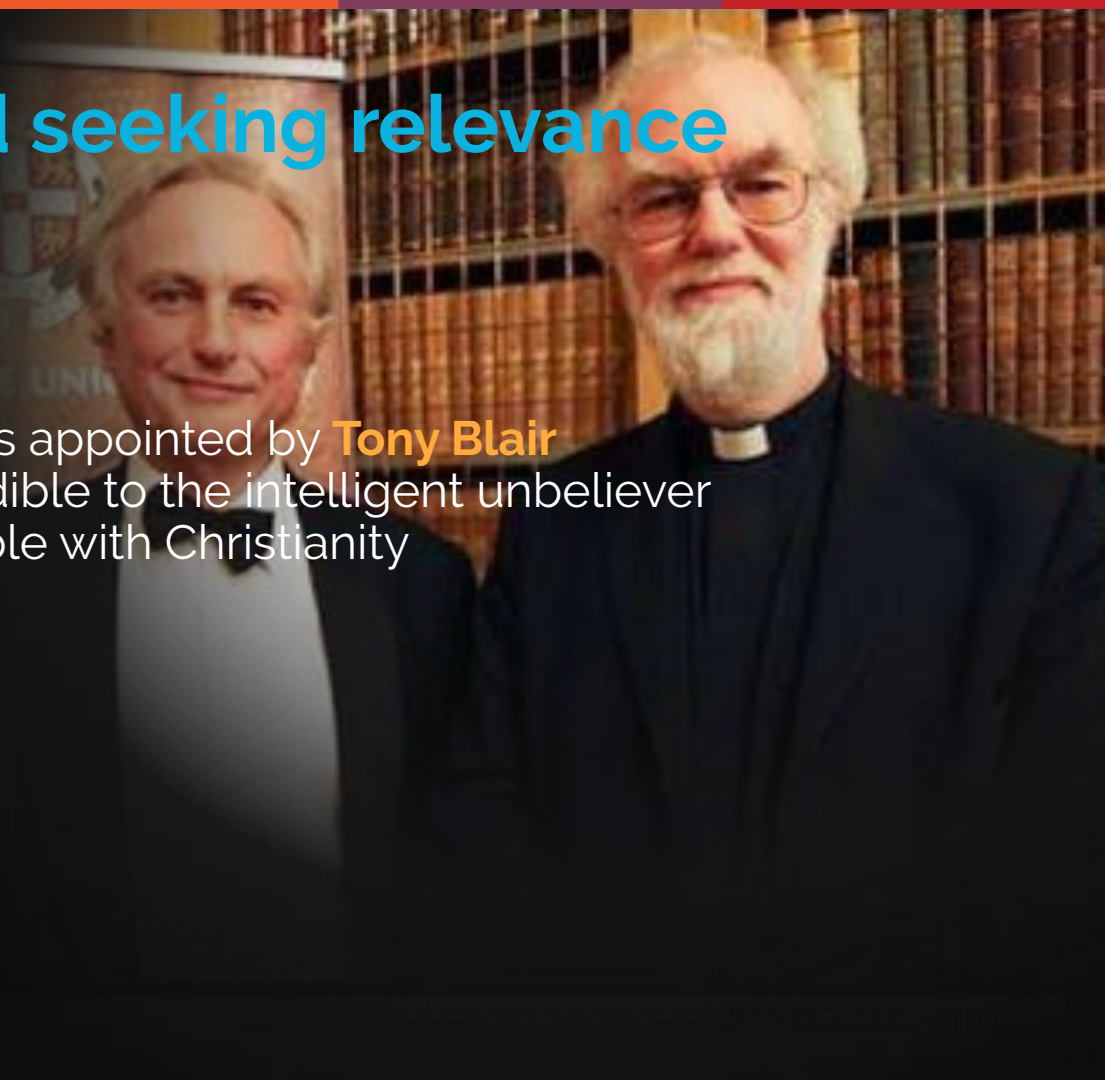
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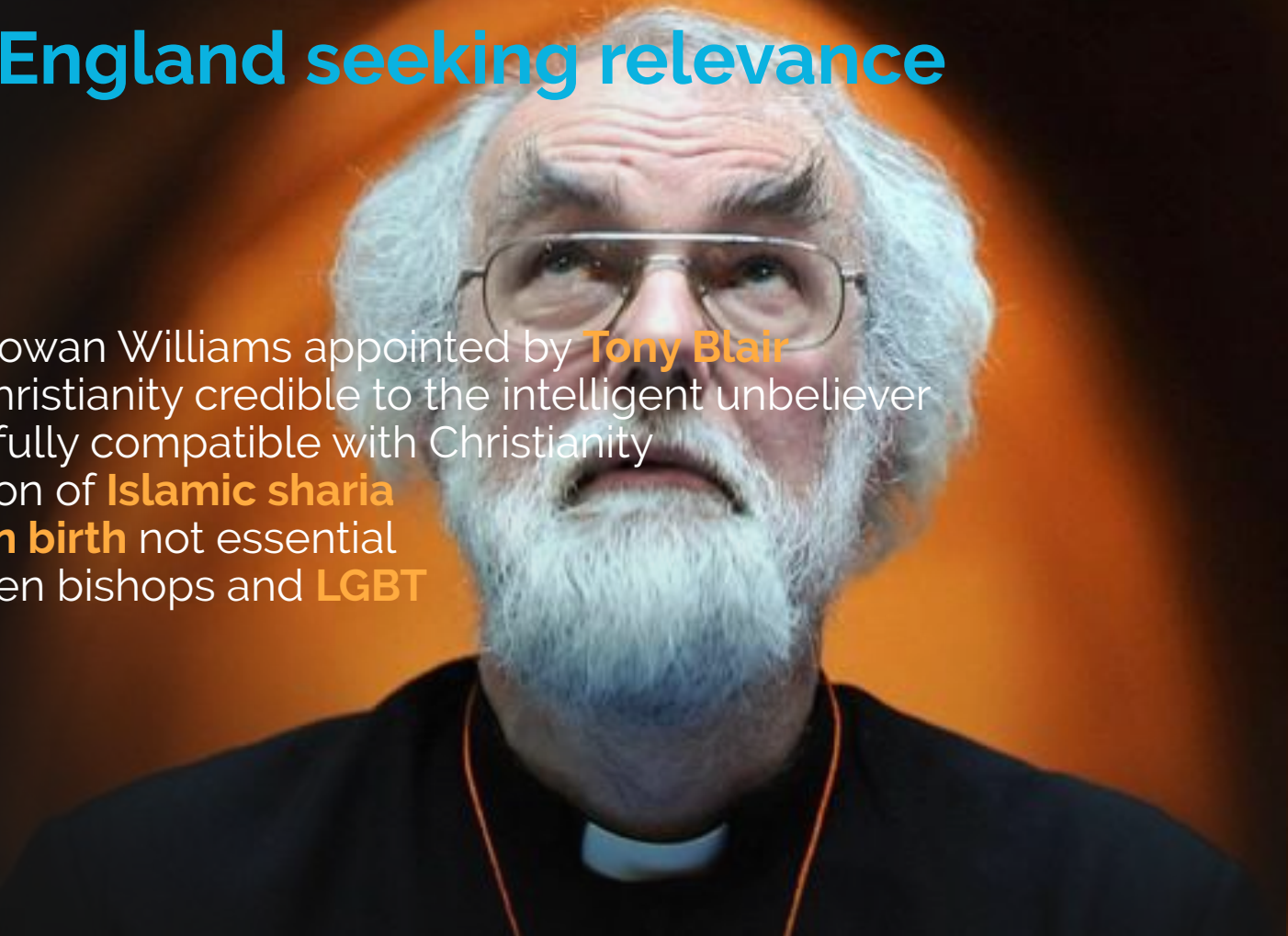
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- Liberal: Women bishops and **LGBT**



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- Welby appointed by **David Cameron** in 2007 around the recession.
- **Oil industry background:** He makes comments about the gig economy, fuel supplies, foodbanks.
- Associated with **Evangelical anglicanism**
- **Inherits** the **LGBT** baton





Accepted



Rejected

Battle for the public continued



David Cameron says the UK is a Christian country

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David Cameron has said the UK is a Christian country "and we should not be afraid to say so".

In a speech in Oxford on the 400th anniversary of the King James Bible, the prime minister called for a revival of traditional Christian values to counter Britain's "moral collapse".

He said "live and let live" had too often become "do what you please".

The PM said it was wrong to suggest that standing up for Christianity was "somehow doing down other faiths".

Describing himself as a "committed" but only "vaguely practising" Christian, the PM admitted he was "full of doubts" about big theological issues.



Gay marriage!?!?!

David Cameron
introduced **gay marriage**.
The bill was passed 13 March 2014.







Bishops

43 | 1



Laity

106 | 83



Clergy

93 | 100



LGBT take over

- **LGBT influence** continue to grow
- Openly **gay bishops**
- Formal and informal services and prayers to bless those who have had a **same-sex marriages**
- **Transgender baptism** services



In the meantime believers
were being persecuted
and ridiculed for holding
to biblical positions...

A man with short, grey hair and glasses is shown in a close-up shot, speaking. He is wearing a dark suit jacket over a light-colored shirt. The background is a blurred studio setting with large windows. In the bottom left corner, there is a yellow circular graphic containing the text "Good Morning Britain".

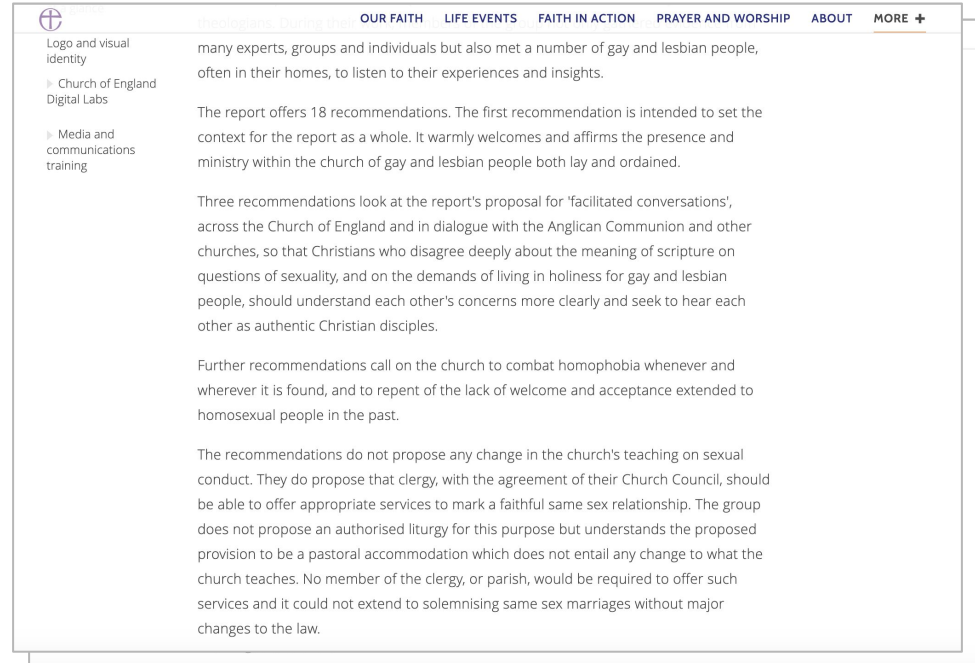
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The church calls for repentance

In November 2013, the Report of the Working Group on Human Sexuality (nicknamed the Pilling Report) was published.

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many experts, groups and individuals but also met a number of gay and lesbian people, often in their homes, to listen to their experiences and insights.

The report offers 18 recommendations. The first recommendation is intended to set the context for the report as a whole. It warmly welcomes and affirms the presence and ministry within the church of gay and lesbian people both lay and ordained.

Three recommendations look at the report's proposal for 'facilitated conversations', across the Church of England and in dialogue with the Anglican Communion and other churches, so that Christians who disagree deeply about the meaning of scripture on questions of sexuality, and on the demands of living in holiness for gay and lesbian people, should understand each other's concerns more clearly and seek to hear each other as authentic Christian disciples.

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The recommendations do not propose any change in the church's teaching on sexual conduct. They do propose that clergy, with the agreement of their Church Council, should be able to offer appropriate services to mark a faithful same sex relationship. The group does not propose an authorised liturgy for this purpose but understands the proposed provision to be a pastoral accommodation which does not entail any change to what the church teaches. No member of the clergy, or parish, would be required to offer such services and it could not extend to solemnising same sex marriages without major changes to the law.

News > UK > Home News

Church of England staring at oblivion as just 2% of young Britons say they identify with it

UK's national religion facing 'unrelenting decline', research finds

Chris Baynes | Friday 7 September 2018 14:30 | |



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Attendance at Church of England's Sunday services falls again

Figures show downward trend continuing, but attendance at Christmas services last year was highest in a decade



Churchgoing numbers drop by 34,000 in a year as Church of England fights back by pushing social media prayers

- Church data revealed average of 927,000 people attended services each week
- Considerable drop from October 2015, when average of 961,000 went weekly
- Church of England said figures were 'sobering reminder' of challenges it's facing

By RORY TINGLE FOR MAILONLINE

PUBLISHED: 20:24, 18 October 2017 | UPDATED: 21:11, 18 October 2017

NEWS

Churches no longer have to hold Sunday services

22 February 2019



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Still spineless

Asked by Campbell if gay sex was sinful, Welby said:



"You know very well that is a question **I can't give a straight answer** to. Sorry, badly phrased there. I should have thought that one through."

...In response to Campbell's suggestion that his answer was "morally a cop-out", Welby responded:



"Yes. I am copping out because I am **struggling with the issue.**"



Why this topic?

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Why this topic?

Silence

The Church is silent when society is begging for its voice

Why this topic?

Inner discontent

Professing Christians are leaving the Church

Why this topic?

The Spirit

The Lord is calling for a greater expression

A group of clergy members in prayer, overlaid with a blue tint. The image shows several men in various levels of clerical attire, including mitres and ornate vestments, with their hands clasped in prayer. The background is a solid blue color.

What is the Church & its purpose?

Top two words when you think of Church?

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Concert House
City Government Community
Body Congregation
Religious institution Services Region
Fellowship Temple Bride

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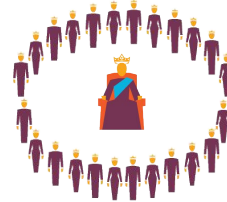






What does the bible say?

Biblical history



Adam and Eve to produce a nation

Abraham called out with a vision of a nation

Nation enslaved.

Judges and national rebellion.

David and prophecies of a coming King

Proclamation of the Kingdom of God through Christ life death and resurrection

The birth of a Nation (Ekklesia)

Identity crisis

Babylon falls Zion reigns

Let's compare yesterday's
biblical model to today's
modern church

Simon Peter replied, “You are **the Christ**, the Son of the living God.”
And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For
flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is
in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock **I will build**
my _____, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I
will give you the **keys of the kingdom** of heaven, and whatever
you **bind on earth** shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you
loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”

Matthew 15:17-19

Yesterday's Ekklesia

"Ekklesia"

A called out assembly...

Mentioned in the New Testament about

115 times

Today's Church

"Kyriakon" (Kirk)

...pertaining to the lord

Mentioned in the New Testament

2 times

Yesterday's Ekklesia

Recognised their **authority**
and responsibility as a
legislative assembly

Today's Church

Recognises the states
power and has **outsourced**
legislation as a **religious**
institution

Our fathers **worshiped on this mountain**, and you Jews say that in Jerusalem is the **place** where one ought to worship." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will **neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem**, worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews. But the hour is coming, and now is, when the **true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth**; for the **Father is seeking such** to worship Him. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

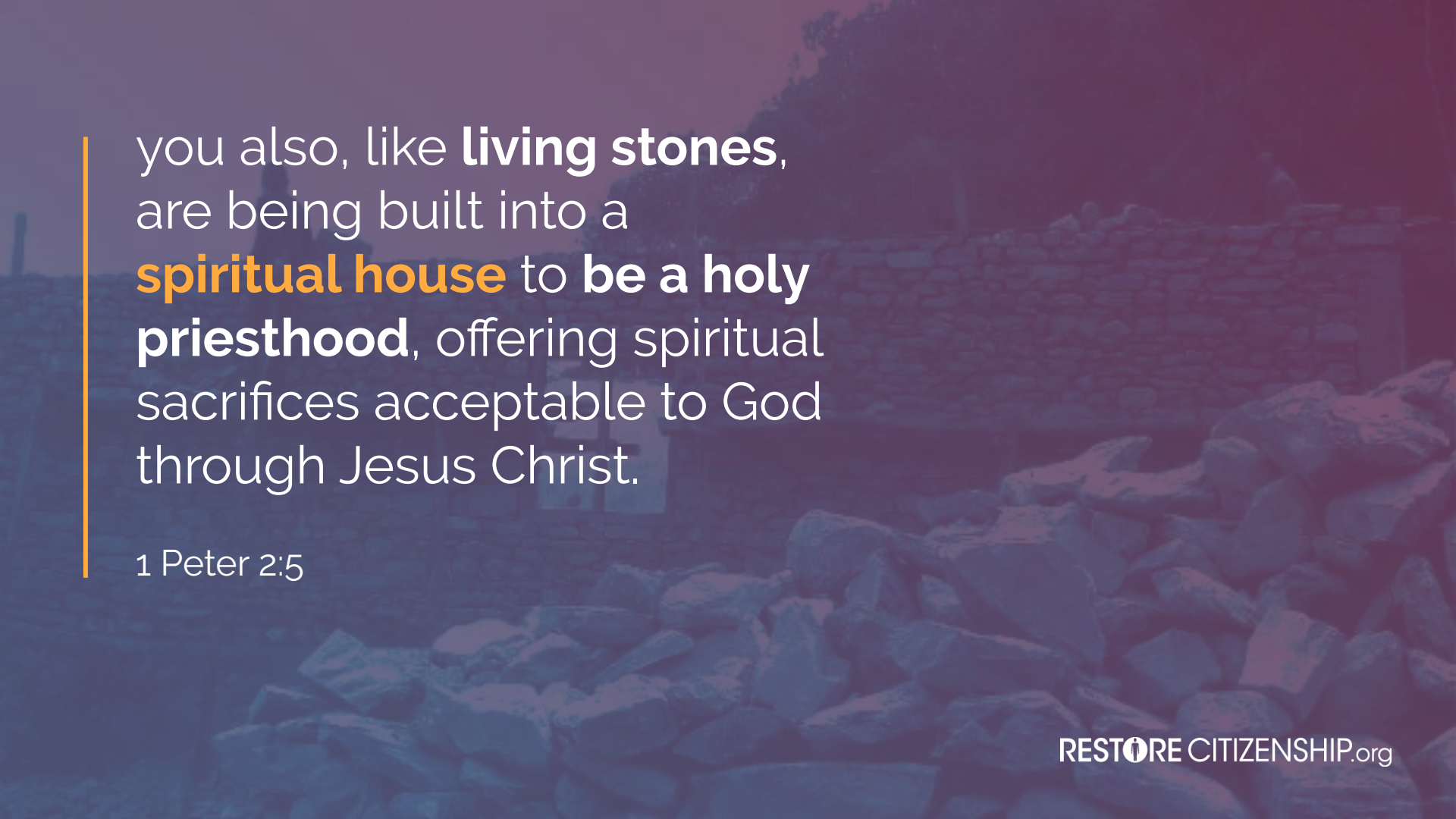
John 4:20-24

Yesterday's Ekklesia

Not a building

Today's Church

Is a place (building)
of worship



you also, like **living stones**,
are being built into a
spiritual house to be a **holy**
priesthood, offering spiritual
sacrifices acceptable to God
through Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 2:5

Yesterday's Ekklesia

Living

Today's Church

Monument

To the seven
churches in the
province of Asia...

Revelations 1:1-18

Smyrna



Thyatira



Philadelphia



Ephesus



Laodicea



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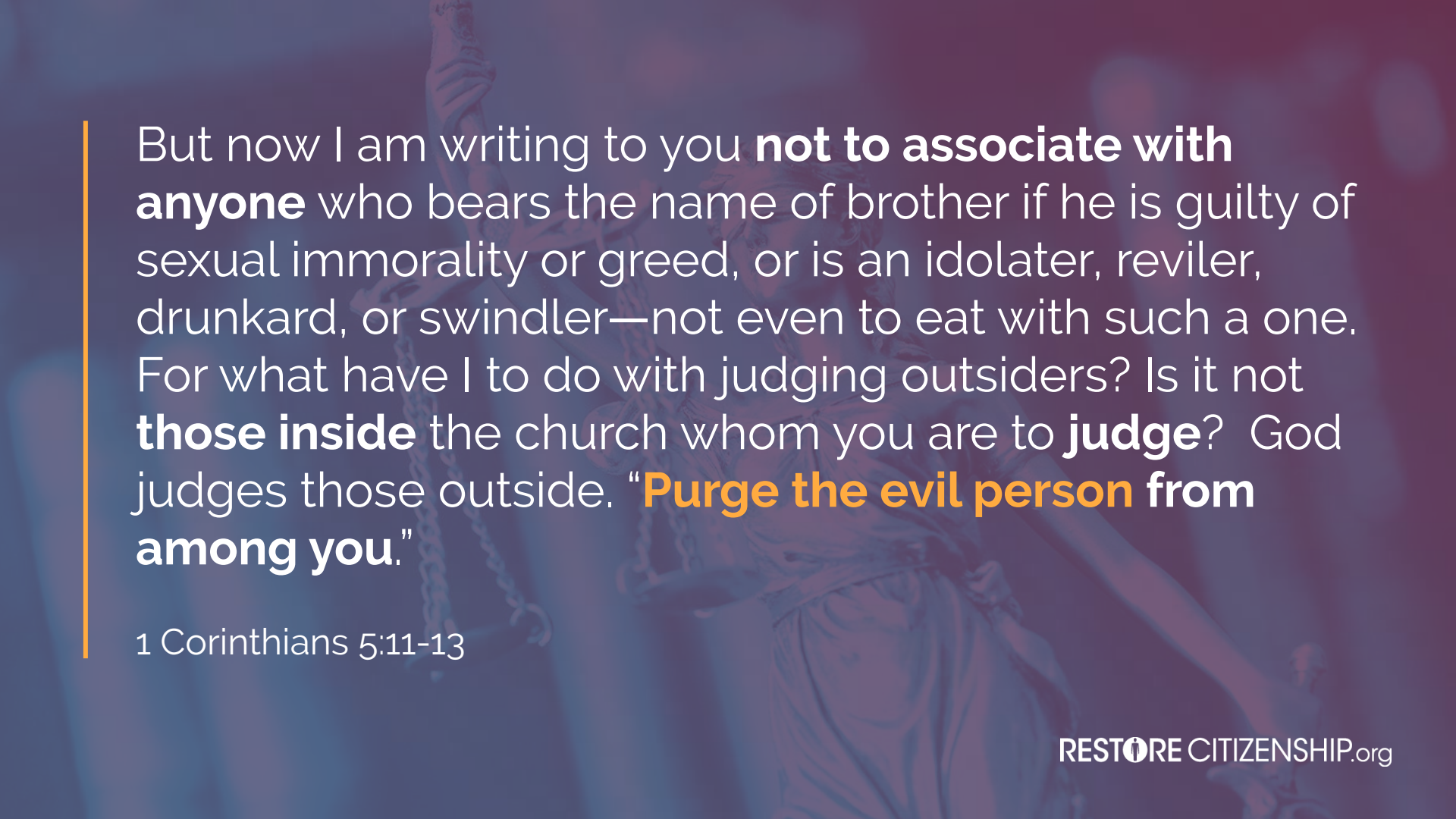
Decentralised and
territorial

Today's Church

Centralised denominations
and separate groups even
in the same locality

“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And **if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile** and a tax collector. Truly, I say to you, **whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven**, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For **where two or three are gathered in my name**, there am I among them.”

Matthew 18:15-20



But now I am writing to you **not to associate with anyone** who bears the name of brother if he is guilty of sexual immorality or greed, or is an idolater, reviler, drunkard, or swindler—not even to eat with such a one. For what have I to do with judging outsiders? Is it not **those inside** the church whom you are to **judge**? God judges those outside. **“Purge the evil person from among you.”**

1 Corinthians 5:11-13

...if I am delayed, you will know how people ought to **conduct themselves** in God's household, which is the church of the living God, the **pillar** and **foundation** of the **truth**.

1 Timothy 3:15

Yesterday's Ekklesia

Real **discipline** and
discipleship

Today's Church

Church hopping and **no**
accountability

So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, **to equip** his people **for works of service**, so that the body of Christ may be **built up** until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and **become mature**, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ...

Ephesians 4:11-13

Yesterday's Ekklesia

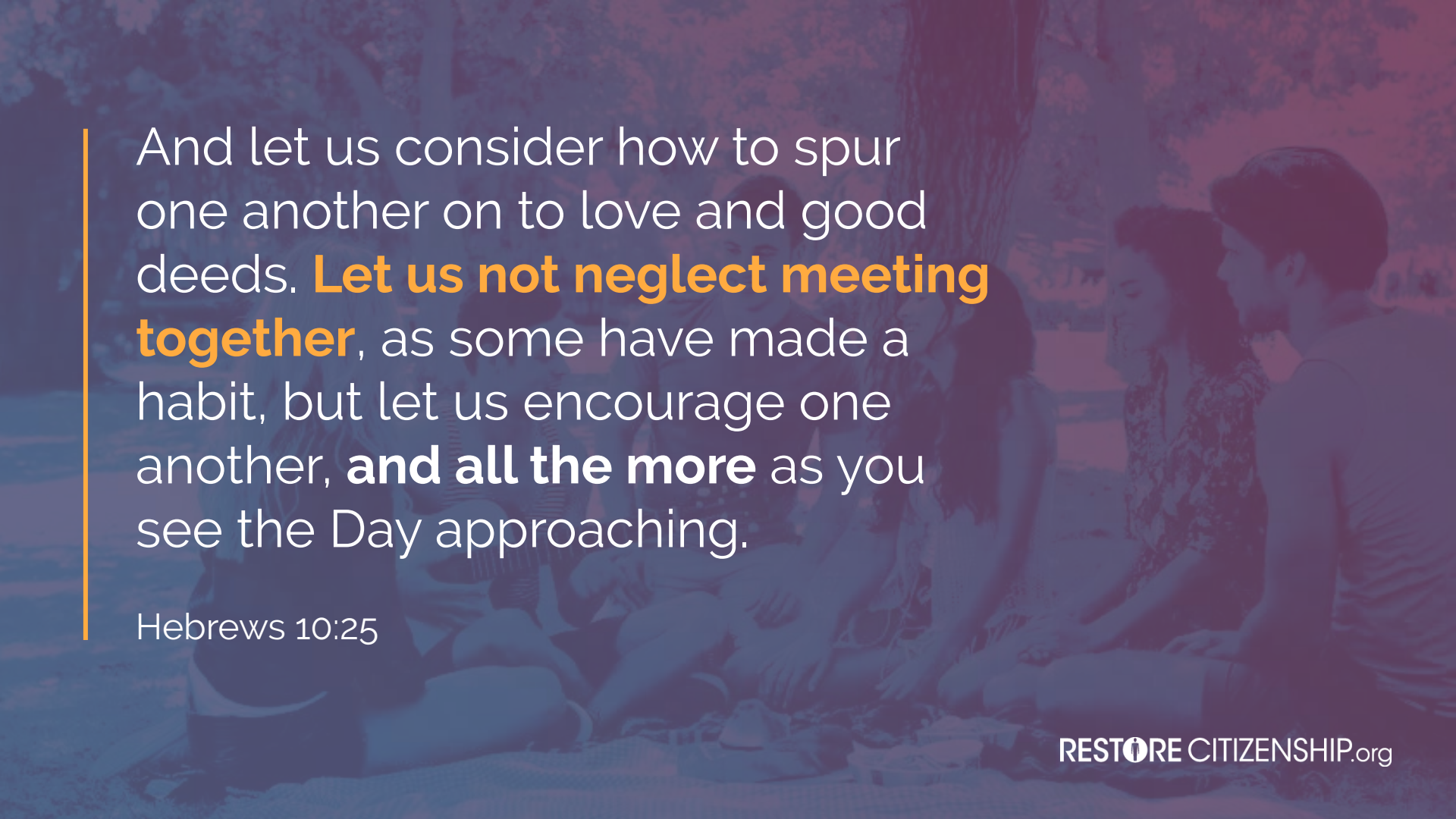
Functional roles
Paul called to be
an Apostle

Five fold
Elders
Deacons

Today's Church

Glorified titles
Apostle Dr prophet
daddy bishop Paul

General overseer, First lady, Chief
pastor, priest, pope, cardinal
Youth minister etc...



And let us consider how to spur one another on to love and good deeds. **Let us not neglect meeting together**, as some have made a habit, but let us encourage one another, **and all the more** as you see the Day approaching.

Hebrews 10:25

Now the full number of those who believed were of **one heart and soul**, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had **everything in common**. And with **great power** the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and **great grace** was upon them all. There was **not a needy person among them**, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold and laid it at the **apostles' feet**, and it was **distributed** to each as any had need.

Acts 4:32-35

Yesterday's Ekklesia

Commonwealth

Today's Church

Every man for himself

Yesterday's Ekklesia

Kingdom
Nation
Citizens

Today's Church

Christendom
Denominations
Members

A group of Catholic clergy members, including a bishop and several priests, are shown in prayer. They are wearing ornate vestments and holding prayer books. The image is overlaid with a blue tint. The text "What has the enemy stolen?" is written in white, bold, sans-serif font across the center of the image.

**What has the
enemy stolen?**

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What has the enemy stolen?

**Identity
and
purpose**

Statism

A political system in which the state has **substantial centralized control** over social and economic affairs.



Statism's impact on the church



Henry VIII



Constantine

(About 300 years after Christ)

Caesaropapism

A political system in which the **head of the state** is also the **head of the church** and **supreme judge** in religious matters.

[britannica.com](https://www.britannica.com)



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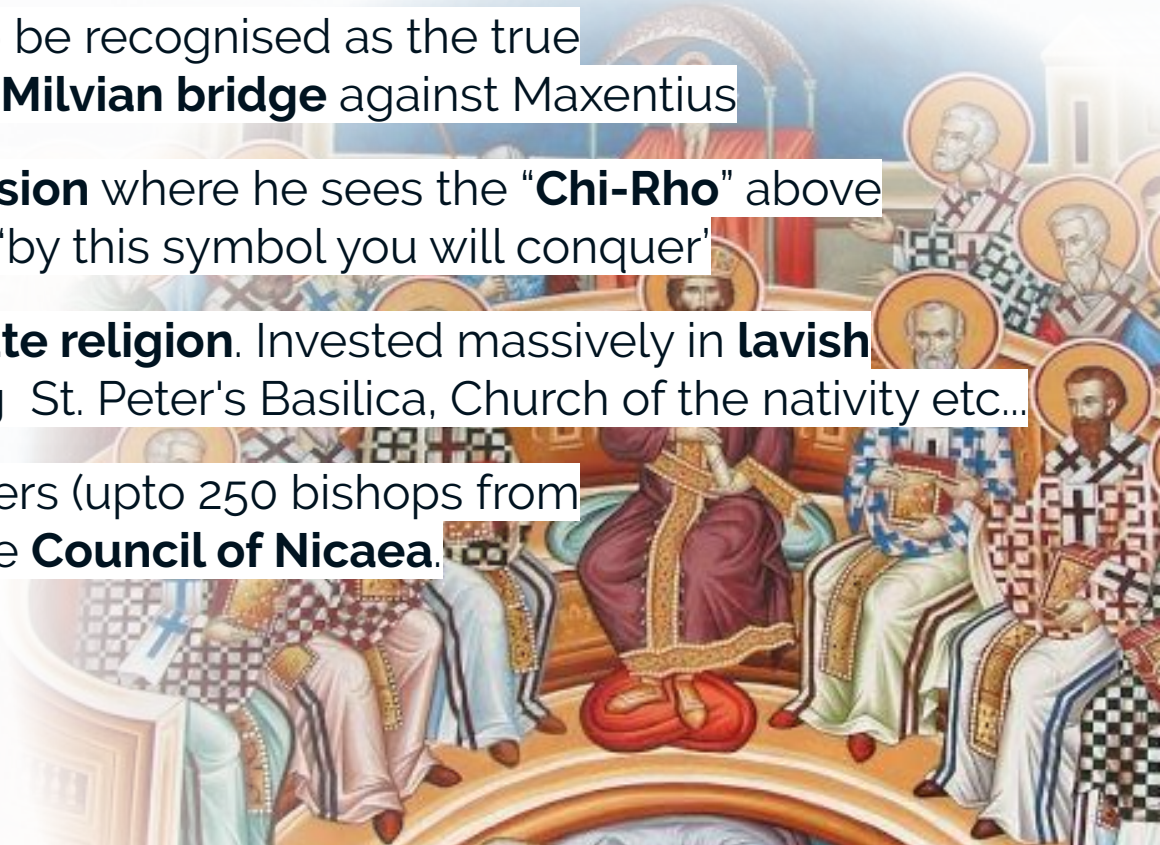
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- **Usurped** ecclesiastical power with aim to unify the church but ultimately to unify and **control the empire**

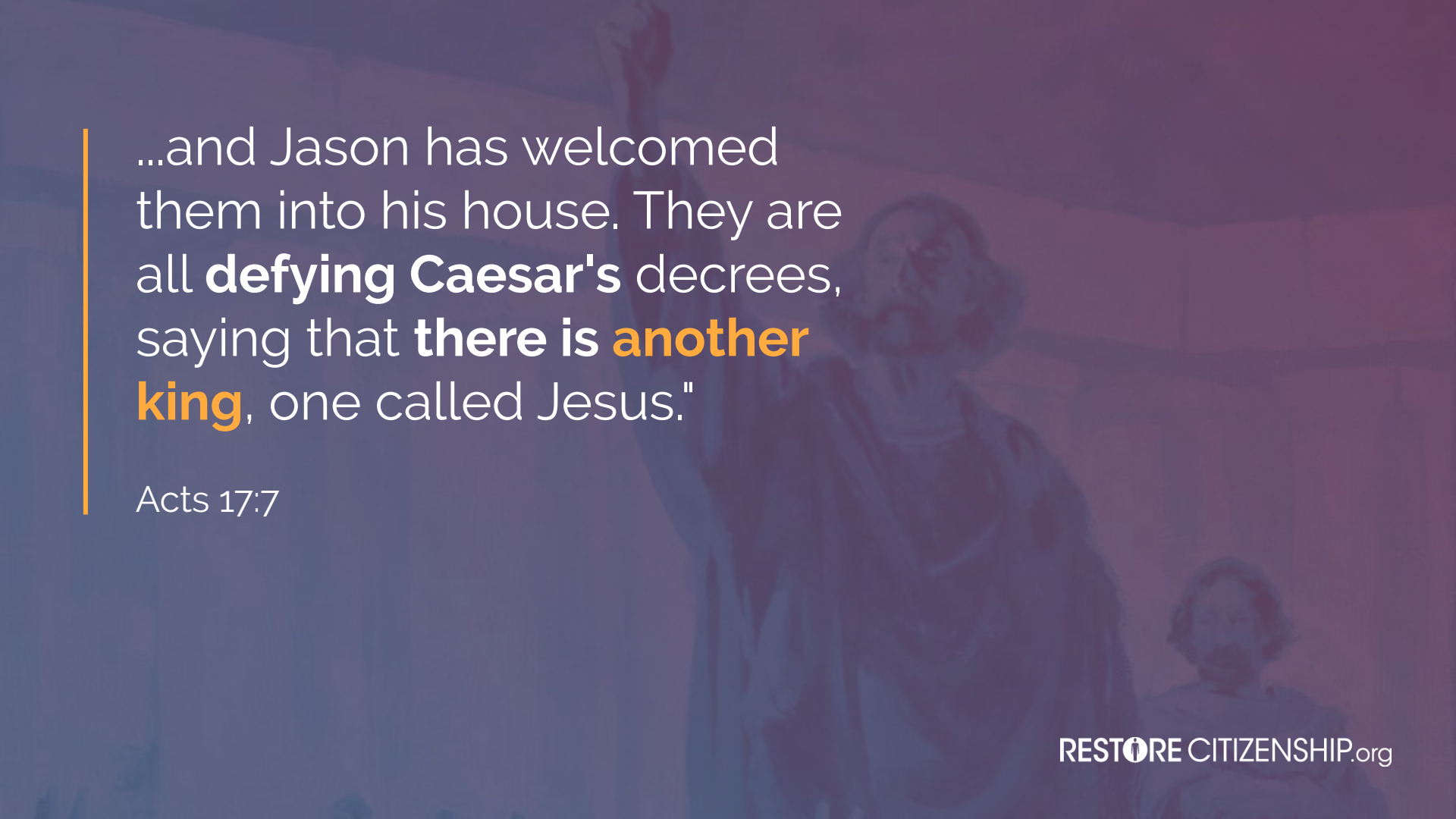


Church and statism

Denomination	Institutional Hierarchy
Eastern Orthodox	State over Church
Roman Catholic	Church over State
Anglican	State over Church
Anabaptist	State completely evil
Presbyterian (Calvinists)	Church and state equal under God
Lutheran	State over Church
Baptist	Secular State. No church hierarchy

Source: Christian views on church and state by Mike Warren

**Constantine's vision shaped
the church for generations to
come. But it was entirely
different from Christ's vision.**



...and Jason has welcomed them into his house. They are all **defying Caesar's** decrees, saying that **there is another king**, one called Jesus."

Acts 17:7

...And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock **I will build my Ekklesia**, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the **keys of the kingdom** of heaven, and whatever you **bind on earth** shall be bound in heaven...”

Matthew 15:17-19

What is the Ekklesia?

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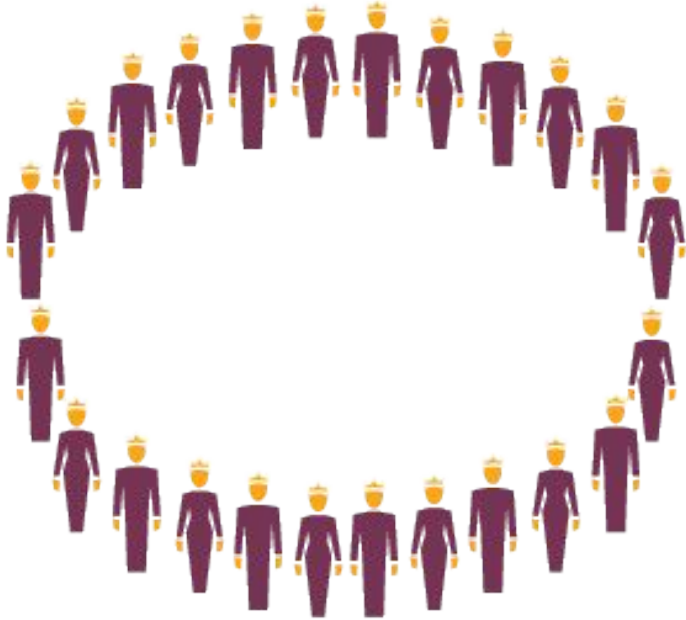
WHAT DOES THE TERM EKKLESIA MEAN?

The Greek term literally translates as "called out ones". It was the term used to describe the gathering of Greek citizens to discuss the governing of their communities (something like a parliament).

The Ekklesia is a "governmental assembly". Citizens called out to participate in governing. The Ekklesia can be described as the 'people' as well as a 'theocratic governmental system'. It's a gathering of citizens with a national identity and its aim is to see the Kings will made manifest in the community.

Unfortunately many bible translations translated the term church, which has contributed to the forming of religious centres.

The Ekklesia in Athens



- **Political assembly** of citizens
- Called out to **govern**
- Open to all who **qualified for citizenship**
- **Legislative body** ie. responsible for declaring war, strategy and electing government officials.
- **Not religious** but governmental

Rome and colonization



The emperor desires his **will** be implemented across his **kingdom**.



The emperor would send "**apostolos**" to expand his kingdom.



They would **establish local Ekklesias** as the expression of Rome.



Ensure Rome's customs, laws and **culture**.

Apostolos

Apostolos first referred to the **leader of a convoy**, later the **commander of an invasion force** and finally it referred to the role of an **ambassador general**.



**So what is the purpose
of the Ekklesia?**

Purpose

1. Know the will of the King in heaven
2. Legislate the will of the King on earth
3. Colonise and spread Kingdom culture

Purpose

...because they supposed that the kingdom of God was to appear immediately. He said therefore, "A nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom and then return. Calling ten of his servants, he gave them ten minas, and said to them, '**Engage in business until I come.**'"

Luke 19:11-13

His intent was that now, **through the church Ekklesia**, the **manifold wisdom** of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, according to his eternal purpose that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Eph 3:10-11

Translating Ekklesia

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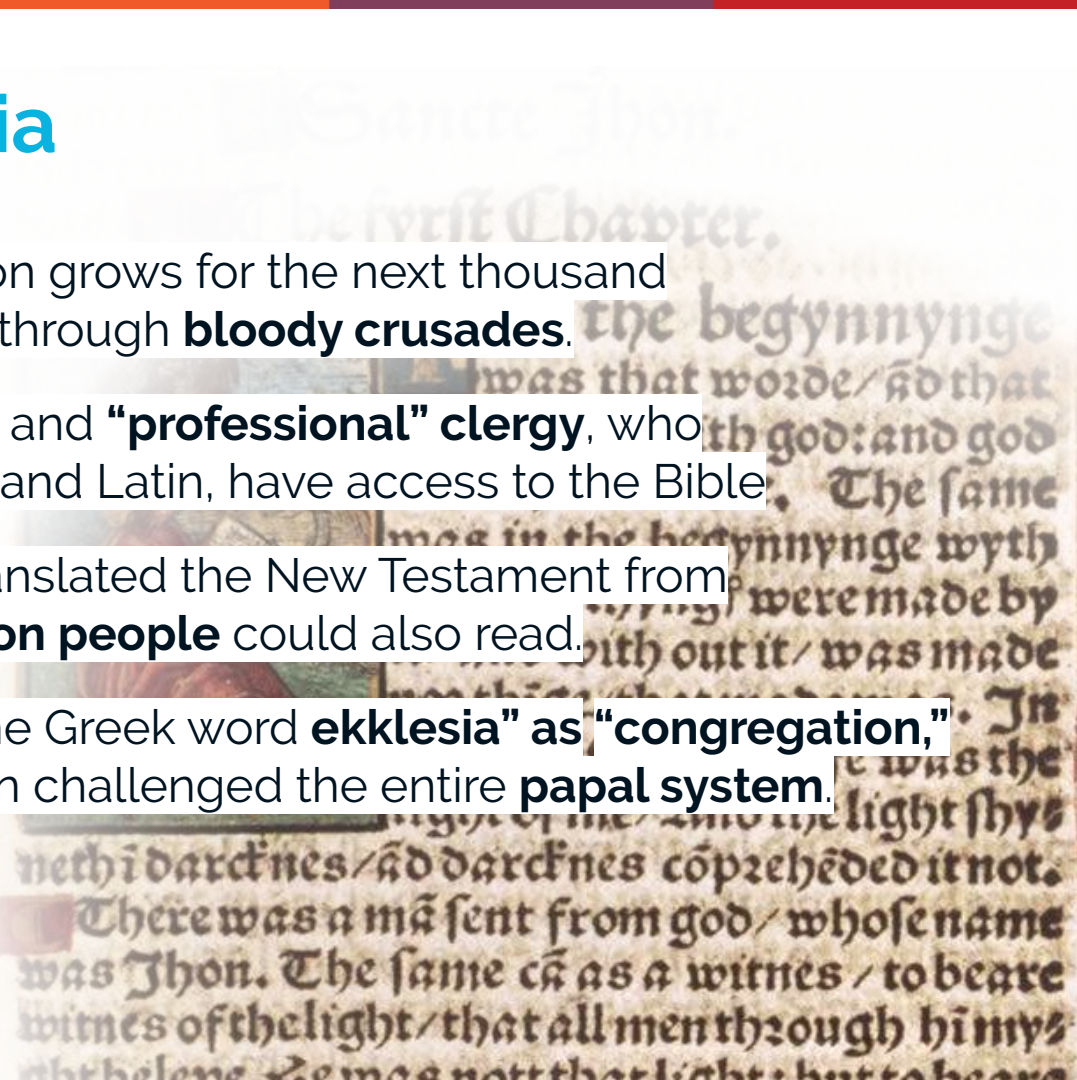
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- He **refused to repeal** the word “congregation.” He was **executed** for heresy and burned at the stake in 1536.

Tyndale

“The building of [churches and steeples] and such like, through the **false faith** that we have in them, is the decay of all the havens in England, and of all the cities, towns, highways, and shortly of the whole commonwealth. For since these **false monsters crept up into our consciences and robbed us** of the knowledge of our Saviour Christ, making us believe in such pope-holy works, and to think that there was none other way unto heaven, **we have not ceased to build for them** abbeys, cloisters, colleges, chauntries, and cathedral churches with high steeples, **striving and envying** one another as to who should do the most.”

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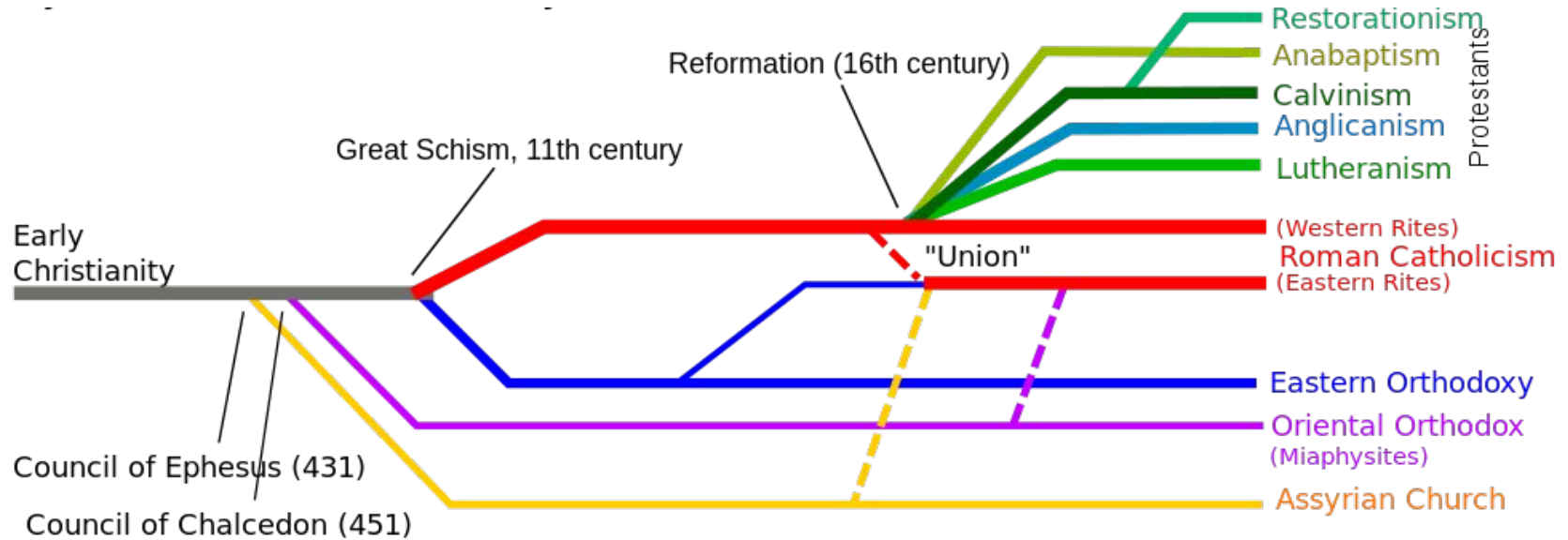


King James: translating “Ekklesia”

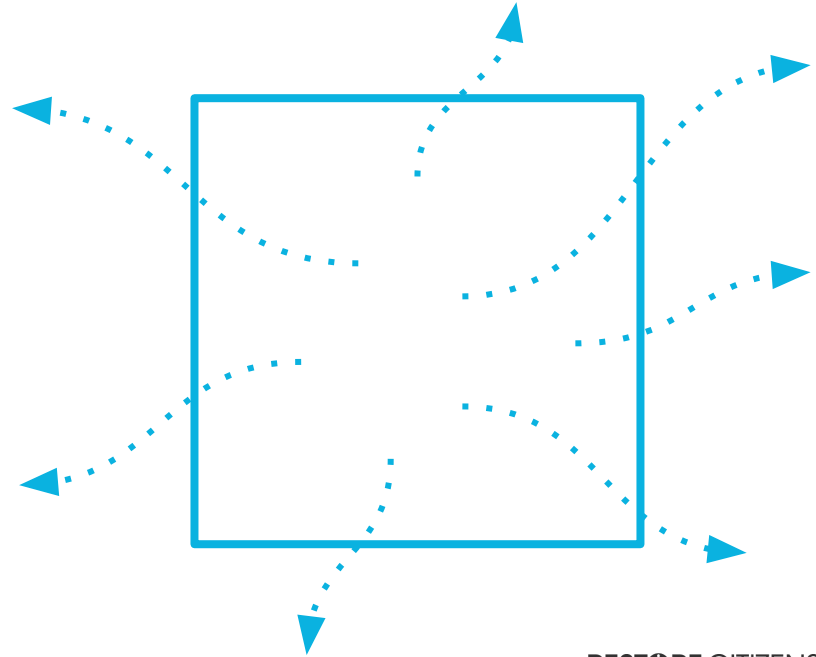
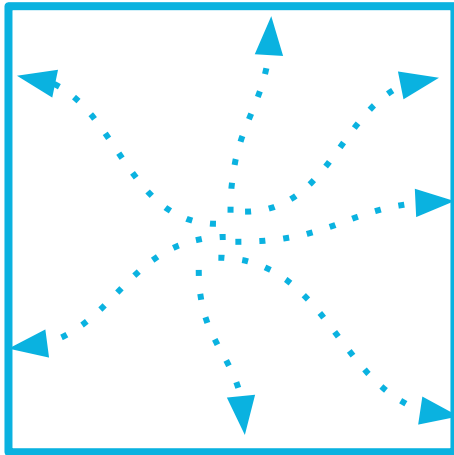
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- The King and the state church maintain power by defining Christ's body as “the Lord's house” instead of **“legislative ruling assembly.”** He believed strongly in the divine right of Kings.



God always has a remnant



There have been manifestations of the Kingdom in recovery, but we've largely been trying to reform the box





The criteria by which we measure

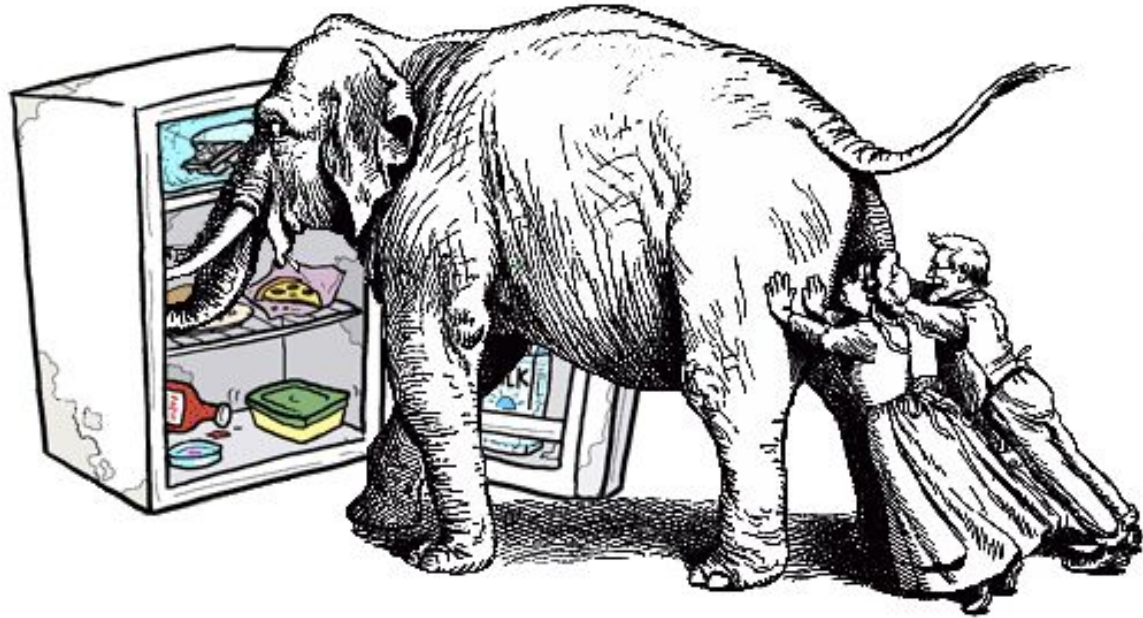
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A good church vs a strong Ekklesia

1. Great music
2. Warm and welcoming
3. Starts and ends on time
4. Nice building
5. Good pastor preaching
6. Comfortable chairs
7. Seeker friendly

1. Operation of fivefold service
2. Legislative & judicial
3. Community & shared life
4. Discipleship & discipline
(conduct & doctrine)
5. Patriotism & faithfulness
6. Mature citizens
7. Value the King's law

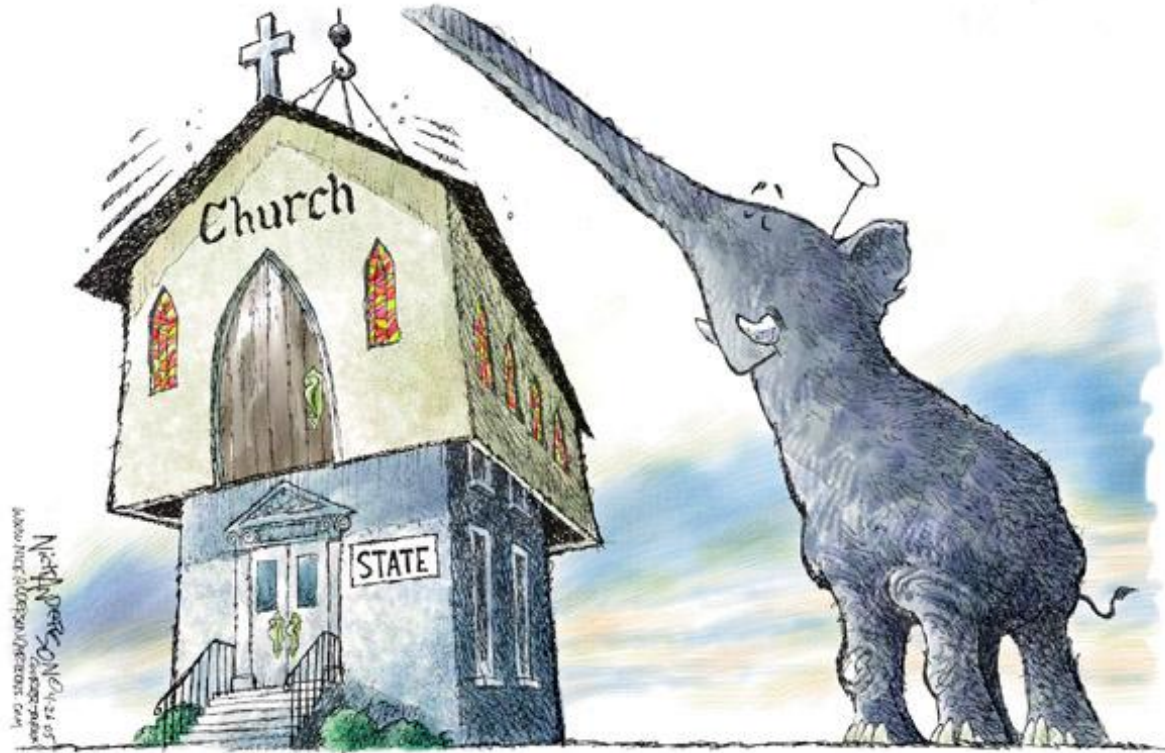
How do you fit an elephant into a fridge?



How do you fit an elephant into a fridge?

You don't

How do you fit the Ekklesia into the Church?



How do you fit the Ekklesia into the Church?

You can't

The church can not be fit for purpose because it's not even what Christ came to establish. God's nation will not fit into the man made box.

- Pelumi Igunnubole

A group of clergy members in prayer, overlaid with a blue tint. The image shows several men in various levels of clerical attire, including a bishop in the center, kneeling in prayer. The text "7 steps in the right direction" is overlaid in white on the left side.

7 steps in the right direction

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01

Kingdom Education

Discover / Explore Citizenship

Christendom



Kingdom



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02

Drop christianese

Confusing language

Christianese:
“Lord willing ...”

I'm going to church, though I
am the church...you know what
I mean?

Translation

“You may think I'll be there,
but I won't.”

03

Collaborate

Actively support those who seek to build the Ekklesia

Christendom
Spectator

Kingdom
Active participation

04

Restructure

Stop the clergy laity divide

Christendom

There is a priest class

Kingdom

We are all priests

05

Team eldership

Stop the one man band

Christendom

Me and my church

Single pastor

Kingdom

Elders and deacons

Fivefold in collaboration

06

Territorial thinking:

Drop denominational affiliation for local identification

Christendom

I'm a [*insert denomination*]
christian

Kingdom

I'm a citizen of God's Kingdom
and I live in [*insert city*]

A hand holding a coin, split into blue and red halves. The left side of the hand and coin is blue, and the right side is red. The background is also split into blue and red.

07

Selah

Prayerfully count the cost of transition.
Be willing to start all over again

7 steps in the right direction


Personal

1. **Kingdom education:** Explore Citizenship
2. **Drop christianese:** Confusing language
3. **Collaborate:** Actively support those who seek to build the Ekklesia

Group


4. **Restructure:** Stop the clergy laity divide
5. **Team eldership:** Stop the one man band
6. **Territorial thinking:** Drop denominational affiliation for local identification

7. **Selah:**
Prayerfully count the cost of transition. Be willing to start all over again



“I hate, I despise your **religious festivals; your assemblies** are a stench to me. Even though you bring me burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them. Though you bring choice fellowship offerings, I will have no regard for them. **Away with the noise of your songs!** I will not listen to the music of your harps. But **let justice roll** on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!

Amos 5: 21-24



A **horrible** and **shocking** thing has happened in the land: The prophets prophesy **lies**, the priests rule by their **own authority**, and **my people love it this way**.

Jeremiah 5:31

A group of Catholic clergy members, including a bishop and several priests, are shown in prayer. They are wearing traditional vestments and holding prayer books. The image is overlaid with a blue tint. The text "Questions or thoughts?" is written in white on the left side of the image.

Questions or
thoughts?

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17th May 2019

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