

Con.text: Weaving the Gospel and Culture
“Conversion to Paganism”
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Hebrews 13:8

The church of yesterday is NOT the church of today.

We need to see the difference between message and method.

We can move ahead by simply asking: As we desire to communicate who Jesus is to our world (helping people see God), what are the needs that must be addressed?

1st fall – God evicted man from the Garden.

2nd fall – We returned the gesture.

1930's	<u>5</u>	%
1990's	<u>8</u>	%
2008	<u>15.6</u>	%
2012	<u>20</u>	%
2015	<u>25</u>	%

20% self-identify as Former Christian.

The new gospel:

Secularization - keep God out.

Privatization – keep it to yourself.

Pluralization – everyone is right.

None's:

They believe in God.

Not atheists.

Reject religion in forms and dogmas.

Why are they NONES? Money, Politics and War.

Rethinking Evangelism.

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Far from God Decision to follow Jesus

1970's Profile:

Morals lined up with the Bible.

Believed in God – accepted the deity of Jesus.

Truth is found in the Bible.

Profile 2017 – Unchurched Person:

No affiliated religion.

Influenced by culture.

No commitment to truth.

Not seekers.

Can handle life as it comes based on good philosophy and right choices.

Our understanding of this then shifts our methodology.

How do we take them from Secular to Pagan to Jesus?

Evangelism must be both event and process.