

What is the History of the Church in Equipping the Saints?

Twenty Cultural Issues that Para-Church Christian Groups Fought for or Championed and the Church Ignored.

Measuring Influence: In these 20 issues, when did churches **teach** on them from the pulpit on Sunday morning? (40 minutes – one subject – history, logic, scripture, reasoning, and conclusions)

1. **Slavery:** Most of the church was silent on the issue. Many even supported it. Christian abolition organizations did lead the effort to abolish this evil. This lack of engagement prolonged slavery in America and opened the door for valid criticism. With that said, the idea that America was one of the worst players in this issue is historical ignorance. Slavery was an issue in most countries.
2. **Creation vs. Evolution:** After the Scopes Trial, the teaching of the theory of evolution flourished. Soon, teaching of Creation was banned in schools. Meanwhile, most of the church was silent. This WAS, the time when Progressives captured the minds of our kids.
3. **The Civil Rights Movement:** Most of the church was uninvolved. This opened the door for Marxist ideology to invade much of the Black community. Marxist advocates are skilled at finding opportunities like this to promote their [Liberation Theology doctrines](#).
4. **The [Sexual Revolution](#) of the 60's:** This movement has a foundation of **rebellion**. While there are valid LGBT concerns that the church needs to address, the LGBTQ+ Activists are immersed in rebellion. These movements always capitalize on shortcomings within institutions - be it the church or corporations. When the church failed to teach ethics well, it opened a door. In the early days of the industrial revolution when workers were being exploited by industrial barons, Marxists infiltrated the union movements and are still there today. The sexual revolution evil continues to this day, but the church did very little teaching to resist it and still doesn't.
5. **Roe v. Wade and Abortion:** Many para-church organizations have been influential in the Pro-Life movement. But, in 50 years since Roe, and 65

million dead babies, you have to look long and hard to find a church where the **pastor did a full teaching** on abortion even once.

6. **No-Fault Divorce - 1970s:** Few legislative moves have done more harm to the family than this. Ronald Reagan publicly apologized for his influence in this. Again, the pulpits were quiet. How wonderful it is that you can [now do this on line](#) – get your own divorce without a lawyer. Sic!
7. **Second and following waves of Feminism** designed to destroy the family, was the foundation for the homosexual movement and all things LGBTQ.
8. **The Homosexual Movement:** While homosexuality is not new, its efforts to transform societies have grown since the 60's. In their 1987 Manifesto, [The Overhauling of Straight – A Blueprint for Transforming Social Values](#), these activists told us exactly how they would transform America and **-without any resistance from the church** – they have completed their mission. This tiny fraction LGBTQ group now OWNS America – corporations, media, athletic organization and ALL branches of the Christian church. Again, lots of organizations are promoting truth on this issue except teaching from the church.
9. **Cohabitation** has become common, even acceptable in many Evangelical churches. Those doing premarital council testify that many of their counselees are living together and Pastors will marry them anyway. This establishes a very unstable beginning for these family units.
10. **Intermarriage with unbelievers – silence.** You used to hear this taught about, not anymore!
11. **Pornography.** Again, a subject NEVER addressed from the pulpit in teaching. Josh McDowell maintains that this factor alone is and will **continue to destroy the church**. Nearly 70% of pastors regularly view porn. For men the figure is higher, and the figures for women are climbing. The guilt from this *dulls the senses and the shame is like a cloak* of capitulation.
12. **Same-Sex Marriage:** Why are young adults OK with this? In the last decade, the **culture has informed our youth** that this is good while the church has been silent - failing to preserve marriage, the foundation of

Christian culture. Seven years since the Supreme Court decision and not a peep from the pulpit.

13. **The TRANS Movement:** In the last few years, this idea has exploded, become “the tip of the spear” of not just the LGBTQ activists but for all of the Left. Less than ½ of 1% experience actual Gender Dysphoria. Nevertheless, even conservatives are bowing to the cultural demands of this tiny group with **no voice from the church.**
14. **The COVID Agenda.** When COVID hit and many churches were shut down, what did leadership do? Whatever government says, we will obey. Even after Montana was opened up, evangelical and Reformed churches were submitting to California-like standards. Leadership has – again - failed to discern that there are evil forces at work on this that intend to destroy us.
15. **Religious Liberty** – silence. Biggest issues in America and no teaching!
16. **And then came the 2020 Election: Who would be president of the United States if pastors had exposed the Democratic Party for what it is?** For many this was the last straw. Even the most politically un-astute spiritual leader had to know that the **Democrats had become solidly a Marxist-Atheist Religion intent on destroying America** as we know it AND especially Orthodox Christianity. The vast majority of the Evangelical and Catholic churches said nothing in terms of direction... just love each other.
17. **Critical Theory, [Critical Race Theory](#), [Black Lives Matter](#)** etc. catapulted on the scene threatening everything orthodox Christianity holds dear. And what did the Pastors do – if they even knew what it was? Many embraced it. Most didn’t take the trouble to find out what it was. Prominent youth leaders were observed on Facebook defending BLM – one of the vilest groups on the planet.
18. The **[COVID Passport Power Grab](#)** that now threatens millions of believers whose research is leading them to question the vaccine. Will they be able to travel? Will they lose their jobs? Jack Hibbs, a pastor, and supporter of former President Donald Trump, said in a sermon that he believes the **[COVID-19 vaccine is a social control tactic that is conditioning](#)** people to accept the mark of the beast. Will these feminized shepherds remain silent

on this issue also, that will impact the church? Even the Pre-Tribulation Rapture group – usually a-hunt for anything suggesting Jesus is coming back tomorrow – has been silent.

19. **The Great Reset - a compilation of Factors:** For many, the last straw that made us realize that we needed to begin to form coalitions to preserve the faith was the election of 2020 – yes, politics. [For a century, the Democratic Party](#) has been moving Left. During 2020, enhanced by the COVID reset agenda, this party fully embraced atheistic Marxism categorizing itself not as a political party anymore, but as a religion. The evil now being openly promoted by this religion is not hidden and it is not isolated. Nevertheless, in the face of open attacks on Christianity, **the vast majority of Christian leadership lacked either the *discernment* or the *courage* to identify this evil and speak of it.** They failed to equip the saints (Eph. 4:12) to vote constructively – or at all. **Instead of warning the *sheep*** of the danger of this election, the majority of the *Shepherds* caved and spoke of unity and being kind. One wise [pastor creatively compared the platforms](#) of the two parties. In spite of this YouTube going viral in the Christian community, it did not move the leadership.
20. **Globalism, the World Economic Forum and the New World Order.** Plan to erase borders and our national government.