

Higher Ground

KEEPING A SPIRITUAL FOCUS IN THIS MATERIAL WORLD





What is “Cultural Christianity”?

- Professing Faith, But Influenced by Culture More Than by Christ
 - Living No Differently than the World
 - Beliefs & Teaching No Different Than the World



What is “Cultural Christianity”?

- A Label, Rather Than a Conviction
 - What is Acceptable/The Majority in Society
 - What Ancestors/Family Believed/Practiced



What is “Cultural Christianity”?

- Social, Rather Than Spiritual Focus
 - Human Relations Over Spiritual
 - Teaching Focuses on A Better Earthly Life



Consequences for the Church

- Christ is No Longer Christ

- He Is No Longer Savior

ACTS 4:12

- He Is No Longer the Sole Authority

MATTHEW 28:18; MARK 16:16; 1ST PETER 3:21;

1ST PETER 3:15; COLOSSIANS 1:18



Consequences for the Church

- Christ is No Longer Christ

- He Is No Longer the Son of God

- MARK 14:61, 62; 1ST COR. 15:1-3**

- He Is No Longer the Judge

- MATT. 7:1; 2ND THESS. 1:8; 2ND COR. 5:10**



Consequences for the Church

- Christ is No Longer the Center
 - Standards Will Change with the Culture
 - The Audience Becomes the Focus



Consequences for the Church

- Sin is No Longer Preached or Condemned
 - A Desire to Never Offend
- JOHN 12:37, 42-43**
- Emphasis: We Need to “Just Love One Another”

JOHN 3:16



To Be the Church We Should Be:

- Remember the Church is HIS

- He Bought It With HIS Blood

ACTS 20:28

- He Is Its Only Head

EPH. 1:22, 23; COL. 1:18



To Be the Church We Should Be:

- Remember It Is HIM We Serve

- Living to Please Him

COL. 1:10; 2ND COR. 5:9

- Undivided Loyalty to Him

GAL. 1:10; MATT. 6:24



To Be the Church We Should Be:

- Remember It Is HIM We Imitate

- We Must Live As He Lived

1ST JOHN 2:6

- What Imitating Him Means

1ST PETER 2:21; 1ST COR. 11:1



To Be the Church We Should Be:

- Remember HE Will Judge

- Are We Ashamed?

MARK 8:38

- We Will Give an Account to HIM

2ND CORINTHIANS 5:10

