



SPIRITUAL  
FORMATION

PREACHING  
THE GOSPEL



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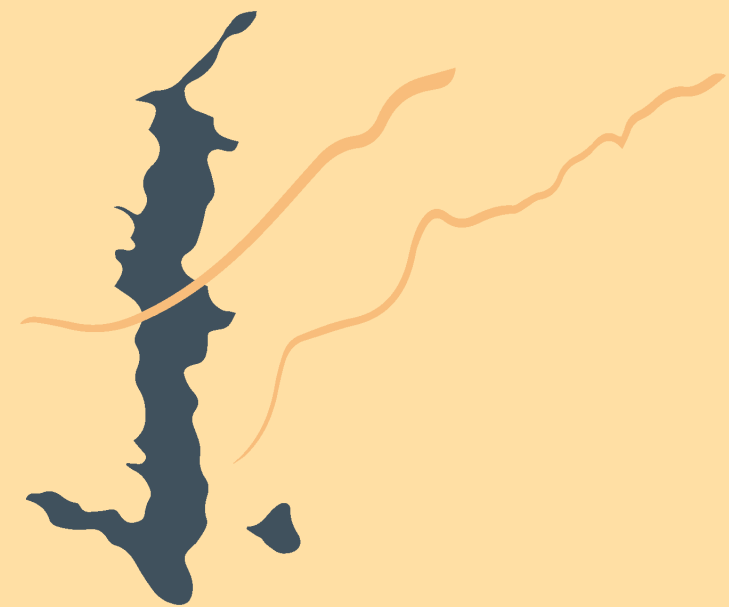
**- Friedrich Nietzsche**

# TOXIC EVANGELISM

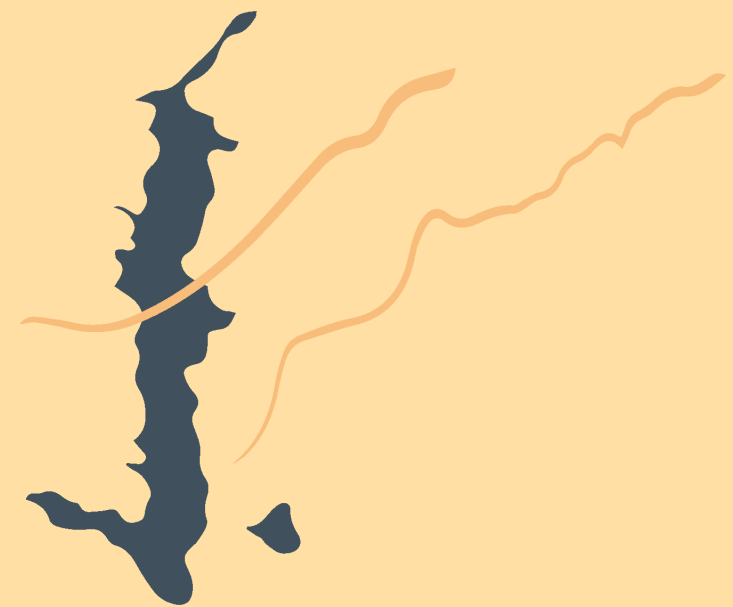


# Sects

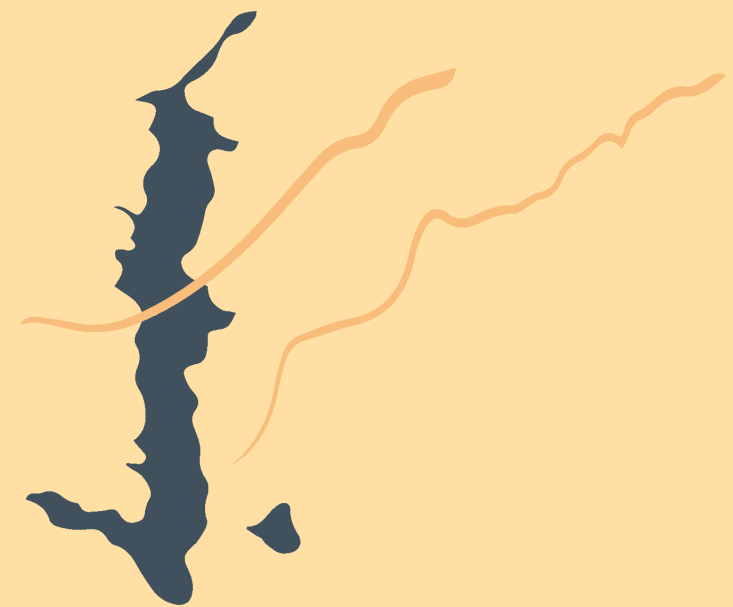
- Sadducees
- Zealots
- Essenes
- Pharisees



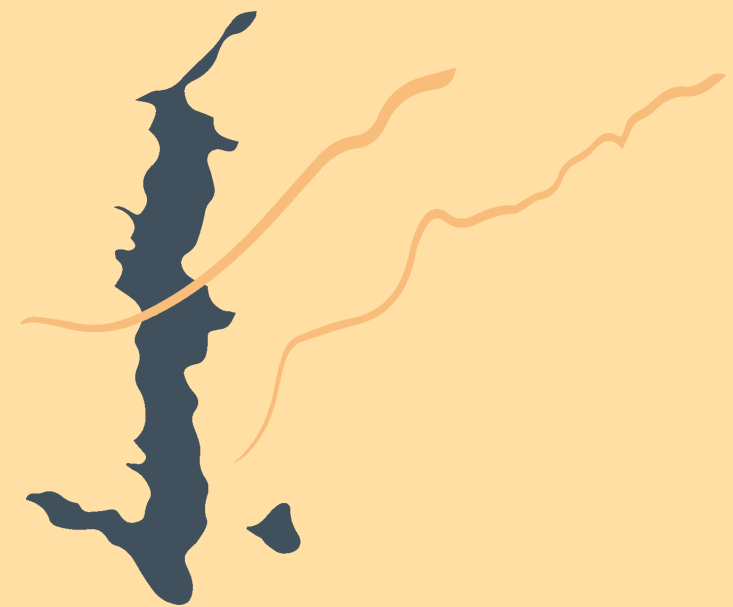
**What was so wrong  
with the Pharisees  
evangelism?**



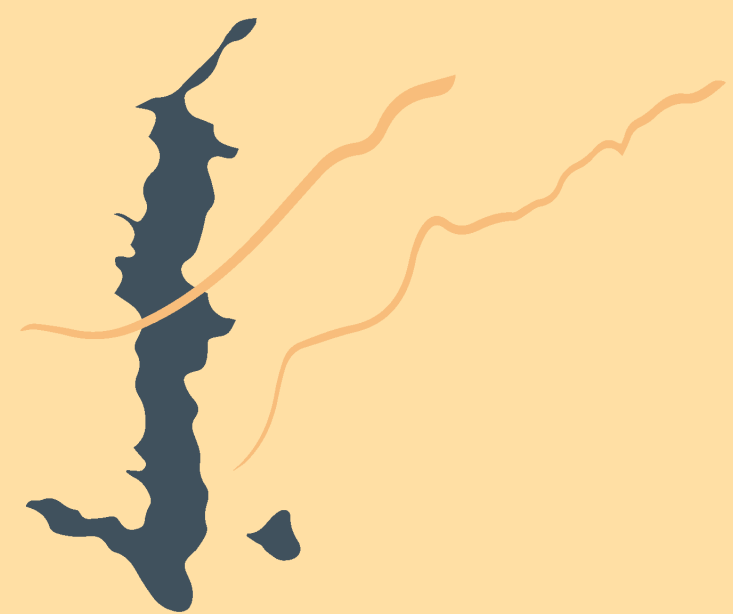
# Distorted Gospel



# Deformed Discipleship

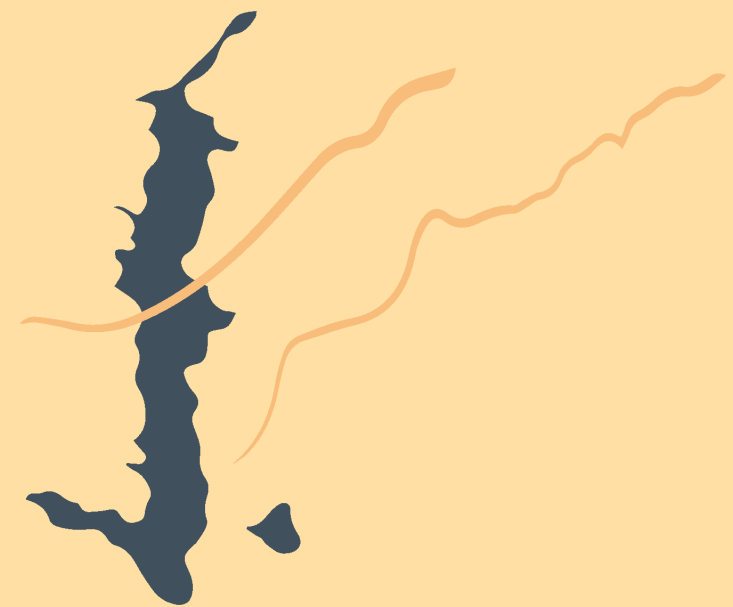


# DOING WITHOUT BEING





# Destructive Culture of Hell
















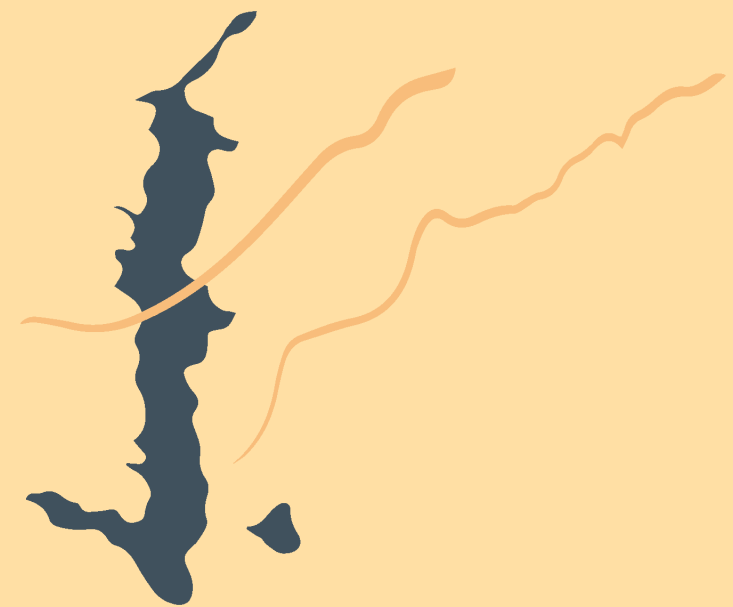
**Jesus' second Woe should guard the church against confusing missionary zeal with divine truth. This Woe is valuable to the church because she is always tempted to look at the missionary outreach and church growth of certain groups and to think that these can only be explained by God's blessing and the groups' dedication. But falsehood shares with truth a remarkable missionary zeal; guilt is as motivating as gratitude; the false spirits are sometimes more active than the Holy Spirit...a man or woman can be so consumed with God's mission in the world that he or she simply creates fellow fanatics. Jesus' Woe should drive disciples to their knees to pray for a purification of their zeal and for the discernment that refuses to confuse activity or size with authenticity or truth.**



**- Dale Bruner**



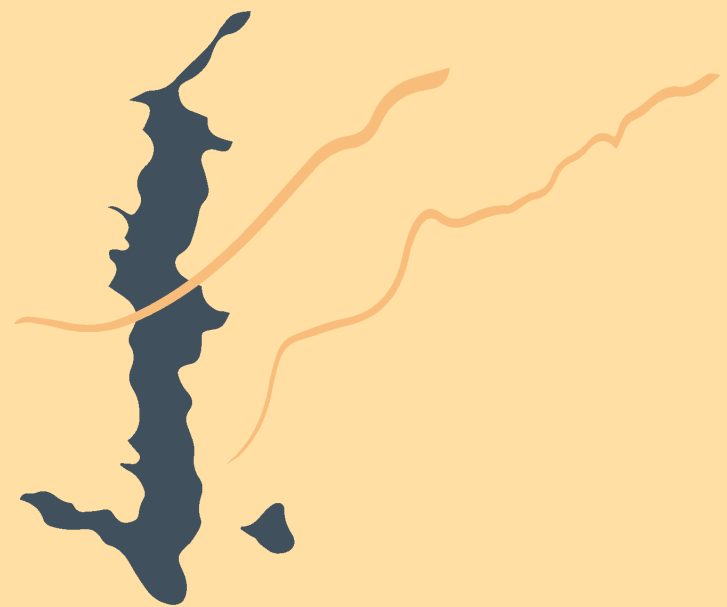
**Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord!’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of My Father in heaven. On that day many will say to Me, ‘Lord, Lord, didn’t we prophesy in Your name, drive out demons in Your name, and do many miracles in Your name?’ Then I will announce to them, ‘I never knew you! Depart from Me, you lawbreakers!’**




**- Matthew 7:21-23**

# Distorted Gospels

- **The Individual Salvation Gospel**
- **The Prosperity Gospel**
- **The Social Gospel**
- **The Nationalism Gospel**
- **The Angry God Gospel**



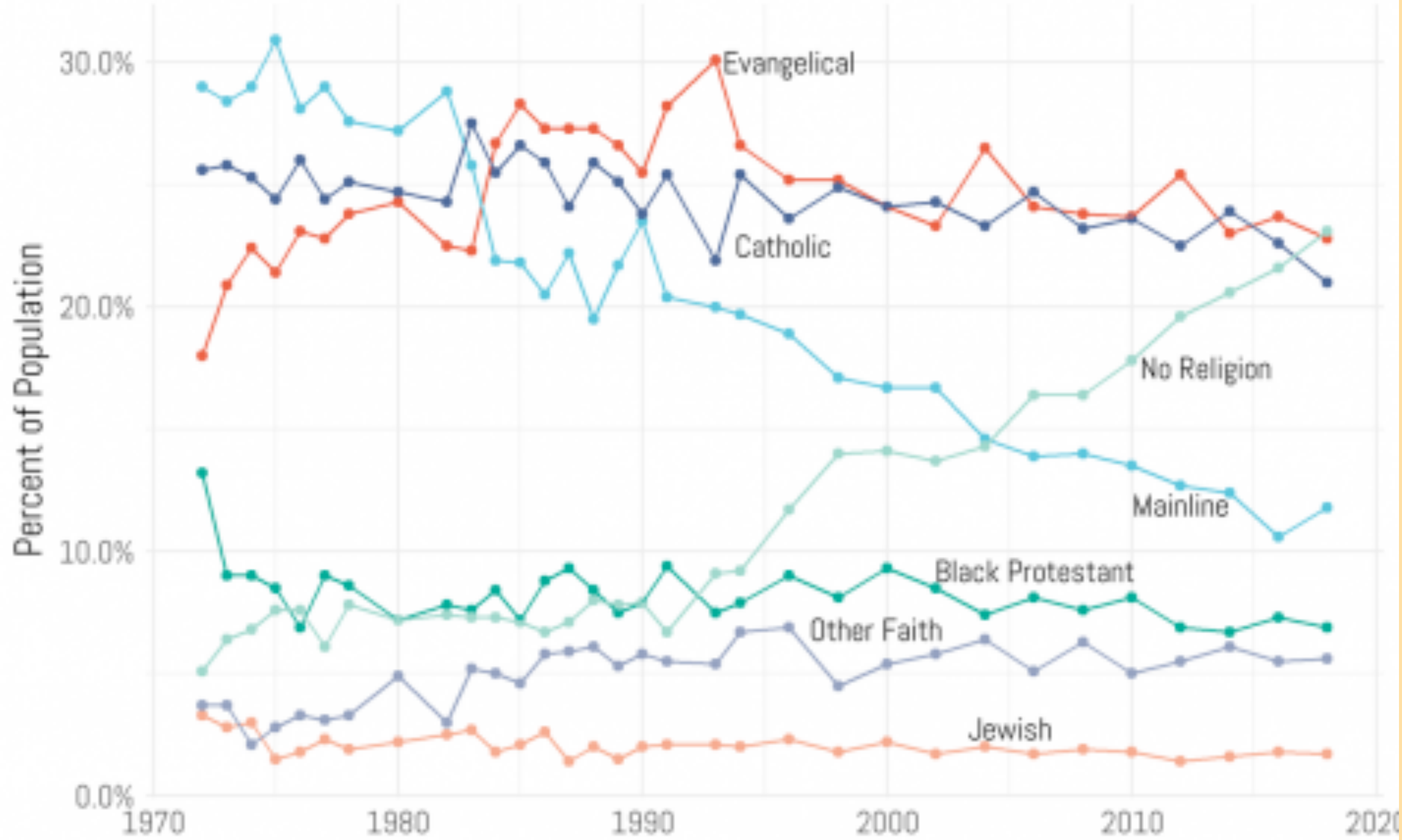


**We now see young evangelicals walking away from evangelicalism not because they do not believe what the church teaches, but because they believe the church itself does not believe what the church teaches. The presenting issue in this secularization is not scientism and hedonism but disillusionment and cynicism.**



**- Russell Moore**

# America's Changing Religious Landscape

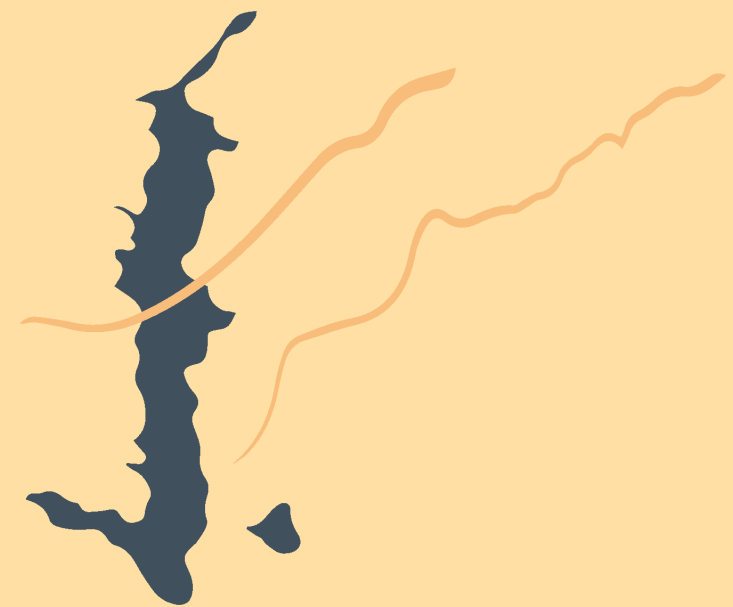


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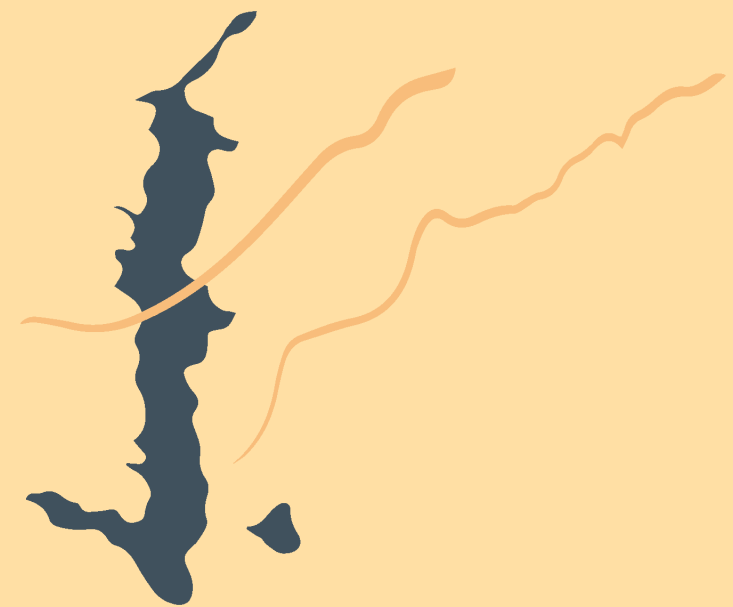


# PREACHING THE GOSPEL LIKE JESUS






**I must proclaim the good news about the kingdom of God.**



**- Luke 4:43**



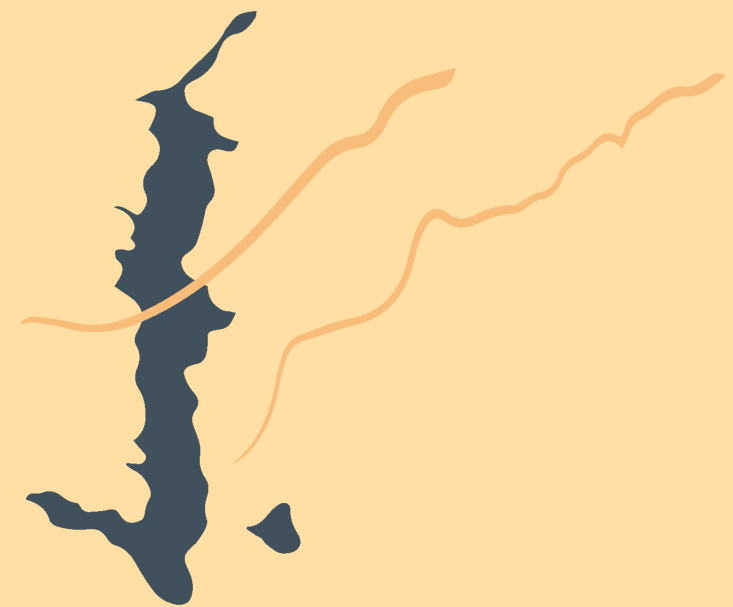
**Then Jesus came near and said to them, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.**




**- Matthew 28:18-20**



**But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come on you,  
and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria,  
and to the ends of the earth.**



**- Acts 1:8**

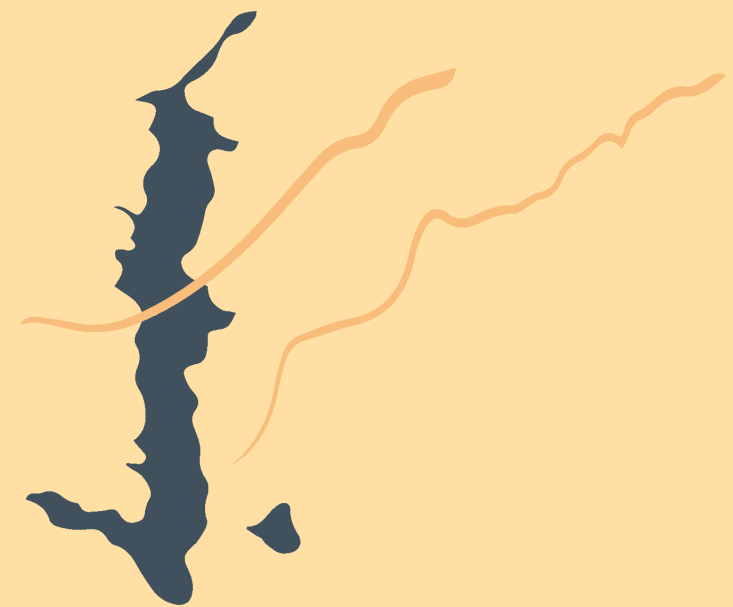


**Then he stayed two whole years in his own rented house. And he welcomed all who visited him, proclaiming the kingdom of God and teaching the things concerning the Lord Jesus Christ with full boldness and without hindrance.**




**- Acts 28:30-31**

**Preaching the Gospel: Announcing the good news of  
Jesus and his kingdom in life, word, and deed.**



# Being Gospel People Before Doing Gospel Work





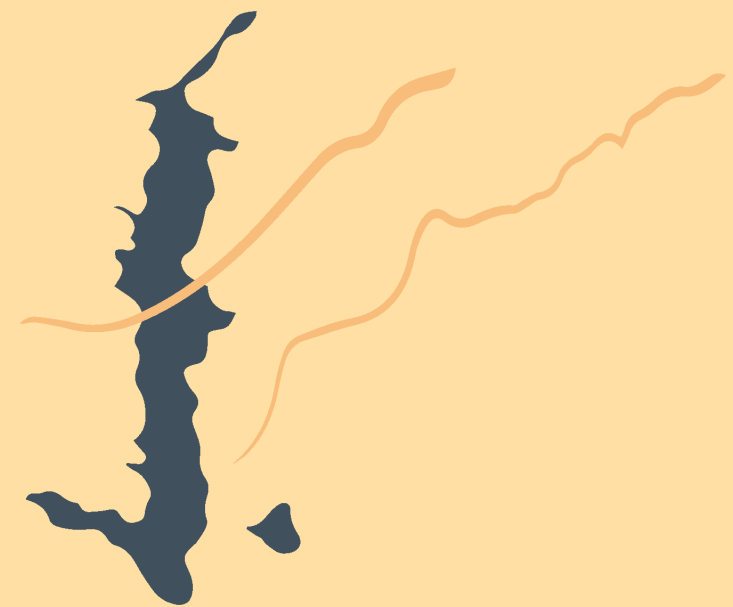
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# Beautiful Gospel





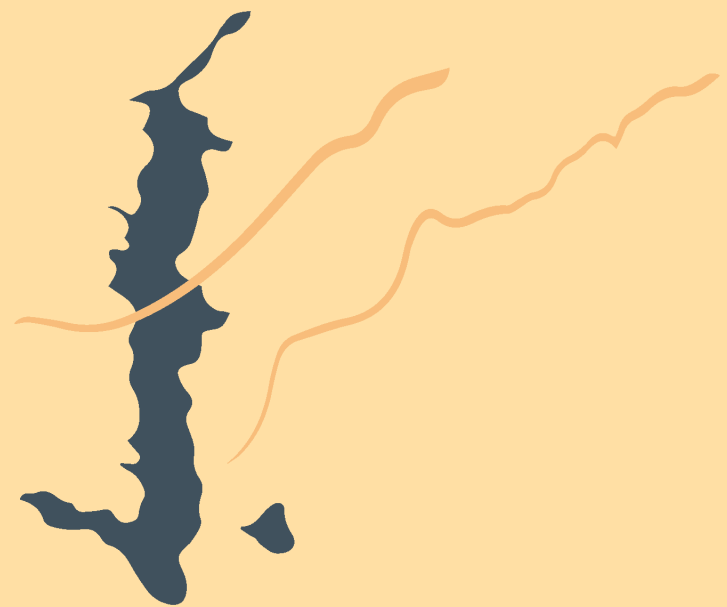
**The good news is that the one true God has now taken charge of the world, in and through Jesus and his death and resurrection. The ancient hopes have indeed been fulfilled, but in a way nobody imagined. God's plan to put the world right has finally been launched...The good news was, and is, that all this has happened in and through Jesus; that one day it will happen, completely and utterly, to all creation; and that we humans, every single one of us, whoever we are, can be caught up in that transformation here and now. This is the Christian gospel.**




**- NT Wright**



**The good news that God himself has come to rescue us from sin and to renew the world through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, and to establish his kingdom through his people in the power of the Holy Spirit.**






**We must...do nothing less than engage in a radical rethinking of the Christian conception of salvation...What you present as the gospel (salvation), will determine what you present as discipleship.**



**- Dallas Willard**

# Transformed Way of Life





**The most important contribution which the Church can make to a new social order is to be itself a new social order. If the local congregation understands its true character as a holy priesthood for the sake of the world...then there is a point of growth for a new social order.**



**- Leslie Newbigin**

# Healing Culture of Heaven

