

# **Cultivating Culture: The Church's Role In A Godless Society**

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Christians in the Middle East, in much of Asia, and in Africa are still being martyred for the faith, but how many American Christians are willing to lay down their smartphones, let alone their lives, for the faith? This paper is an examination of the church's role in culture throughout history and in modern day America. The church was very influential in transforming ancient Greece, Rome, and Europe into Christian cultures, but the church quickly lost influence in America as a result of Enlightenment, modern, and postmodern ways of thinking which relied heavily on human reason rather than religion. Today, the church has failed in its duty to influence American culture because Christians have allowed culture to influence the church and remove God from its midst. As a result of God's cultural absence, moral decline is prominent in all areas of life and particularly in gender, marriage, and the family. Therefore, the church must teach sound doctrine on these issues and condemn all cultural ideas that are contrary to the Bible and that harm society. If we wish to be true Christians, if we wish to serve God well, and if we wish to faithfully walk on the narrow path that leads to eternal life in heaven with God, then we cannot make damaging compromises on biblical truth.