

The Emerging Church

"Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith ..."
1 Timothy 4:1 (New King James Version)

A Brief Examination Of Emergent Theology

A. **A movement based on postmodernism:**

1. "Postmodernism" challenges common thinking about how we _____ certain things. It rejects claims of knowledge that is _____, objective and _____.
2. Brink: "... my interpretation is completely _____ according to my own _____."

B. **A movement which abandons tradition and forms:**

1. Brink: "Our heart is with _____ but not the current _____ ..."
2. God's _____ are often lumped in with _____.

C. **A movement which draws no lines:**

1. _____ is repugnant to these churches. A failure to be _____ is old-fashioned.
2. Sanders: Emergents view all truth as being _____.

D. **A movement which is spreading significantly:** Kowalski says the leaders are found at many _____ and _____. Their ideas are "affecting _____ churches of every kind."

E. **EPIC** - _____, _____, _____ - _____ and _____.

Two Responses To Emergent Theology

A. **The Bible is a Book of absolute truth:**

1. John 1:1 - Why was _____ described as "the _____"?
2. 2 Timothy 3:14,15 - The _____ are able to make one _____ to _____.
3. 2 Timothy 3:16,17 - Since the Scriptures are from _____, they must be _____.
4. 2 Timothy 4:1-4 - Christians are to _____ the _____, in _____ and out of _____.
5. 1 Corinthians 1:21 - _____ chose this "foolish" method!

B. **Christ is the absolute Way to salvation:**

1. John 14:6 - _____ man comes to the _____ but by _____.
2. Matthew 17:5 - We are to _____ Jesus - not others.
3. Acts 4:11,12 - Salvation comes on in _____'s _____.

C. 1 Timothy 4:1 - Some will _____ from the _____.

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