

The Emerging, or Emergent

Idea that as culture changes, a new church should emerge in response.

The dictionary defines emergent as: arising out of, coming into view.

Modernism

The term to describe the philosophy that was popular over the last few centuries that said truth exists and can be known through Human reason of the scientific method. That there is absolute truth in the world and it is knowable.

Post Modernism

The philosophy that comes after modernism and has become popular today. They say, “There is no way of knowing anything with any degree of certainty”. These people would say, “who are you to judge?” “who are you to say one religion is better than another”, “who are you to say Homosexuality is wrong”,

There is no way of knowing any truth with any degree of certainty. Truth is relative, ever changing.

Leaders of the Emergent Church

Brian McLaren

Rob Bell

Tony Jones

Doug Pagitt

Leonard Sweet

Phyllis Tickle

Marcus Borg

Richard Foster

Dallas Willard

Tony Campolo

Richard Rhor

Dan Kimball

Eugene Petterson

Bob Buford

Erwin McManus

Jen Hatmaker

Peter Rollins

Spenser Burke

Nadia Bolz-Weber

Jim Wallis

Ruth Haley Barton

.....And many more

Emergent

“It is more important for us to feel like we are representing a beautiful expression of our life with God than it is to be right in everything.”

Doug Padgitt

**Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth,
and the life. No one comes to the Father
except through Me.”**

JOHN 14:6

“We must keep reforming the way Christian faith is defined, lived and explained. By this I do not mean cosmetic superficial changes. He goes on to say..I mean theology. The beliefs about God, Jesus, the bible, salvation, the future.”

Rob Bell – (Velvet Elvis)

“Our message and methodology have changed and do change and must change. If we are faithful to the ongoing and unchanging mission of Jesus Christ.”

Brian Maclaren

“We do not think this (meaning the movement) is about changing your worship service, we do not think this is how you structure your church staff, we think this is changing theology and this is our belief that theology changes, the message of the gospel changes it is not just the method that changes.”

*Tony Jones – (A New Theology for a New World)
seminar in San Diego*

**Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today,
and forever.**

HEBREWS 13:8

For I am the LORD, I do not change; You do not need a change in theology when you have an unchanging God on the throne.

MALACHI 3:6

He is the Rock, His work is perfect; For all His ways are justice, A God of truth and without injustice; Righteous and upright is He.

DEUTERONOMY 32:4

“Drop any affair that you may have with certainty.”

Brian Maclaren – (about studying the Bible)

“Is the Bible the best God can do? With God being so massive and awe inspiring and full of truth why is this book so full of so much confusion.”

Rob Bell – (Velvet Elvis)

Great – **ΤΟΣΟῦΤΟΣ** – (tos-oo'-tos) **so vast as this**

From to/soῖ tosos (so much; apparently from 3588 and 3739)
and 3778 (including its variations);

i.e. such (in quantity, amount, number of space): — as large, so great (long, many, much), these many. Speaks of an a bountiful collection, great liberality, an abundant harvest,

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

JOHN 3:16

**For God did not send His Son into the world to
condemn the world, but that the world through
Him might be saved.**

JOHN 3:17

He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

JOHN 3:18

**And this is the condemnation, that the light has
come into the world, and men loved darkness
rather than light, because their deeds were evil.**

JOHN 3:19

And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day.

JOHN 6:40

Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live.

JOHN 11:25

**And whoever lives and believes in Me shall
never die. Do you believe this?**

JOHN 11:26

Jesus answered and said to him, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

JOHN 3:3

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

JOHN 3:16