

God's Church—What is Left for Us?

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I. Introduction.

- A. It is the responsibility of the church to apply biblical principles to the whole world.
- B. Some say that we should apply the Old Testament today exactly as it is written. Others say that we must bring the world into reign in order for Jesus to return (Postmillennialism).
- C. The Israelites lived under a theocracy not a democracy.
- D. The church's responsibility is to save as many people from a sinking ship as they can, not control the ship for which reconstructionalism calls.

II. We are free from the demands of the Old Testament law.

- A. God has not changed His mind regarding moral matters, but we are under grace and not under law.
- B. The church is not Israel—it is something new in God's program.
- C. Postmillennialism is a dream that cannot be taken seriously.
- D. The reconstructionalist model that equated the church with government during the Reformation failed.

III. The role of the church in the world is one of great influence.

- A. The responsibility of the church is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ. (Luke 10)
- B. The responsibility of the church is commitment towards one another in the church. (Colossians)
- C. The responsibility of the church is towards society to be involved in just laws and effect change.

IV. Christianity is different from any other philosophies in the world because it believes that change comes from within.

- A. The Christian can offer change to those who are in sin because of grace.
- B. Augustine recommended that we get on with the business of building in contrast to men who destroy whatever they build.

Application questions:

1. Why does reconstructionalism fail to explain the Scriptures adequately according to the speaker?

2. What is the role of the church with regard to the world today?

3. How would you respond to someone who says that the church should not be involved in politics because of the “separation of church and state?” Explain.
