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10:1-3

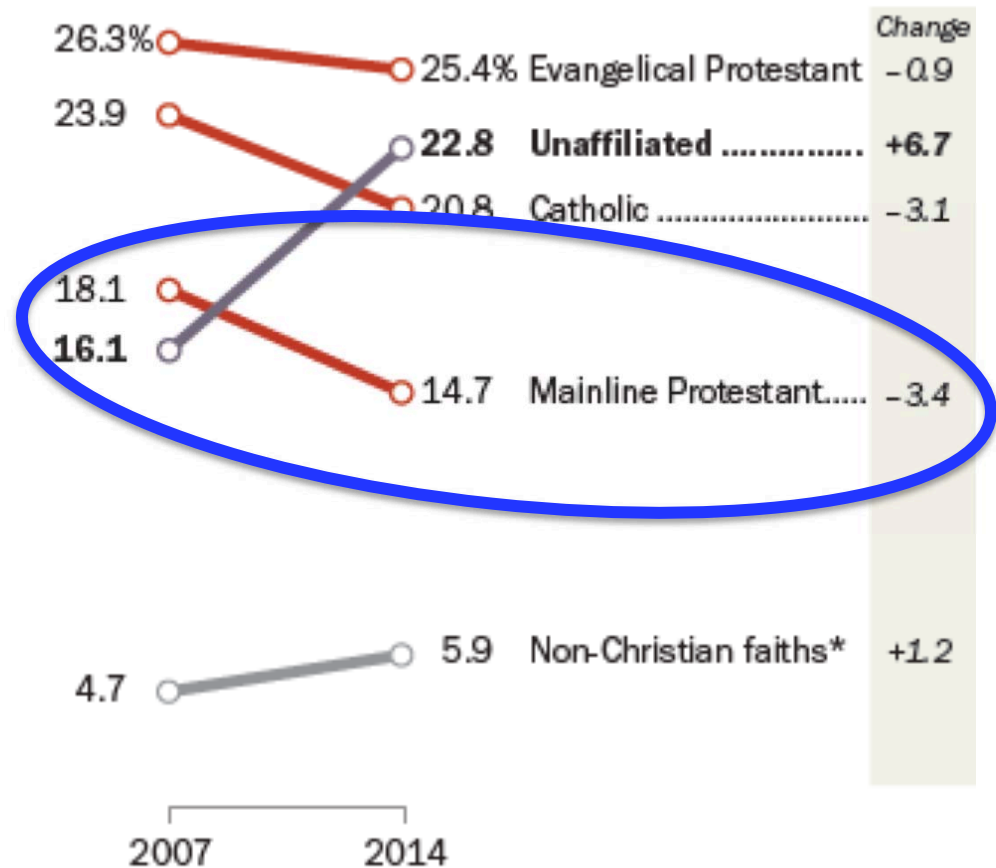


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Liberal Churches Are Losing Membership

Changing U.S. Religious Landscape*



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“Progressive Christianity is a form of Christianity which is characterized by a willingness to question tradition, acceptance of human diversity, a strong emphasis on social justice and care for the poor and the oppressed, and environmental stewardship of the Earth. Progressive Christians have a deep belief in the centrality of the instruction to "love one another" (John 15:17) within the teachings of Jesus Christ. . . . Acceptance of people who have differing understandings of the concept of "God", such as pantheism, deism, non-theism, as a social construct, or as community.”

Wikipedia

In those days there was no king in Israel; everyone **did what was right in his own eyes.**

Judges 21:25

Brethren, my heart's desire and my prayer to God for them is for their salvation. For I testify about them that they have a zeal for God, but not in accordance with knowledge. For not knowing about God's righteousness and seeking to establish their own, they did not subject themselves to the righteousness of God.

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Paul Prays For Israel's Salvation

Romans 10:1

- ***Paul cannot change his salvation.***
- ***Romans 8 & 9 reveal God determines our salvation.***
- ***Yet, Paul prayed for Israel's salvation.***



***Pray to the Lord of Harvest
send forth workers into the
harvest.***

Matthew 9:38

Paul Prays For Israel's Salvation

Romans 10:1

Heart



“mind, inner self”

Desire



***“a desire that is
beneficial”***

They Have Zeal For God

Romans 10:2

Zeal

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Romans 10:3

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Lev. 11:44 - 45

Isa. 6:3

Lev. 19:2

Rev. 4:8

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Examples Of Zeal For God Without Knowledge

- Matthew 5:31*** - ***About divorce***
- Matthew 5:33*** - ***About vows & oaths***
- Matthew 5:38*** - ***About crimes***

Examples Of God

Luke 23:34 - ***About forgiveness***

Romans 2:4 - ***About patience***

Numbers 23:19 - ***About lying***

Proverbs 14:31 - ***About the poor***

Leviticus 19:32 - ***About the elderly***