

**THE DEATH AND RESURRECTION OF CHRISTIANITY:  
REDISCOVERING THE WAY OF LOVE AT THE HEART OF THE TRUTH**

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**5. And No Religion, Too – The Collapse of the Religion Paradigm  
(From Perfection to Wholeness)**

**6. O God, Our Help in Ages Past – Christianities that Might Have Been**

a. 1<sup>st</sup> Century – Peter, Paul, and Jesus: Jewish & Gentile Jesus Communities –  
Grace: A Way of Faith that Supersedes Religion

b. 4<sup>th</sup> Century – Martin of Tours: Monasticism for Barbarians – Servant Leadership:  
A Christianity Without Hierarchy or Control

c. 5<sup>th</sup> Century – Patrick & Friends: The Celtic Christian Movement – Radical  
Hospitality: A Christianity Without Boundaries

**PART II – COME, MY WAY, MY TRUTH, MY LIFE – INCARNATIONAL ORTHODOXY:  
A CONVERGENT THEOLOGY OF CHURCH**

**7. The Shape of Things to Come:**

**Seven Emerging Principles of a Convergent Theology of Church**

a. Principle #1: Christ at the Center, Gospels as the Lens – “I am the Way, the Truth,  
and the Life”

b. Principle #2: Law of Love over Love of Law – “This is my commandment: that  
you love one another, as I have love you”

c. Principle #3: Kerugma is the Key: Living as If We Believed – “If anyone is in  
Christ, there is a new creation”

d. Principle #4: Relational Transformation – “I will live in them and they in me”

e. Principle #5: Call and Gift-Driven Organization – “For the gift and the calling of  
God are irrevocable”

f. Principle #6: Unity, Not Uniformity – “So that they might be one, as We are One”

g. Principle #7: Refusing the Right to Reserve Service – “Come to Me, all you . . .”

**8. A New Middle Way?**

**The Implications of Incarnational Orthodoxy  
for Theology, Ecclesiology, and Missional Strategy**

- a. Evangelism
- b. Discipleship, Fellowship, and Newcomer Integration
- c. Liturgy
- d. Preaching and Teaching
- e. Leadership
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- g. Church Planting and Church Growth

**CONCLUSION**

**9. “I am Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the End” – Tying it All Together**