

This is “Christian” America?

America boasts of being a “Christian nation.” But what do the *facts* indicate? For starters, church attendance is at an all-time low, and the number of Americans who profess to *being Christian* is rapidly dropping. But more significant is the fact that even among self-professed Christians *morality* is at an all-time low. As revealed by numerous surveys, there is little in terms of *lifestyle* and *conduct* to distinguish a “Christian” from a non-Christian.

FACT: 78 million American Protestants have become church *dropouts*.*

FACT: 70 percent of America’s young people drop out of church between the ages of 18 and 22.

FACT: 80 percent of those reared in the church will be “disengaged” by the time they are 29.

FACT: of the 77 million Americans who claim to be “born-again” Christians, *half* of them admit that they have *not* experienced a “genuine connection” with God.

FACT: only 1 in 10 “born-again” Christians claims to possess a set of beliefs that they have proven as *absolute truth*.

Overall, there appears to be a gigantic *lifestyle gap* between what is believed or professed and what is *actually practiced*. As one popular Christian writer put it, “in American culture, it has often become hard to distinguish between the body of Christ and the culture of society.”

For example, the divorce rate for those who *profess* to follow the teachings of the Bible is *exactly the same* (around 50 percent) as those who do not. Today, most

divorces are unjustified—a matter of convenience. Marriage vows mean almost nothing. Are we really to believe that all of these “Christian” divorces are justified before God—when He says He *hates* divorce (Mal. 2:16)? But there’s more:

FACT: 80 percent of evangelical Christians ages 18-29 say they have had premarital sex—yet 76 percent say they believe sex outside of marriage is wrong.

FACT: of the above 80 percent, 64 percent have had premarital sex within the last three years, and 42 percent are in a current sexual relationship.

FACT: of the one million abortions that take place in America each year, 65 percent are obtained by women who claim to be either Protestant or Catholic.

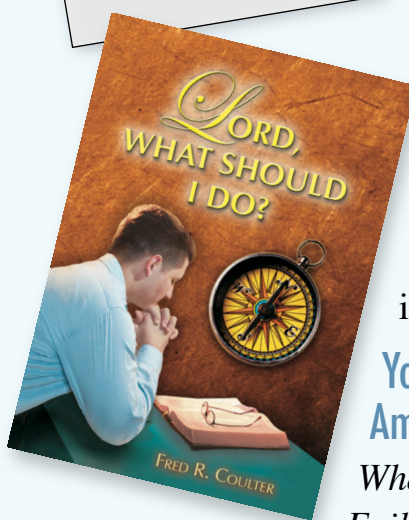
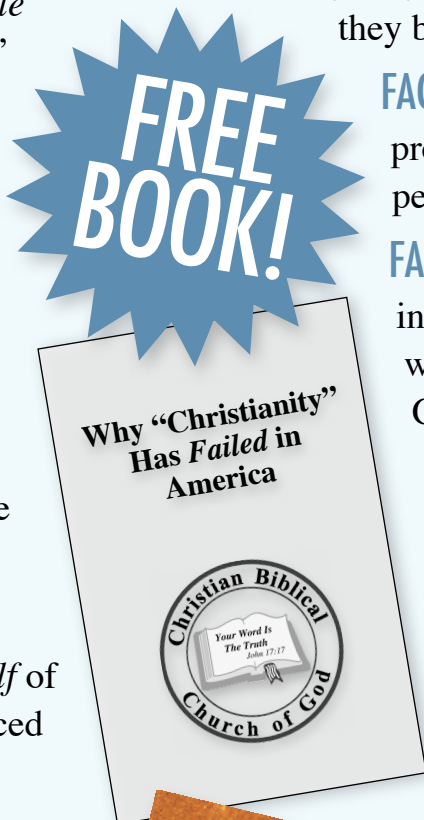
Numerous studies illustrate that “most of the *lifestyle activities* of ‘born-again’ Christians [are] statistically equivalent to those of [non-Christians].... In statistical and practical terms, this means the two groups are essentially *no different* from each other.”

What has happened to our churches? And why has Christianity been *ineffective* at stemming the tide of worldliness that plagues churchgoers? Could it be that *Christianity itself* has unwittingly played a key role in the moral and spiritual demise of its own followers? What about *you*?

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