

Letter to the American Church
(Eric Metaxas)

What follows here are not my words but the words of others about this book. Any comments I could have generated have been succinctly put below. I encourage everyone to take time to read this 139-page treatise for some insight about what the Christian Church as a body are currently allowing to occur in society with very little to no pushback. "The Church will not be held blameless!" Our theologies may not all agree on political involvement and the Church's role in government and society, but there is much in this book that I believe we should all gravitate to.

"The author of a bestselling biography of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Eric Metaxas reveals the haunting similarities between today's American Church and the German Church of the 1930s. Echoing the German martyr's prophetic call, he exhorts his fellow Christians to repent of their silence in the face of evil.

An attenuated and unbiblical "faith" based on what Bonhoeffer called "cheap grace" has sapped the spiritual vitality of millions of Americans. Paying lip service to an insipid "evangelism," they shrink from combating the evils of our time. Metaxas refutes the pernicious lie that fighting evil politicizes Christianity. As Bonhoeffer and other heroes of the faith insisted, the Church has an irreplaceable role in the culture of a nation. It is our duty to fight the powers of darkness, especially on behalf of the weak and vulnerable.

Silence is not an option. God calls us to defend the unborn, to confront the lies of cultural Marxism, and to battle the globalist tyranny that crushes human freedom. Confident that this is His fight, the Church must overcome fear and enter the fray, armed with the spiritual weapons of prayer, self-sacrifice, and love.

This book is a must-read for the American Church. Every American, male, or female, who identifies as a Christ follower must read this book.

Make no mistake about it, this is a wakeup call for those who know they have been called to do the work of the Lord in this day and age. For those that are floating along, just casually attending a church and doing the religious duties, this is a loud clanging gong that they need to get out of bed and get to work, seriously following Jesus as the Bible instructs them to do.

For people that are far removed from the horrors of Germany in the 1940s, you young folks, this book is a much needed reminder or education of what happened in a well-educated and sophisticated culture of 1930s Germany.

I, like many others, have asked How did Germany (or the German people) allow that to happen? How could the Church, the Body of Christ, stand by and let 6 million Jews be slaughtered, as well as many other atrocities?

Eric Metaxas answers this question and draws ample analogies between the German Church and their circumstances and the American Church and our circumstances, the evils we face today,

Marxist ideologies being one of them.

If there is one criticism I have with this book, it is that people know that they need to Love God (or at least they should know), but they do not necessarily know how to love Him, which means there is a major disconnect in our Church today because we have not been making true disciples, which is why we are in the mess we are in.

I think Mr. Metaxas could have spent a little time on this issue, because if we have been successfully making true disciples all along, this book would not be necessary.”

About the Author

ERIC METAXAS is an author whose books have been translated into twenty-five languages. The host of a nationally syndicated radio show and the acclaimed conversation series Socrates in the City, he is a prominent cultural commentator whose work has appeared in the New York Times, the New Yorker, The Atlantic, and the Wall Street Journal. He lives with his family in New York City.

Editorial Reviews

"This book is like a bucket of cold water thrown into the face of a sleeping church. I found myself arguing with Eric over some points, but I was struck with the uncanny parallels he draws between the compliant churches in Nazi Germany and our churches today. If you are inclined to think you might disagree with what he has to say, here is my challenge: read this book and ask yourself 'where does Eric have it wrong'? I think you will find that question more difficult to answer than you expected. I personally think this is Eric Metaxas' most important book for us today." -Erwin W. Lutzer, Pastor Emeritus, Moody Church, Chicago

"Eric Metaxas has spent years researching and writing about giants of our faith; from that wealth of insight and understanding he has taken a new step. In *Letter to the American Church*, he has issued a call to action. The message is historically informed, Biblically sound and I believe "Spirit-directed". I pray every Christ follower in our nation will take to the time to read and consider what Eric has presented." -Pastor Allen Jackson, World Outreach Church

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