

Postmodern Emergent Church vs. Orthodox Evangelical Church

	POSTMODERN-EMERGENT CHURCH	ORTHODOX-EVANGELICAL CHURCH
God	Loving attribute almost exclusively	Full-orbed attributes in perfect harmony/balance
Man's chief end	Self-fulfillment, happiness	Glorify God, enjoy Him forever
Theology	Relational only	Propositional and relational
Preaching	Story telling	Expository, whole counsel of God
Truth	Subjective perception, limited perspective	Revealed by God
Ethics	Situational, Call good what God calls evil	Agree with God's Word as to good and bad
Sin	Sickness needing therapy; externally caused	Personally culpable; rebellion against Holy God
Man's need	Therapeutic education	Repentance and Salvation
Salvation	Universal and inclusive	Limited and exclusive
Church membership	Belonging before being	Being before belonging
Pastor	Coach, non-hierarchical coach, shared story	Accountable, hierarchical, equipper via God's Word
Scriptures	Contain truth for Christians; not universal	All truth, inspired by God, revealed for all in world
Members of other religions	Say nothing adverse	Speak the truth in love
Hell	Allegorical	Real, place of God's judgment