Ch. 10 Introduction ~ The Worlds of Christendom

Starter: Where in the contemporary world has Christianity expanded? In what regions is Christianity most popular today?

1. By the 6th and 7th century Christianity had expanded to...

2. The next 1,000 years saw radical changes that reshaped the Christian world.
   - Africa and Asia =
   - Europe =
   - Similarities to Buddhism and Islam =

3. At the same time, the Christian world became deeply divided
   - **Western = Latin**
     - Lacked centralized authority
     - Fragmented, decentralized, and competitive society
     - Christian church more rural and independent from political authority
     - Slow development of Roman Catholic church with Pope as central figure
   - **Eastern = Byzantine**
     - Centralized administration, military, infrastructure, legal system, etc.
     - Unified society despite smaller population and geographic reach
     - Emperors had more power over the church
     - Altered practices of Christianity to create Eastern Orthodoxy

4. Thus the story of global Christendom in the post-classical era is one of

    ____________________________________________________________________________ and ____________________________________________________________________________

    • Christianity as a religion in Africa and Asia...
    
    • As a civilization, Byzantium...
    
    • Yet, civilization in Western Europe...