

## **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 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> 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...