

THEOLOGY IN A GLOBAL CONTEXT

LECTURE 9-10: CHRISTIANITY IN EUROPE

- 1) Historical Backdrop
 - a. Constantine and Christendom
 - b. Emergence of Western Christianity
 - c. Emergence of Eastern Christianity
- 2) Defining Eastern and Western Europe
 - a. Introduction
 - b. Orthodox Church
 - c. Christendom and the Church
 - d. Responses: Protective Redemptive
 - e. Church under Pressure
 - f. Early Western Church
- 3) Pre-Reformation and Post-Reformation Church
 - a. Formal religion
 - b. Pilgrimage shrines
 - c. Reformation
- 4) Secularization
 - a. Defining
 - b. Shift from Cathedral to “Cult”
 - c. It denotes on the one hand the decline of the influence of the church
 - d. Secularizing tendencies affects all?
 - e. Unchurched
 - f. Believing without belonging
 - g. Current realities
 - h. Future
- 5) African Christianity in Europe
 - a. Two major waves
 - b. Current realities