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### **5 Questions**

1. ***Why is answering the Christ-culture question important?***

Hollinger explains that it affects a number of issues, for example it influences what we expect of society relative to Christian ethics.

2. ***What is meant by “Christ against culture”?***

The Christ against culture approach uncompromisingly affirms the sole authority of Christ over the Christian and resolutely rejects culture’s claims to loyalty.

3. ***What is an issue with mysticism?***

The concept of mysticism illustrates that the spiritual realm tended to negate the physical-material realm and the social order

4. ***How does Niebuhr’s verdict reveal an inadequate position of Christ against culture?***

One of Hollinger’s points is that the approach has a tendency to overlook the need for discernment.

5. ***What is meant by Christ of culture?***

In Christ of culture, the Christian faith is merged with the heights of human insights and civilization.

### **3 Definitions**

1. **Via negativa**- the elimination of temporal distractions.

2. **Simul justus et peccator**- term meaning “simultaneously just and sinner”

3. **Conversionist**- a view in which a society and culture takes seriously the call of Jesus to influence the world

### **Summary**

In Chapter 9 of *Choosing the Good*, Hollinger focuses on the concept of Christ-culture, as he emphasizes the importance of the concept as it relates to various issues. As Hollinger explains the characteristics of this concept, he also analyzes potential issues that come along with the concept. Hollinger then focuses on the concept of Christ for culture and cites theologians discussing this concept for further explanation. Lastly, Hollinger visits the concept of Christ above culture, where this approach affirms Christ but also culture as a good gift from God.