THE PROBLEM WITH OUR THEOLOGY?

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I've been falling behind with my reading of late. This is partly because I'm reading three good books at the moment and can't decide which of them to prioritise. It's a nice problem to have, but it is a problem.

I am very much enjoying The End of Theology which is edited by James Sexton and Paul Weston. I thought that this quote was very thought provoking:

> *The problem is that our churchmanship and our theology developed a at a time when mission was not a central concern. As Leslie Newbigin observes, "The period in which our thinking about the Church received its main features was the prior in which Christianity had practically ceased to be a missionary religion... It was in this period, when the dimensions of the ends of the earth had ceased to exist as a practical reality in the minds of Christians, that the main patterns of churchmanship were formed." Similarly, David Bosch says of the theological curriculum: "A major problem is that the present division of theological subjects was canonized in a period when the church in Europe was completely introverted."*
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