MISSIO DEI: THE MISSION OF GOD

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> *The Trinitarian focus of missio Dei, combined with the focus on the Kingdom of God rescues the church from simply becoming an agent for social and economic change on the one hand or fundamentalism on the other and provides a framework for mission in which the false dichotomy between social action and evangelism in mission can be eradicated. â€œThe core of missio Dei is evangelism, the communication of the Gospelâ€ but this does not mean that we can turn our backs on the world and its needs. The call to conversion is a call to be witnesses to Christ by demonstrating his love and concern for the world. An emphasis on missio Dei could be of great help to Evangelical churches in enabling them to overcome the sort of simplistic view of mission which is all too common.*

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