



Christians, Free Expression, and the Common Good: Getting Beyond the Censorship Impulse

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Lexington Books. Hardback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, Christians, Free Expression, and the Common Good: Getting Beyond the Censorship Impulse, Gordon S. Jackson, This book argues that in Western democracies, Christians of all theological and political backgrounds ought to be ardent advocates of advancing, not curbing, freedom of speech. They ought to do so both within their own ranks and in the increasingly secular societies in which they live. This study presents the concept of free expression, and its opposite of censorship, as a tool for the Western church (and the U.S. church in particular) to respond more wisely and effectively to controversy. In their most severe form, these controversies lead to both formal and informal limitations on free expression, as Christians seek to silence those with whom they most stridently disagree. This study is timely given the Western church's current state of flux as it tries to determine its identity and mission in a post-Christian setting. The book will appeal to a wide range of thoughtful Christians who would welcome ideas on how the church should refine and live out its mission in the early 21st century. The study thus explores the church's perpetual quest for balance on two...

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