

Sermon

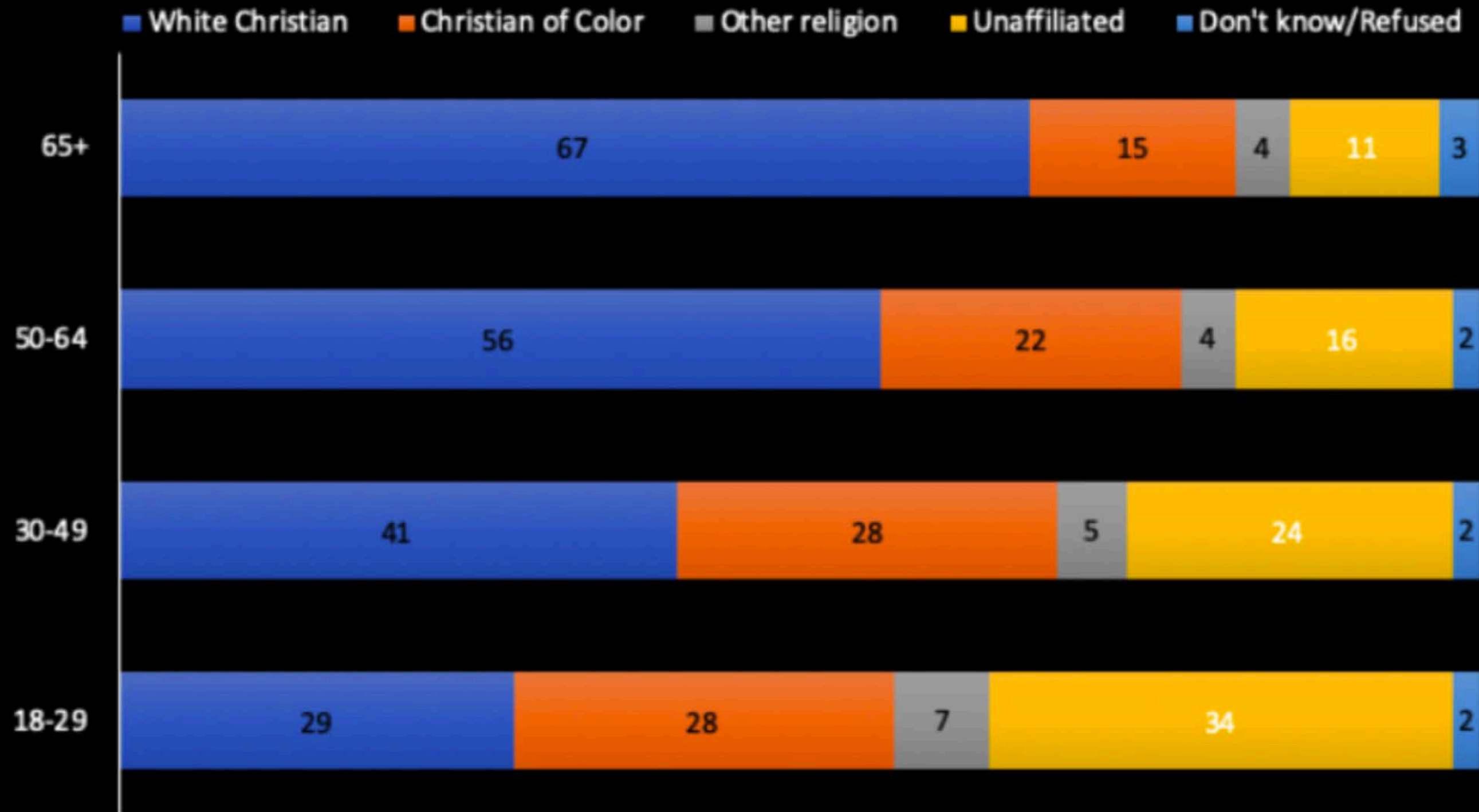
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PASSES

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U.S. Religious Affiliation by Age, 2014



Source: Robert Jones, *The End of White Christian America*

Judges 2:7 & 10

⁷ The people served the Lord throughout the lifetime of Joshua and of the elders who outlived him and who had seen all the great things the Lord had done for Israel.

¹⁰ After that whole generation had been gathered to their ancestors, another generation grew up who knew neither the Lord nor what he had done for Israel.

3 Myths about Passing On Faith

- Myth #1 - It happens by osmosis
- Myth #2 - It's the job of the professionals (to pass on faith)
- Myth #3 - It's not worth the effort (people don't care)

from *"Passing on Our Faith—One Generation to Another,"* by Dr. Dave Keehn, associate professor at Talbot School of Theology

How might we pass on a personal relationship with Jesus to others?

Hebrews 10:19-25 NIV

Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.

Hebrews 10:19-25

Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Hebrews 10:19-25

What does it look like to “draw
near” to Jesus?

Six Ways to Draw Near to Jesus

Prayer
Confession
Music
Stories
Scripture
Service

How to Pass On a Personal Relationship with Jesus

- Let God know you are open to sharing
- Ask people to share their spiritual stories with you
- Ask questions about where they see God in their own life
- Cultivate your own personal relationship with Jesus—Draw Near!
- Share stories about the difference Jesus makes in your life