**Church History Outline 42: Mennonites and Progressivism**

I. Throughout the 19th century, American Mennonites were strongly influenced by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

A. Leaders such as John Herr, founder of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Mennonites, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, founder of the Church of God in Christ, Mennonite, combine an emphasis on personal \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ experiences with very strict church \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the tradition of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

B. Other Mennonites went even farther in welcoming \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ changes.

1. They saw more \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ expression as evidence of spiritual life.

2. They promoted \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ meetings as ways of fulfilling the church’s responsibility to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

3. They worked toward the higher degree of church \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ typical of other American Protestant groups, such as structured church \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

4. They promoted higher standards of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

5. They hoped to correct what they saw as an overemphasis on traditional \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

C. Important progressives included publisher \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ John S. Coffman.

II. Some Mennonites saw these changes as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to true Christian values.

A. Many of the changes promoted by progressives seemed to work against \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

B. Progressive ideas elevated the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ above the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

C. Progressives were strongly influenced by non-Anabaptists who were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in some of their beliefs.

D. Progressives often seemed weakly committed to traditional Mennonite standards that symbolized \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

E. Progressive ideas tended to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ conversion and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from Christian \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

F. Serious \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ resulted, often because of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ attitudes on both sides.

III. European Mennonites were more influenced by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and religious liberalism.