

**Perestroika: the Crisis of the CPSU and the Renaissance of the Church
(on the Materials of the Tambov Region)**

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Abstract: In the article on the basis of archival documents and publications in the media the author analyzed the relations of religious organizations with the authorities in the Tambov region in the years of perestroika. As a result of Gorbachev's reforms, the position of the Russian Orthodox Church and other confessions changed and they gained independence from the state and an opportunity to develop their own position. The consequence of the decline in the official Communist ideology and moral crisis of the society was the improvement of the moral authority of traditional social institutions, such as the Russian Orthodox Church. Attention is given to the study of public opinion in relation to the religious policy of the state and revival of religion, caused by the growing people's interest.

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