

The aim of this bachelor's thesis is to analyse the relationship between the Bolshevik regime and the Orthodox Church in the decade following the Bolshevik revolution of 1917. The first part deals with the general opinions of Karl Marx and Vladimir I. Lenin on religion. The second part focuses on application of these beliefs in Russia since the Bolshevik takeover of power until the end of the 1920s. There is an analysis of the policy of the Bolshevik rule and its fight against the church which was considered the promoter of an enemy ideology, necessary to be destroyed. The thesis includes an analysis of means by which the Bolsheviks tried to reach their goal (bans, confiscations, assassinations, expulsions, etc.). A special attention is paid to Patriarch Tikhon, other personalities of the church, atheistic education of the population and the formation of the Living Church.