

Church History Part 1 of 3

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Resurrection of Jesus Christ – One journey ended and the next one began

Mark 16:14-18 – The instruction for the new journey

Building a foundation for a belief that endured....

How wide was the territory of their journey?

Jesus was a Jew and so were the early Christians

Persecution of Christians and their love for their enemies

What would be your response?

Emperor Constantine 4th century – How did he influence Christian celebrations?

Our Christian faith is always being challenged – distractions that keep our eyes off of God

Began with 5 Diocese end up with 2 – Western and Eastern Churches

Pope Gregory's contribution

The Crusades in the 11th century

Martin Luther – year 1517

CHURCH HISTORY

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The Christian Church
from the Resurrection to Martin Luther

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faced by the church.....

it has endured.

Mark 16:14-18

14 Later He appeared to the eleven as they sat at the table; and He rebuked their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they did not believe those who had seen Him after He had risen.

15 And He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. **16** He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.

17 And these signs will follow those who [a]believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; **18** they[b] will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.”




Matthew 5:17

- 17 “Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets.
- I did not come to destroy but to fulfill.

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So impressive were the many who died gladly for Christ that they were more than replaced by fresh converts.



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Proverbs 3:5-6

- Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.



Galatians 5:1-6

- 1** Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage. **2** Indeed I, Paul, say to you that if you become circumcised, Christ will profit you nothing. **3** And I testify again to every man who becomes circumcised that he is a debtor to keep the whole law. **4** You have become estranged from Christ, you who attempt to be justified by law; you have fallen from grace.
- 5** For we through the Spirit eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness by faith. **6** For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor un-circumcision avails anything, but faith working through love.

Romans 3:29-30

- 29 Or is He the God of the Jews only? Is He not also the God of the Gentiles? Yes, of the Gentiles also,
- 30 since there is one God who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through faith.

Romans 10:12

- 12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him.





Jewish Month of Nissan

- Nissan is the 7th month of the Jewish calendar
- On our Gregorian calendar, it falls in the months of March and April.
- The Jewish Holiday in the month of Nissan is Passover
- The day after Passover, the “Memorial of Christ’s death was celebrated

Luke 2:6-15

⁶ And while they were there, the time came for her baby to be born; ⁷ and she gave birth to her first child, a son. She wrapped him in a blanket^land laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the village inn.

⁸ That night some shepherds were in the fields outside the village, guarding their flocks of sheep. ⁹ Suddenly an angel appeared among them, and the landscape shone bright with the glory of the Lord. They were badly frightened, ¹⁰ but the angel reassured them.

“Don’t be afraid!” he said. “I bring you the most joyful news ever announced, and it is for everyone! ¹¹ The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born tonight in Bethlehem! ¹² How will you recognize him? You will find a baby wrapped in a blanket lying in a manger!”

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¹³ Suddenly, the angel was joined by a vast host of others—the armies of heaven—praising God:

¹⁴ “Glory to God in the highest heaven,” they sang, [“and peace on earth for all those pleasing him.”] ¹⁵ When this great army of angels had returned again to heaven, the shepherds said to each other, “Come on! Let’s go to Bethlehem! Let’s see this wonderful thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.”

Emperor Constantine

- *Sunday*
- *Easter*
- *Christmas*



Foundation of Salvation


Hebrews 13:8

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

Romans 10:10 But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith which we preach): 9 that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Romans 14:14-20

- 14 I know and am convinced by the Lord Jesus that there is nothing unclean of itself; but to him who considers anything to be unclean, to him it is unclean. 15 Yet if your brother is grieved because of your food, you are no longer walking in love. Do not destroy with your food the one for whom Christ died. 16 Therefore do not let your good be spoken of as evil; 17 for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. 18 For he who serves Christ in these things is acceptable to God and approved by men.
- 19 Therefore let us pursue the things which make for peace and the things by which one may edify another. 20 Do not destroy the work of God for the sake of food. All things indeed are pure, but it is evil for the man who eats with [c]offense.



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The empire reorganized by Diocletian, AD 294

- Roman frontier
- Asiana
- Pontica
- Oriens
- Africa
- Hispaniae
- Viennensis
- Galliae
- Britanniae
- Italia
- Pannoniae
- Moesiae
- Thraciae
- Imperial residence
- mint

Ascetic Virtues

- Prudence - *cautiousness*
- Justice - *practice of charity because it regulates relationships with others*
- Temperance - *habitual moderation in the indulgence of a natural appetite or passion*
- Fortitude - *Courage*

Pope Gregory the Great

- Educated
- From an elite family
- Tried to force papal system on Eastern Orthodox church
- Wrote the textbook now followed by Catholic priesthood



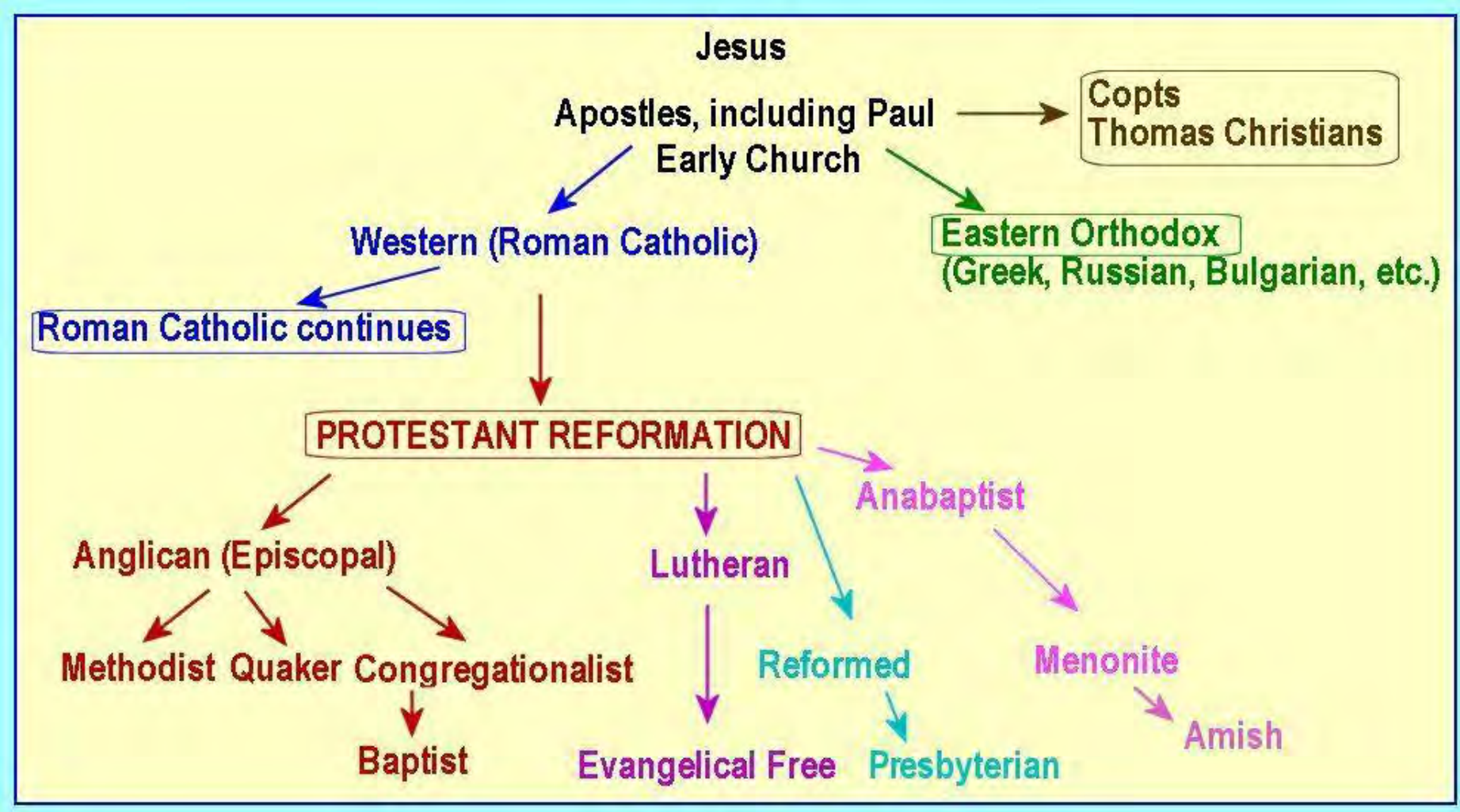


Martin Luther



Emperor Charles V and the trial





Jesus

Apostles, including Paul
Early Church

Copts
Thomas Christians

Eastern Orthodox
(Greek, Russian, Bulgarian, etc.)

Western (Roman Catholic)

Roman Catholic continues

PROTESTANT REFORMATION

Anglican (Episcopal)

Lutheran

Anabaptist

Methodist **Quaker** **Congregationalist**

Reformed

Menonite

Baptist

Evangelical **Free**

Presbyterian

Amish

967 years

Pope Francis
apologizes for
mistakes of Catholics
in meeting with Greek
Orthodox leaders in
Athens, Greece





1Corinthians 15:33

New King James Version:

Do not be deceived: “Evil company corrupts good habits.”

The Living Bible:

Don't be fooled by those who say such things. If you listen to them you will start acting like them.