

Church History Overview
Jesus to the Reformation
Christian Life, Faith, and Ministry
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Resources:

The Story of Christianity, Justo L. Gonzalez, Prince Press, 2005
A World History of Christianity, Adrian Hastings, Eerdmans, 1999

1. The fullness of time. Gal. 4:4
2. A history of the deeds of the Spirit. p.xvi, or, a history of the way the Spirit works and is working.
3. The remarkable Jewish responses to Jesus.
4. Christianity in the Roman empire
 - a. costly commitment
 - b. Edict of Milan – end of persecutions. 312 AD. p.107
 - c. When Constantine becomes emperor.
5. When the church became powerful. p. 134 For ex. Eusebius of Caesarea.
 - a. unaware of changes
 - b. adopting social structure of empire
 - c. plan of God fulfilled – now only personal transference to heavenly kingdom necessary. p.134
6. First universal council – Nicea. p.162
7. Fall of Rome 410 AD p.215
8. The City of God – Augustine – written in response to Rome’s fall. p.245
9. Edessa – Syrian Christianity. 241AD Hastings (H), p.58
10. Nisibis – well across the Persian border. H, p.59
11. Armenia, Georgia, Malabar – significant part of the Christian world. H, p.59
12. Christianity capable of spreading without protection of imperial state, and papal supervision. H, p.61
13. Eastern Orthodox Church: 6th century to the fall of Constantinople to the Ottoman Turks in 1453. AD. H. p.67. Orthodox Christianity was the dominant religion of the Eastern Roman Empire. H. p.67
14. India – Christian presence neither sudden nor simple. H, p.147
 - a. Thomas
 - b. Catholic
 - c. Evangelical
15. Africa – north Africa – in the first 600 years of the Christian era Christianity spread
16. Latin America – transportation of Catholicism in the 15th century. H, p.329
17. China – first exposed to Christianity by an Eastern variant of the Christian faith, probably sometime in the sixth century. H, p.369f.
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19. The development of the papacy, 5th century. p.242
20. Councils. p.342f.

21. Arab conquests, 7th century. p.241f.
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