

Church History

How We Arrived

1st Review

Historical Periods of Church History

The birth and development of the church...

- 1) A.D. 27 – 30 – Period of Development – “Upon this rock, I will build my church...”
 - a Leadership of the church developed
 - b Apostolic doctrine emphasized
 - c Church is given birth
 - d This period covers the Gospels and Acts 1-2
- 2) A.D. 30 - 37 - Period of Organization –
 - a Church membership restricted to Jews
 - The Gentiles were excluded.
 - b Jerusalem was the Center of evangelism.
 - c Severe persecution
 - d This period covers Acts, chapters 1—7
- 3) A.D. 37 - 48 - Period of Transition – From Education to Action
 - a The gradual recognition of the duty of the church to preach the Gospel to all people. The church open to the Gentiles.
 - b Jerusalem remained the Center of evangelism.
 - c This period covers Acts, chapters 8—12
- 4) A.D. 48 - 60 - Period of Expansion and development of World Evangelism
 - a The views of the church leaders broadened.
 - b Gentiles were accepted as equals in the church without having to observe the Jewish rites and ceremonies.
 - c This period covers Acts, chapters 13—28
- 5) A.D. 27 – 30 – Period of Development
 - Some outstanding events during this period were –
 - a Jesus meets Nicodemus – John 3:1-
 - b Repentance emphasized –
 - c Baptism to be carried out in Jesus name – Luke 24:48
 - d Holy Spirit baptism promised for empowerment – Acts 1:8
 - e Dual nature of Jesus Christ explained – John 1:1-4; 14
 - f The Ascension of Jesus was followed by the ten days tarrying in prayer, Chapters Acts 1:4 – 12; 15 – 26
 - g The Holy Ghost falling at Pentecost upon the believers empowering them for the purpose of evangelism. Birth of the church – Acts 2:1 - 13
- 6) A.D. 30 - 37 - Period of Organization
 - Some outstanding events during this period were –
 - a Seven deacons selected

- b Stephen's defense and martyrdom
- c The First Persecution – The healing of the lame man, a great manifestation of divine power. Chapter 3:1 – 4:1 – 5,000 were added to the church...
- d This event was followed by a season of rapid growth, and a common manifestation of miracle working power in the church.
- e Rise of Saul of Tarsus – His conversion

7) A.D. 37 - 48 - Period of Transition – The church in Action –

- Some outstanding events during this period were –
 - a. The gradual recognition of the duty to world evangelism
 - b. Cornelius' household filled with Spirit and baptized
 - The church open to the Gentiles.
 - c. Jerusalem remained the Center of evangelism.
 - d. This period covers Acts, chapters 8—12

8) A.D. 37 - 48 - Period of Expansion – World evangelism

- Some outstanding events during this period were –
 - d. Paul and Barnabas called to missions
 - e. Paul's 1st missionary journey
 - (1) It is certain that works were established, but none are listed
 - (2) Journey lasted two years
 - (3) Covered 1,500 miles
 - f. Paul's 2nd missionary journey
 - (1) Silas was his companion
 - (2) Churches established
 - Philippi
 - Thessalonica
 - Corinth
 - (3) This journey lasted 3 years
 - (4) Covered 3,500 miles
 - d. Paul's 3rd missionary journey
 - (1) Revisiting the churches
 - (2) A number of new works established including
 - Ephesus
 - (1) Returning by the way of Jerusalem, he was arrested on a false charge
 - (2) Interrogated by Felix, Festus, and Agrippa
 - (3) He appeals to Rome
 - (4) After two years he is martyred in Rome 67 A.D
 - e. This period covers Acts, chapters 13 - 28