

Review - Church History (100 – 1600)



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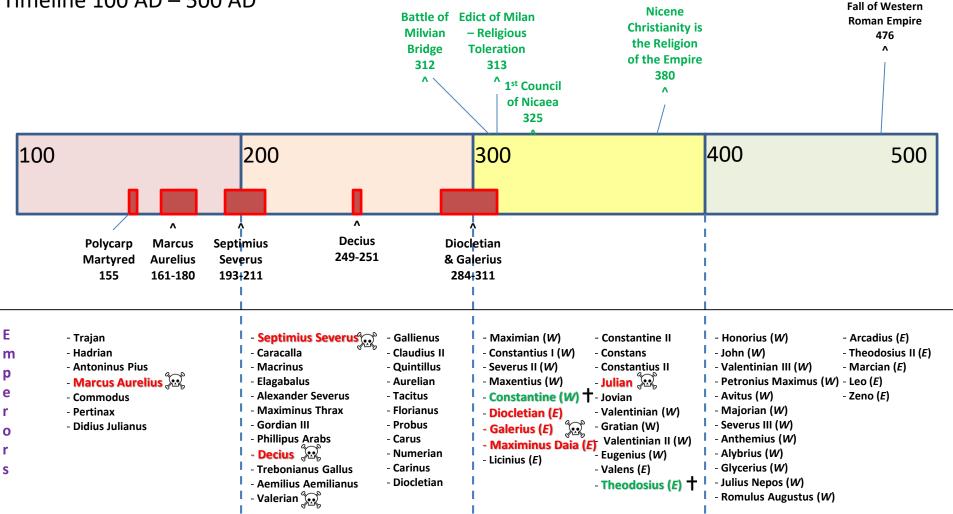
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Review – Ancient Church (100-500 AD)

Church & State Canon Councils

Church & State – Persecution and Adoption

Timeline 100 AD – 500 AD



Canon - The New Testament

100 AD	200 NT used in the Church at Rome	200 NT used by Origen	300 NT used by Eusebius	400 NT from the Council of Carthage
NT written but not collected and defined as scripture Gospels and Paul's letters quoted by likes of Polycarp and Ignatius Paul's letters collected late in 1 st Century Matthew, Mark, Luke brought together by 150	Four Gospels Acts Paul's Letters: - Romans - I & II Corinthians - Galatians - Ephesians - Philippians - Colossians - I & II Thessalonians - I & II Thessalonians - I & II Timothy - Titus - Philemon James I & II John Jude Revelation of John <i>Revelation of Peter</i> <i>Wisdom of Solomon</i> Shepherd of Hermas (private, not public use)	Four Gospels Acts Paul's Letters: - Romans - I & II Corinthians - Galatians - Ephesians - Philippians - Colossians - I & II Thessalonians - I & II Thessalonians - I & II Timothy - Titus - Philemon I Peter I John Revelation of John Disputed – <i>Hebrews</i> , <i>James, II Peter, II & III John</i> , <i>Jude</i> , The Shepherd of Hermas, Letter of Barnabas, Teaching of Twelve Apostles, Gospel of the Hebrews	Four Gospels Acts Paul's Letters: - Romans - I & II Corinthians - Galatians - Ephesians - Philippians - Colossians - I & II Thessalonians - I & II & II & II - Disputed but well - Known - James, - II Peter, II & III John, Jude	Four Gospels Acts Paul's Letters: - Romans - I & II Corinthians - Galatians - Ephesians - Philippians - Colossians - I & II Thessalonians - I & II & II Thessalonians - I & II & II & II - To be excluded - The Shepherd of Hermas, Letter of Barnabas, Gospel of the Hebrews, Revelation of Peter, Acts of Peter, Didache

II Timothy 3:16 – "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:"

Ecumenical Church Councils

Council at Nicaea – 325 AD

Results

Relationship between Father and Son – Jesus is **one substance** (homoousios <u>not</u> homoiousios) with the Father and eternal

Nicene Creed – First Draft

1st Council at Constantinople – 381 AD

Results

Confirmation of Nicaea (325 AD) – Jesus is **one substance** (homoousios) with the Father and eternal

Christology - Nature of Jesus as **fully God and fully man**. Apollinaris refuted.

Divinity of the Holy Spirit + divinity of Christ = **formalized doctrine of the Trinity**

The Niceno-Constantinopolitan [Nicene] Creed

... "And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets" Council at Ephesus – 431 AD

Results

Christology - Nature of Jesus as **fully God and fully man.** Another view (Nestorianism) refuted

Will, sin, and grace – Augustine of Hippo's view that man cannot overcome sin by himself chosen over Pelagius's view that he can.

Council at Chalcedon – 451 AD

Results

Christology - Nature of Jesus as **fully God and fully man.** Another view (Eutyches) refuted



Matthew 18:20 – "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

Matthew 3:16,17 – "And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." Review – Medieval Church (500-1500 AD)

Aftermath of the Fall of Rome Charlemagne Monasticism The Papacy Doctrine **Harbingers of the Reformation**

The Barbarians – Arianism & Paganism

FRANKS

- Unruly alliance of independent tribes united somewhat by Meroveus (or Merovech)
- Clovis based on victory in battle is baptized as "orthodox" Christian in 496. Wife was Burgundian Christian princess.
- Merovingians weaken and in 8th century are pushed from throne by Pepin (Charlemagne's dad)

BURGUNDIANS

- Some Christian influence (see above)
- Conquered by Franks in 534

ANGLO-SAXONS

- Pagans
- Asked to enter England after Romans leave to defend Roman Britons against tribal incursions from Wales and Scotland
- Rule most of England until 1066

CELTS

- Pagans
- Christianity comes to Ireland from Roman Britain (St. Patrick)
- Ireland becomes a missionary base to Scotland and Anglo-Saxon England

VISIGOTHS

- Arian Christians reasonably tolerant of orthodox
- Chaotic 19/34 kings died of non-combat related violence
- King Recared converts to orthodoxy in ~600 and Arianism disappears
- Rule Spain until it falls to Muslims (711-718)
- Isidore of Seville (*Etymologies*) early 7th century

OSTROGOTHS

- Arian Christians
- Persecuted orthodox Christians, feared a revolt aided by the Eastern Empire
 - Boethius (*The Consolation of Philosophy*) early 6th century

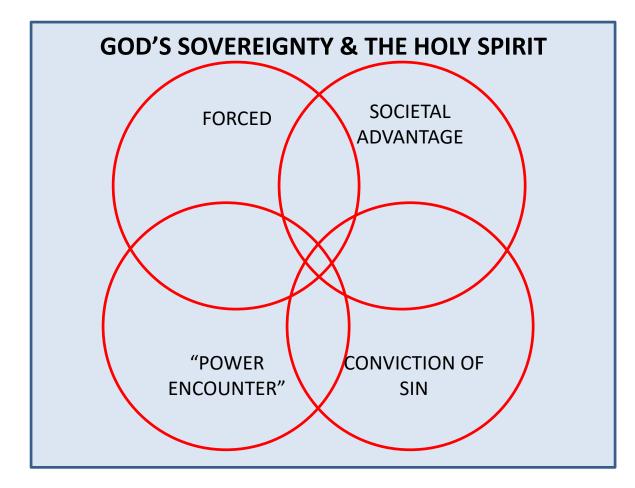
VANDALS

- Arian Christians who persecute orthodox
- Briefly fall to Byzantine Empire (Justinian)
- Fall to Muslims (struggle between orthodox, Arians, and Donatists weakens Christian resistance)

LOMBARDS (not shown on map)

- Pagan, later partial Arian
- Invade Italy in 568
- Byzantine Empire weak and unable to help defend Roman church
- Enter Pepin, Charlemagne, Holy Roman Empire⁷

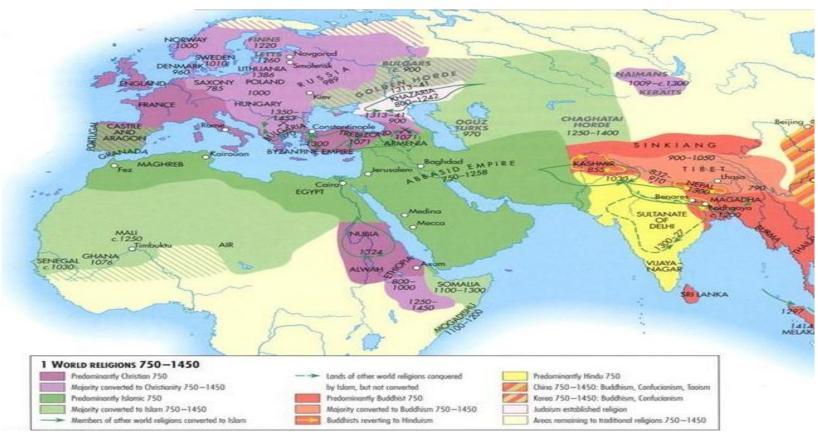
Why did Medieval Pagans and Arians Convert?



Mark 9:40-41 - For he that is not against us is on our part. For whosoever shall give you a cup of water to drink in my name, because ye belong to Christ, verily I say unto you, he shall not lose his reward.

Matthew 13:30 - Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn.

Expansion of Christianity



- Major Missionary Centers
 - Rome
 - England and Ireland (after they convert to Christianity)
 - Constantinople
- Charlemagne as Founder of [Christian] Europe

Carolingian Renaissance (Charlemagne lived 747 – 815)

- Charlemagne's rise was assisted significantly by alliance with the Church, Pope, and missionaries from Britain and Ireland
- Charlemagne and successors emphasize uniformity and discipline in education so that the church and government run effectively throughout the empire
 - Latin language, spelling, and writing
 - Church liturgy, church discipline
 - Government documents and processes
- Palace School established in Aachen capital of the Empire
 - Alcuin of York is headmaster
 - Learners from throughout the continent attended then went home and studied and taught at local monastic and cathedral schools
 - Schools generally copied and studied existing texts as opposed to authoring a lot of new material



Charlemagne and Alcuin



Aachen (reconstruction)

Proverbs 2:6 - For the Lord giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding.

"We have a true shaft of light within the relative cultural darkness of the early Middle Ages" — Steven Osmet

Benedict of Nursia (480 – 547)

- Born in Arian, Ostrogothic Italy
- Set out to become a hermit at age 20
- Attracted followers and with them set up monastery at Monte Cassino displacing pagan worship site
 - Sister Scholastica set up community for women there also
- <u>The Rule of St. Benedict</u> becomes the standard set of rules for western monasteries until the 12th century
 - Obedience to God, the rule, the abbot, other monastic officers, other brothers – No grumbling!
 - Stay busy
 - Communal prayer at regular times
 - Manual labor in fields or skilled crafts
 - □ Study of Psalms and other readings
 - Regulations for running a monastery
 - □ Importance of the monastery abbot
 - Each monastery as its own cell (i.e., no overriding central authority)



St. Benedict of Nursia



Monte Cassino Abbey reconstructed in the 1940s

"They should prefer nothing whatsoever to Christ, so that he may bring us together to everlasting life!" – Ch. 72, <u>The Rule of St. Benedict</u>

The Medieval Papacy - Summary

- The ideal attributes of a Medieval Pope
 - Vicar of St. Peter (later Christ)
 - Universal Bishop
 - > Temporal Lord

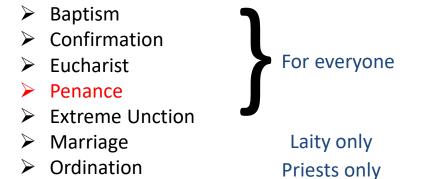
	Vicar of St. Peter Vicar of Christ	Universal Bishop	Temporal Lord
Primitive Age 500-1000	 Accepted as Vicar of Peter Late in period reputation tarnished by repugnant papal behavior 	- Limited reach beyond Rome in both West and East	 Minimal power wielded Nobles control Pope more than Pope controls nobles
Age of Growth 1050-1300	 Vicar of Christ as opposed to Peter Respect for Papacy generally high 	 Influence in West through councils, letters, etc. at a peak Very little influence in East (East-West schism) 	 Impact across the West is at its highest Papacy acting almost like a "Supreme Court"
Age of Unrest 1300-1500	 Reputation tarnished by Western schism and papal behavior 	 Retain influence but significantly impacted by Western schism Very little influence in East (Eastern schism) 	 Emerging nationalism, stronger royalty, and other factors reduce papal influence in temporal affairs

Report Card

Context – Church Doctrine

WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

• God's Grace is Imparted through the Seven Sacraments by the Church

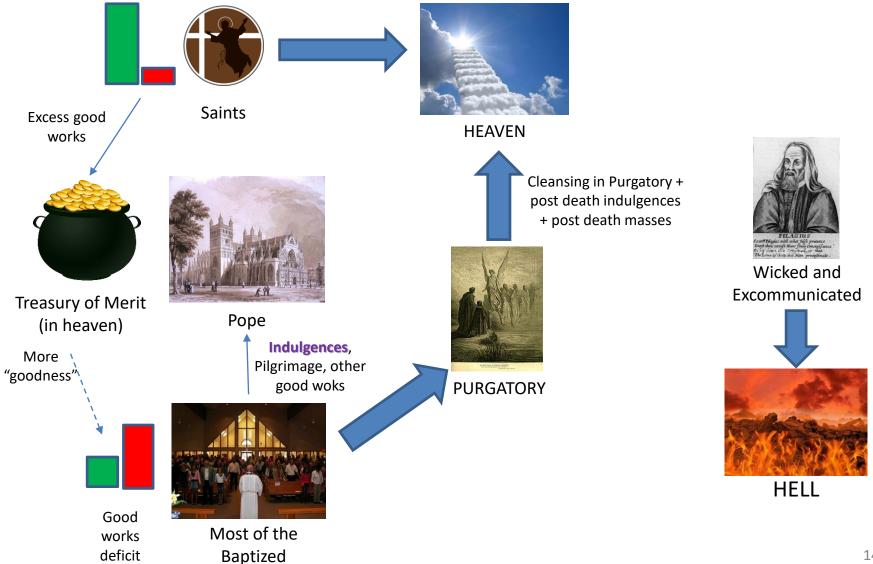




Acts 16:30-31 - And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved? And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.

Context – Church Doctrine

INDULGENCES AND THE TREASURY OF MERIT



Medieval Times - Sneak Previews of the Reformation

- Peter Waldo (d. ca. 1218) and the Waldensians
- Lyons (France)
- John Wycliffe (1320-1384)
- England
- Died peacefully but bones interred, burned, scattered

Bible authoritative over the Pope and Church Tradition Mark 7:9-13

> Bibles to all in the common language Joshua 1:8



- Jan Hus (1369-1415)
- Bohemia (Czech Republic)
- Burnt at the stake
- **Girolamo Savonarola** (1452-1498)
- Florence, Italy
- Hanged and burned

Poverty vs. worldliness and extravagance Matthew 6:19-20

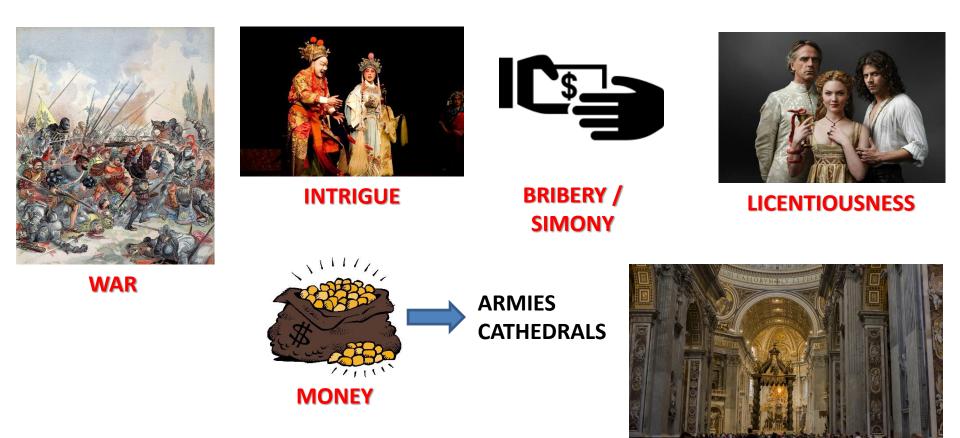
Indulgences – Bad! I John 1:9

Preach Scripture: Sermon vs. Mass II Timothy 4:1-2 Grace – Salvation by Faith Alone Ephesians 2:8-9

Review – 16th Century Reformation (1500-1600 AD)

Background Luther Denominations Conflict & Resolution(?)

Context – Early Renaissance Church Leadership



"... that the souls entrusted to the clergy receive great damage, for we are told that the majority of the clergy are living in open concubinage, and that if our justice intervene in order to punish them, they revolt and create a scandal, and that they despise our justice to the point they arm themselves against it." – Isabella of Castile

"Born Rodrigo de Borja y Borja, Alexander's [Pope Alexander VI] vices are infamous. He had children both before and after his election to the papacy. His life was so scandalous when he had been a cardinal that he had been rebuked by [Pope] Pius II" – A History of the Popes by Wyatt North Publishing 17

Martin Luther (1483-1546) – Just the Facts





- Born Eisleben, Saxony in 1483
- Initially set out to be a lawyer
- "Stormy" transition from lawyer to Augustinian monk
- School in Wittenberg
- Studies and teaches Bible
- Tetzel and Indulgences
- 95 Theses Challenges Indulgences (sorta' OK) and eventually the Authority of the Pope (not OK)
- Excommunicated by the Pope
- Tried (and convicted) by the Emperor
- Briefly In hiding at the Wartburg
- Marriage and family
- Dies in Eisleben in 1546



Journey to Grace

The Augustinian Monk - 1505

- "St. Anne if you help me I will become a monk"
- He did and tried hard
- "If ever a monk got to heaven by his monkery it was I"
- Long confessions whoops I missed something
- "Go out and do something really bad like kill your father and then come back"

The Ordained Luther's First Mass - 1507

- Breakdown Almost dropped the host
- Overwhelmed nervous frightened by God
- God is too close, too frightening, too demanding
- Flee "I do not love God, I hate God"
- Great, now I've committed blasphemy, too
- I can't live up to God's requirement for righteousness!

The Tower (Study Room) Experience - 1517

- Studying Romans 1 (again), the light comes on
- The righteousness of God is not God's *requirement and judgment* for failing to meet his requirements but rather God's *gift*
- "Thereupon I felt that I had been born again and entered paradise through wide-open doors"

"[I] beat importunately upon Paul at that place [v17] most ardently desiring to know what Saint Paul wanted" Romans 1:16-17 - For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.

16th Century Christian Denominations

Торіс	Roman Catholic	Lutheran Protestant	Reformed Protestant	Anabaptist Protestant
Persons Studied	Popes, Emperor, Ignatius of Loyola, Teresa of Avila	Luther, Melanchthon	Zwingli, Calvin, Knox	Simons
Authority	Bible (including Apocrypha), Tradition	Bible	Bible	Bible (emphasizing the New Testament)
Salvation	Grace + Works/effort	Grace	Grace	Grace (but works are a strong indicator of grace)
Eucharist	Transubstantiation – Through ritual priest changes bread to Christ's body	Consubstantiation – No priestly action required but Christ 's body is present	Christ's spiritual presence (commemorative act)	Remembrance
Liturgy / Worship	Focus on Christ's sacrifice but sermons improving Formal, priests, garments	Focus on sermon Bible - OK if not prohibited in the Bible	Focus on sermon Bible - OK only if included in the Bible	Focus on sermon (especially NT – e.g., Sermon on the Mount) Disdain for arcane theology
Infant Baptism	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Church Government	Hierarchical Centralized (Pope, Archbishops, Bishops)	National church oriented, King/Prince influences church – cuius regio, eius religio	Local church oriented - Ruling and Teaching Elders, Deacons	Informal – de-emphasize formal roles, role of church is appointing ministers
Relationship with Civil Government	Still highly intertwined Churches of France & Spain separating from Pope	Co-exist. Church oversees salvation, Civil Government ensures order	Tight integration between church leadership and government at local level (e.g., Geneva)	Government = corrupt Early century – overthrow Late century – separation, flee!
War	Justifiable, especially to put down heresy	Reluctant to get involved	Varies – Zwingli was all in, Calvin very reluctant until conditions in France virtually forced his hand	Many are pacifists

Denominations by Geography

