

## Church History In Plain Language

**One of the chief difficulties in studying the history of Christianity is the lack of prior exposure to the subject that students often bring with them. Struggling to keep up with the large numbers of names, dates, and places presented to them, it is easy for students to lose sight of the "big picture," the broad sweep of movement and change that instructors most wish to communicate. Justo Gonzalez has written this book to help students gain just such a quick and basic grasp of the main periods and issues in the history of Christianity. Drawing upon his own extensive experience and that of others, he contends that having been introduced to the essentials of church history in a brief and accessible form, students are far better able to understand and appreciate what they encounter in more detailed lectures and reading. Gonzalez provides a comprehensive opening chapter that summarizes major issues and concerns of each of the principal eras of church history. Subsequent chapters focus on the ancient church, the Christian empire, the Middle Ages, the Reformation, the seventeenth through nineteenth centuries, and the twentieth century and the end of modernity.**

**With more than 275,000 copies sold, this is the story of the Church for today's readers. This third edition improves the most engaging and readable single-volume history of the Church by bringing the story into the twenty-first century. Faced with some astonishing changes in the Islamic world, a global resurgence of Roman Catholicism, the decline of Christianity in the West coupled with the rapid growth of evangelical and Pentecostal Christianity in the southern and eastern hemispheres, readers need a current explanation with intellectual substance that will provide historical context and update readers on all these new developments. The new edition of Church History in Plain Language does that in a stimulating manner, and it promises to be the new standard for readable Church History. Features include: Includes contemporary developments, such as the growth of Christianity in China and the rise of global Islam**

**"A masterful study. . . . It does for ecological history what the writings of Marx and Engels did for the study of class relations and social production."—Michael Adas, Rutgers University**

**Witchcraft holds a perennial fascination for scholars and the public at large. In Southeast Asia malign magic and sorcery are part of the routine experience of villagers and urban dwellers alike, and stories appearing in the press from time to time bear witness to a persisting public concern. The essays presented in this volume describe what people believe and what actions result from those beliefs. Not surprisingly, given the range and variety of cultures, considerable differences exist in the region. Among some cultures, in Thailand and Indonesia for example, sorcerers are said to possess spirits that empower them to cause illness and misfortune. Elsewhere, in Malaysia and Sumatra, the power of the dukun derives from the accumulation of arcane knowledge and mystical practice. Contributors describe the witches and sorcerers they have met and suggest both how their societies look upon them and how we in turn should regard them. Understanding Witchcraft and Sorcery in Southeast Asia will appeal to scholars and students of social anthropology and comparative religion. Its substantial contribution to theoretical and comparative issues in a Southeast Asian context provides a fresh perspective on a stimulating topic.**

**The Age of Religious Conflict**

**The 100 Most Important Events in Christian History**

**An Essential Guide**

**A Crash Course for the Curious**

**An Introduction to the History of Christian Thought**

**The Highlights of Twenty Centuries**

The history of the church is filled with stories. Stories of triumph, stories of defeat, stories of joy, and stories of sorrow. These stories are a legacy of God's faithfulness to His people. Dr. Nichols provides postcards from the church through the centuries. These snapshots capture the richness of Christian history with glimpses of fascinating saints, curious places, and dramatic turns of events. In exploring them, Dr. Nichols takes the reader on a lively and informative journey through the record of God's providence to encourage, challenge, and enjoy. This is the history. "THE CENTURIES OF CHURCH HISTORY GIVE US A LITANY OF GOD'S DELIVERANCES. GOD HAS DONE IT BEFORE, MANY TIMES AND IN MANY WAYS, AND HE CAN DO IT AGAIN. HE WILL DO IT AGAIN. AND IN THAT, WE FIND COURAGE FOR TODAY AND FOR TOMORROW."

This popularly-written introduction to church history takes the reader from the early Church Fathers to the days of the modern missionary movement.

The fourth volume of 2,000 Years of Christ's Power spans from the 16th to the 18th century. It presents a time from which English Protestantism, Scottish Presbyterianism, and a few, were birthed and refined.

Here is a fine collection of the most important source materials for the history of Christianity, in a compact and attractive little volume. --The Christian Century

An Ecological History of India

Recollections of Death

Church History for Young Readers

Church History 101

A History of the Development of Doctrine

Church History

"Each successive generation has an uncanny tendency to view itself as more enlightened than those that preceded it. The church certainly has made mistakes all through history - and yet we would not possess the insights we have today without the efforts, and even some of the mistakes, of our predecessors. The first volume of 2,000 Years of Christ's Power covers the period from the 1st Century AD to the start of the Middle Ages. From the works of Saint Augustine of Hippo to the first apologetic ever penned, the foundations of what we take for granted today were established during this time in history."--Page [4] of cover.

Church history is important because it shows us how God's faithful dealings with His people in the Bible continue in the ongoing life and work of Christ in our world. If you have ever wished for a short book highlighting church history's most important events that will enlighten your mind and peak your interest, this is the one you've been waiting for. Three prolific church historians collaborate their efforts in Church History 101 to present you with a quick read of church history's high points.

Christian History Made Easy summarizes the most important events in the history of the church, from the time of Jesus to modern day. Christian History Made Easy explains early church history, the Church Councils, the Great Schism, the Crusades, Francis of Assisi, John Wycliffe, Martin Luther, the Protestant Reformation, and more. Christian History Made Easy presents key church history events and great Christian leaders everyone should know, along with full-color church history timelines, photos, pictures, and maps. The study guide and worksheets in the back makes this book an excellent Bible Study, adults Sunday school topics, or homeschool curriculum. Author Timothy Paul Jones makes Christian history refreshingly fun while at the same time informing Christians about the history of the Christian faith. Full-color, 224 pages, paperback, 6 x 9 inches. Theologian J. I. Packer says Christian History Made Easy is, "...a beautifully simple, beginner-friendly telling of Christian history, a precious heritage."/strong  Christian History Made Easy Covers Major Events in Church History Early Church History The Early Church—Peter and Paul, the Age of the Apostles, The Destruction of the Temple and Jerusalem scatters Christians Early Church Fathers Persecution of Christians—Emperor Nero and Domitian, Martyrdom of Peter, Paul, Ignatius, Polycarp, Justin Martyr Christianity legalized in the Roman Empire, Emperor Constantine, Christianity the official religion in the Roman Empire The Byzantine Era The Council of Nicaea, The Nicene Creed Augustine, Jerome translates the Bible into Latin, St. Patrick Fall of the Roman Empire, rise of the Eastern Orthodox Church Gregory the Great, Rise of Monasticism Rise of Islam and the Islamic Conquest in Europe, Charles Martel, Charlemagne East/West Church Schism (Photian Schism), Leif Ericson converts to Christianity Great Schism, Hildebrand reforms the church, the Crusades, Lateran Councils, Richard the Lionheart Pre-Reformation Church History Middle Ages, Bubonic Plague, John Wycliffe, the Wycliffe Bible The Renaissance, Jan Hus, Joan of Arc, Ottomans capture the Christian city of Constantinople, Johann Gutenberg's printing press The Protestant Reformation Erasmus, Martin Luther, 95 Theses, Ulrich Zwingli, William Tyndale, King Henry VIII, The Geneva Bible, The Matthew's Bible, Church of England history, John Knox, Queen Mary Tudor, Queen Elizabeth I, King James Version Bible Galileo, Pilgrim's Progress, Quaker founded, first Protestant missionary societies The Great Awakening and Church History in America and Europe John and Charles Wesley, George Whitefield, Handel writes the Messiah, Sunday school is developed, John Newton writes "Amazing Grace." Divisions over slavery in Baptist history Abolition, William Wilberforce, Charles Finney leads revivals, George Muller's faith orphanage, YMCA and YWCA founded, Charles Spurgeon, Salvation Army founded Church History in the 20th and 21st Century Amy Carmichael, Irish missionary to India, Azusa Street, Scofield Bible, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Billy Graham, Discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls, Modern political State of Israel C.S. Lewis, major evangelistic crusades in Latin America and Korea, Roman Catholic church apologizes for lack of leadership during the Holocaust Each Chapter of Christian History Made Easy Includes Key events Key concepts Names you should know Terms you should know Bible maps and time-lines Things to think about Clarification of words At the end of each chapter is a student guide, student worksheet, learning activity and quiz Endorsement for Christian History Made Easy "Rose's product line includes a wonderful collection of high quality, visually attractive materials that lend themselves to learning the basics of the Christian Faith. In most areas where alternative views exist, they are faithfully presented leaving the reader to decide which best fits their understanding of scripture...I have used Christian History Made Easy for my Sunday school class and found it to be very well done. This book has a great collection of auxiliary Study Guide questions. The author, Timothy Paul Jones is obviously a practiced teacher. I used an early edition. The recent upgrade of this package looks even better..." —Dr. Gene A. Stringer, Elder, Christian Church of Ashland, Oregon Endorsements and biography for Author Timothy Paul Jones "Dr. Timothy Paul Jones is a brilliant young biblical scholar who helps simplify the complex. His [resources] are great and sorely needed during our time when many are biblically illiterate and know even less about Church history." —Dr. Jerry Newcombe, author, TV host, and spokesperson for Truth that Transforms with Dr. D. James Kennedy (formerly The Coral Ridge Hour) About the Author: Dr. Timothy Paul Jones  "Dr. Timothy Paul Jones" style="float:left; margin:0 15px 10px 0" Timothy Paul Jones serves as a professor of Christian ministry and as associate vice president at the Southern Baptist Theological seminary, where he teaches courses in applied apologetics and family ministry. Before teaching at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, he led churches in Missouri and Oklahoma as pastor and associate pastor. Dr. Jones has authored or contributed to more than a dozen books, including PROOF; Conspiracies and the Cross; and, Christian History Made Easy. In 2007, Charles Colson listed him as one of "four names you need to know" when responding to the new atheists and in 2010, Christian Retailing magazine selected Christian History Made Easy as the book of the year in the field of Christian education. He is married to Rayann and they have three daughters. The Jones family works in SojournKids and community group ministry at Sojourn Community Church. A Message from Timothy Paul Jones, author of Christian History Made Easy My name is Timothy Paul Jones, and I love living in the city of Louisville with my wife and daughters. Over the past two decades, I've had the privilege of leading several

congregations as a pastor and in associate ministry roles. Now, I serve as associate professor of leadership and as associate vice president at one of the largest seminaries in the world, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Here, I invest my time in mentoring a rising generation of God-called ministers of the gospel. I also edit *The Journal of Discipleship and Family Ministry* and write books in the fields of history, apologetics, and family ministry. I enjoy spending time with my family, meandering along city streets, visiting baseball parks, drinking French-pressed coffee, eating locally-produced foods, and cooking for friends. My family is involved in children's ministry at the east campus of Sojourn Community Church.  Christian History Made Easy WINNER of the Christian Retailers' Choice Awards 2010 for the "most significant new life-changing products in the Christian retail industry" in the Christian Education category See this press release from Southern Baptist Seminary: <http://news.sbts.edu/2010/04/27/jones-book-receives-christian-retailers-award/> Note to professors: For exam or desk copy policy click [HERE](#). Notification About Prior Edition This book is the deluxe full-color edition of the original black-and-white edition. The first edition was ISBN 1890947105 or ISBN 13: 9781890947101 (Product code 416X) !-- Preview -- Look Inside: Sample Pages of RBB: Christian History Made Easy !-- Insert issue script -- !-- End issue script -- !-- End Preview --

It's about time that someone wrote church history that tells about people, not just about "eras" and "ages." *Church History in Plain Language* taps the roots of our Christian family tree. It combines authoritative research with a captivating style to bring our heritage home to us.

*A Medical Investigation*

*What You Should Know to Make Sense out of Life*

*Christian Ethics in Plain Language*

*Actors in the Audience*

*An Invitation to Love and Learn from Our Past*

*Now That You're a Christian*

**Written by college professors in plain language, this guide to the basics of the Christian faith answers real questions students ask about the Bible, God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, the church, how we should live, the future and more.**

**A Mighty Weapon of Spiritual Warfare You know that "there's power in the blood," just like the old hymn says—but are you actually experiencing that power in your daily life? Join H. A. Maxwell Whyte in this revealing exploration of the blessings to be found in Christ's blood. As you delve deep into this newly revised and expanded version of Whyte's classic best seller, you will find out how to... Experience God's complete forgiveness Become spiritually empowered, equipped, and energized Break the terrifying grip of fear and torment Create an atmosphere for miracles Defeat oppression, addictions, and sickness Astounding results can take place in your life once you learn the value of this vital yet little-wielded weapon in the believer's arsenal and how God wants us to use it in coping with life's difficult situations. Discover the wonder-working power of the blood for yourself!**

**An absorbing survey of the history of the Christian church from A.D. 33 to the present, including a comprehensive section on the church in the United States and Canada. An ideal text for secondary schools and Bible institutes.**

**Evangelicalism's premier historian provides a general introduction to church history.**

**Documents of the Christian Church**

**Torn to Heal**

**The Power of the Blood**

**2,000 Years of Christ's Power Vol. 1**

**This Fissured Land**

**Christian History Made Easy**

**God always intended to have a people to love: a church Jesus said nothing could destroy (Matthew 16:18). Simonetta shows how God has kept this promise for two thousand years.**

**In this concise, accessible guide, author Christopher Catherwood takes his readers through the history of the faith, educating them about the uniqueness of Christianity from its birth to the diverse, global Evangelical Church we know today. Church History is the perfect place to start for anyone who wants to know where to begin this quest for knowledge. Enjoy discovering more about the lives of men and women from various times and places, not only to better understand the church, but also to know how to live wisely in this age. These are some of the many reasons why history is so important. From those who desire to learn more about their fellow followers of Jesus Christ throughout history to those who want to learn more about church for themselves, this book will test you to dig deeper in your faith.**

**Explores the iconography, dogma, and liturgy of Greek, Slavic, and Syriac forms of Christianity.**

**Does it matter how Christians in other times and places thought? For many contemporary Christians, questions about the role and value of church history can be difficult to tackle. Veteran teacher Bob Rea addresses these barriers, skillfully explaining not only why church history matters, but the difference it makes for life and ministry.**

**A Little History of the World**

**The Rise and Growth of the Church in Its Cultural, Intellectual, and Political Context**

**2,000 Years of Christ's Power Vol. 4**

**Quilted Projects from Scraps and Stash**

**Theology Questions Everyone Asks**

**Christian Theology in Plain Language**

*Theology is not just for theologians. In our everyday lives, says Bruce Shelley, theology is nothing more than the beliefs Christians use to describe truth. It's necessary, important and accessible to all of us. To prove his point, the popular author of Christian History in Plain Language lays out the basic beliefs of our faith in an appealing, conversational style. "Throughout these chapters," Shelley says, "I have tried to imagine a long walk with a friend, new Christian or non-Christian, who has just asked me, 'What do you mean by the Christian faith?' " Here is the answer, including the Garden and the Fall, the cross, God the Trinity and the mystery of suffering in our world. At the end of this "walk," you will know for certain: This is an extraordinary book for ordinary people.*

*The first in a series of three books that survey the history of the church from its beginning to the present day.*

*Tacitus, Suetonius, and Juvenal all figure in Bartsch's shrewd analysis of historical and literary responses to the brute facts of empire; even the Panegyricus of Pliny the Younger now appears as a reaction against the widespread awareness of dissimulation.*

*From Bruce Bickel and Stan Jantz, authors of Knowing the Bible 101, a trim, 45-page booklet is perfect for new believers, Christians who want a handy evangelistic tool, and churchgoers who are ready to rediscover the essentials of the Christian life. Readers will immediately connect with Bruce and Stan's honest, encouraging responses to questions new Christians often ask: What do I do next? Am I expected to follow some rules and regulations? What have I gotten myself into? Brief chapters on eternal security, new life in Christ, and the ministry of the Holy Spirit set the tone for this clear and compelling introduction to the faith. With their engaging, straightforward style, Bruce and Stan explain what God has done for humanity, what God wants people to do so they can know Him better, and how individuals can reflect the love of Christ to the world.*

*Historical Theology*

*The Christian Tradition*

*Understanding Witchcraft and Sorcery in Southeast Asia*

*Turning Points*

*40 Common Misconceptions*

*The Church in History*

**The Zondervan Essential Companion to Christian History gives you what it promises: the essentials. Following a brief introduction that outlines the key events of the New Testament era, there is a chapter devoted to each century of Christian history beginning with the year 100 and ending roughly at the year 2000. Each chapter flows chronologically featuring: A brief overview, highlighting the main threads and issues running through the relevant century Key historical developments explained Thematic connections between centuries Color-coded sidebars on Persons, Ideas, or Events Persons: key figures either within or without the Church who have impacted Christian history significantly or who otherwise deserve special mention Ideas: important Christian books, as well as heresies, doctrines, or political movements Events: world-historical occurrences such as battles, natural disasters, inventions, or elections that have affected the development of Christianity in the world The final chapter, devoted to the present century concludes the companion identifying key themes that the Christian Church is presently dealing with and suggesting future issues. A select Glossary of terms is provided at the end of the book, as well as a bibliographic list of suggested reading. This highly informative, broad-ranging book provides vital facts on the growth and impact of Christianity from the apostles to the present day not only in the Western world but also globally, including the development of Eastern Orthodox and Armenian Christianity, as well as considering Christianity in Latin America, Southeast Asia, the Baltic and Slavic states, and India. The companion is organized by century, going through the major events, ideas, and personalities that have shaped Christian history around the world. Whether you are a student or a lay person, a church-goer or unacquainted with Christianity, this book will help you grasp the global, multifaceted story of Christians.**

**The author is one of the foremost authorities on lustreware and has incorporated all the latest research into his text. In some cases this has necessitated a rethinking of previously held theories and this adds greatly to the book's interest for collectors. The reader is taken from lustreware's beginnings in 1805 through its heyday in the first half of that century, with later lustrewares also touched on. The techniques of lustring are described in some detail and there is a comprehensive coverage of the companies and personalities involved in its manufacture - everything, in fact, that the collector needs to know.**

**Urban Legends of Church History surveys forty of the most commonly misunderstood events of church history from the period of the early church through the modern age. While these "urban legends" sometimes arise out of falsehood or fabrication, they are often the product of an exaggerated recounting of actual historical events. With a pastoral tone and helpful explanations, authors John Adair and Michael Svigel tackle legendary misconceptions, such as the early church worshiping on Saturday and the unbroken chain of apostolic succession. Urban Legends of Church History will correct misunderstandings of key events in church history and guide readers in applying principles that have characterized the Christian church since the first century.**

The story of Christianity is an immeasurably fascinating one. A faith that began in Roman occupied Palestine, as a small and fugitive faction within Judaism, grew, thrived and finally "conquered" the empire that had sought to exterminate it. Then, over many centuries and in many lands, it became the vital source from which new civilizations sprang. At times, its geographical range expanded mightily, at others contracted perilously. At times, the church proved heroically true to its deepest moral principles; at others, inexcusably traitorous to them. But, by the beginning of the 21st century, this faith that began in such fragility, and that became so powerful—even though its temporal power has now receded in its historic homelands—is the most widespread and diverse of all religions. Christianity is rapidly taking root in cultures very different from those in which it was born and in which it once flourished, and is assuming configurations that could not have been anticipated a century ago. In *The Story of Christianity*, the distinguished theologian David Bentley Hart provides a broad picture of Christian history. Presented in 50 short chapters—each focusing on a critical facet of Christian history or theology, and each amplified by timelines, quotations, and color images—his magisterial account does full justice to the range of Christian tradition, belief and practice—Eastern Orthodox, Roman Catholic, Anglican, Presbyterian, Evangelical, Coptic, Chaldean, Ethiopian Orthodox, Armenian Orthodox, Malankaran, to name but a few of the many possibilities. From the persecutions of the early church to the papal-imperial conflicts of the Middle Ages, from the religious wars of 16th and 17th-century Europe to the challenges of science and secularism in the modern era, and from the ancient Christian communities of Africa and Asia to the "house churches" of contemporary China, *The Story of Christianity* triumphantly captures the heterogeneous richness of Christian history.

**Church History, Volume Two: From Pre-Reformation to the Present Day**

**God's Good Purpose in Suffering**

**Theology for Ordinary People**

**5 Minutes in Church History**

**Theatricality and Doublespeak from Nero to Hadrian**

**Updated 2nd Edition**

Brush up on the people, places, and events every Christian should know about with this fascinating, accessible guide. Ideal for pastors and speakers.

Freshly updated for this second edition with considerable new material, this authoritative introduction to the history of Christian theology covers its development from the beginnings of the Patristic period just decades after Jesus's ministry, through to contemporary theological trends. A substantially updated new edition of this popular textbook exploring the entire history of Christian thought, written by the bestselling author and internationally-renowned theologian Features additional coverage of orthodox theology, the Holy Spirit, and medieval mysticism, alongside new sections on liberation, feminist, and Latino theologies, and on the global spread of Christianity Accessibly structured into four sections covering the Patristic period, the Middle Ages and Renaissance, the reformation and post-reformation eras, and the modern period spanning 1750 to the present day, addressing the key issues and people in each Includes case studies and primary readings at the end of each section, alongside comprehensive glossaries of key theologians, developments, and terminology Supported by additional resources available on publication at [www.wiley.com/go/mcgrath](http://www.wiley.com/go/mcgrath)

Traces the history of the Church, focusing on the motivations of its founders, conflicts, key figures, and defining events over the centuries.

This book provides a comprehensive introduction to Christian ethics, suitable for individual study or textbook use in a Bible college or seminary. The first four chapters survey of the field of Christian ethics before focusing on specific issues. Eighteen chapters confront all of the issues faced by believers today, including a discussion of racial issues that goes beyond black and white, business ethics on this side of Enron, and war and international relations in light of today's headlines.

*The Story of Christianity*

*Church History in Plain Language*

*19th Century Lustreware*

*Zondervan Essential Companion to Christian History*

*A Guide to Your Faith in Plain Language*

*Illustrated Edition*

*E. H. Gombrich's Little History of the World, though written in 1935, has become one of the treasures of historical writing since its first publication in English in 2005. The Yale edition alone has now sold over half a million copies, and the book is available worldwide in almost thirty languages. Gombrich was of course the best-known art historian of his time, and his text suggests illustrations on every page. This illustrated edition of the Little History brings together the pellucid humanity of his narrative with the images that may well have been in his mind's eye as he wrote the book. The two hundred illustrations—most of them in full color—are not simple embellishments, though they are beautiful. They emerge from the text, enrich the author's intention, and deepen the pleasure of reading this remarkable work. For this edition the text is reset in a spacious format, flowing around illustrations that range from paintings to line drawings, emblems, motifs, and symbols. The book incorporates freshly drawn maps, a revised preface, and a new index. Blending high-grade design, fine paper, and classic binding, this is both a sumptuous gift book and an enhanced edition of a timeless account of human history.*

*Provides instructions for a variety of small quilted projects made from vintage quilt blocks, fabric scraps, beads, and other embellishments, and features a gallery of finished items.*

*Church History, Volume Two chronicles the events, the triumphs, and the struggles of the Christian movement from the years leading up to the Reformation through the next five centuries to the present-day. Looking closely at the integral link between the history of the world and that of the church, Church History paints a portrait of God's people within the context of the times, cultures, and developments that both influenced and were influenced by the church.*

*FEATURES: Maps, charts, and illustrations spanning the time from the thirteenth century to today. Explanations of all the major denominational movements, traditions, and schisms during and after the Reformation. Overviews of the Christian movement in Africa, eastern Europe, Asia, and Latin America to cover the scope of the ecumenical environment of the twenty-first century. Insights into the role and influence of politics, culture and societal norms, and technology on the Western church. Unbiased details on the major theological controversies and issues of each period. AUTHORS' PERSPECTIVE: Authors John D. Woodbridge and Frank A. James III wrote this history of the church*

*from the perspective that such a history is the story of the greatest movement and community the world has known—as imperfect as it still is. It's a human story of a divinely called people who want to live by a divine revelation. It's a story of how they succeeded and how they failed and of how they are still trying to live out their calling. From the Reformation theologians in Europe to the revivalists, apologists, and Christian thinkers all over the world, the historical figures detailed are people who have struggled with the meaning of the greatest event in history—the coming of the Son of God—and with their role in that event and in the lives of God's people.*

*From the 1960s to the 1990s, Christians dove into fascinating timelines of the past with the Church in History series a popular presentation of the nearly two thousand years of people and events that have formed our definition of Church. In 2011, Church history explorers were given the content of the six volumes in one book, which featured fresh content that brought readers into the twenty-first century.*

*Christian Faith in Plain Language*

*Why Church History Matters*

*Urban Legends of Church History*

*Sketches from Church History*

*Decisive Moments in the History of Christianity*

*Charts of Ancient and Medieval Church History*