

CHURCH HISTORY DATES

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>(Note: Christian Calendar off 4-6 years)</u>	<u>APPROXIMATE DATE</u>
Jesus' birth		AD 1
Jesus began public ministry		AD 30
Jesus disciplined his followers		AD 30-33
Jesus' death, resurrection and ascension		AD 33
Pentecost		AD 33
Church gathered daily on Solomon's Porch, streets, market place & house to house		AD 33
Church gathered as the Body with Christ as the Head		AD 33
Priesthood of all believers ministering in spiritual gifts		AD 33
Plurality of servant leadership by example		AD 33
Disciples scattered abroad by persecution		AD 38
Conversion of Saul of Tarsus		AD 38
Paul's missionary journeys begin		AD 46
Council of Jerusalem: Salvation through grace (Acts 15:11)		AD 50
Paul's death		AD 68
Jerusalem temple destroyed By Titus		AD 70
John the apostle's death		AD 100
Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch, wrote his seven epistles (Not included in Cannon)		AD 107
Clement of Rome: Elders/pastors/bishops different function		AD 117
Clement of Rome: Clergy/Laity distinguished		AD 117
Clement of Rome: One-man pastor leadership		AD 117
First mention of infant baptism		AD 215
Construction of first known church building under Emperor Serverus		AD 235
Earliest mention of "clergy" being salaried		AD 245
Earliest beginnings of monasticism by Anthony		AD 270
Prayers for the dead		AD 300
Making the sign of the cross		AD 300
Emperor Constantine converted to Christianity		AD 312
Council of Milan: ministers licensed by the State		AD 313
Council of Milan: ministers became full-time & salaried		AD 313
Council of Milan: edict concerning construction of church buildings		AD 313
(Period of Dark Ages in history)		AD 313-1525
Use of wax candles		AD 320
Constantine declared Sunday a civil holiday (Holy Day)		AD 321
Church buildings built throughout the Roman world		AD 324
Temple/Synagogue style worship		AD 324
Pews & theater seating arrangement		AD 324
Chanters, choirs & hymnbooks		AD 324
Altars Erected		AD 324
Baptisteries placed in buildings		AD 324

Council of Nicene: First Church Creed established	AD 325
Council of Nicene: bishop supremacy	AD 325
Veneration of angels, dead saints and use of images	AD 375
Christianity becomes the State Religion under Emperor Theodosius	AD 378
Mass as a daily celebration	AD 394
Council of Carthage: canonization of Scripture	AD 397
Latin Vulgate Bible by Jerome	AD 405
Edict of Innocent I: Compulsory infant baptism	AD 407
Council of Ephesus: exaltation of Mary as the mother of God	AD 431
Leo the Great pronounced himself as Bishop of Rome	AD 452
Ministers established common dress code	AD 500
Extreme Unction	AD 526
First monastic order begun by Benedict of Nursia	AD 529
Christian calendar established by Dionysius Exiguus	AD 550
(Mohammed begins Religion of Islam)	AD 570
Gregory became the head of the Church of Rome	AD 590
Doctrine of Purgatory by Gregory I	AD 593
Latin used in prayer and worship by Gregory I	AD 600
Mass as known today established by Pope Gregory	AD 604
Boniface III bishop of Rome adopted the title Pope	AD 607
Temporal power of popes by Pepin, King of the Franks	AD 750
Organs first put into church buildings	AD 609
Kissing the pope's feet begins with Pope Constantine	AD 709
Worship of the cross, images and relics	AD 786
Use of holy water with salt blessed by priests	AD 850
Worship of Joseph as a saint	AD 890
Canonization of dead saints	AD 993
College of Cardinals established	AD 927
Baptism of bells by Pope John XIII	AD 965
Canonization of dead saints by Pope John XV	AD 995
Fasting on Fridays and during Lent	AD 998
Mass as a sacrifice begins	AD 1050
Final division of East/West Church	AD 1054
Celibacy of priesthood by Pope Gregory VII (Hildebrand)	AD 1079
Rosary and praying with beads by Peter the Hermit	AD 1090
Christian and Muslim Crusades	AD 1100-1400
Church buildings add towers and steeples	AD 1100
Sale of indulgences	AD 1190
Transubstantiation of wafer and wine by Pope Innocent III	AD 1215
Confession of sins to a priest by Pope Innocent III in Lateran Council	AD 1215
Adoration of the wafer (Host) by Pope Honorius III	AD 1220
Bible declared too holy & forbidden to be read by laymen by Council of Valencia	AD 1229
Scapular first used (special cloth around neck on front & back)	AD 1251

Wycliffe (1330-1384) translates Bible into English	AD 1380
John Huss (1374-1415) reformation influence	AD 1398
Communion cup forbidden lay people by Council of Constance	AD 1414
Doctrine of purgatory decreed by Council of Florence	AD 1439
Dogma of seven sacraments affirmed	AD 1439
Fall of the Roman Empire	AD 1453
Gutenberg prints first Bible	AD 1453
Columbus discovers America	AD 1492
Reformation: Martin Luther (1483-1546) 95 Thesis at Wittenberg	AD 1517
Reformation of Theology	AD 1517
Tyndal's English translation	AD 1520
Zwingli, Calvin, Knox influence in Reformation	AD 1522
Anabaptists influence	AD 1525
Beginning of Separation of Church & State	AD 1525
Pulpit stands, other pulpit furnishings and elevated platforms	AD 1540
Council of Trent: Tradition and Scripture of equal authority	AD 1545
Apocryphal books added to the Bible by Council of Trent	AD 1546
Official Catholic Creed imposed by Pope Pius IV	AD 1560
King James translation of the Bible	AD 1611
John Bunyan's "The Pilgrim's Progress published	AD 1678
Huguenots Influence	AD 1698
Isaac Watt's Hymns and Spiritual Songs published	AD 1707
Moravian Brethren missionary movement`	AD 1727
Jonathan Edward and the Great Awakening in America colonies	AD 1735
John Wesley's conversion and brother Charles' influence	AD 1738
Sunday Schools established in England and later in United States	AD 1738
United States declares Independence from England	AD 1776
William Carey's missionary to India	AD 1793
Restoration Movement begun by Campbell brothers	AD 1811
Foreign Missionary Boards in United States with Judson sailing to India	AD 1812
Crusade evangelism in England & US with Finney, Moody, Sankey, Crosby	AD 1830
Beginning of altar calls and walking the aisle	AD 1830
Rise in false religions & cults: i.e., Mormonism	AD 1830
Dispensational Scripture interpretation by Plymouth Brethren, Darby	AD 1830
Immaculate Conception of Virgin Mary by Pope Pius IX	AD 1854
Hudson Taylor begins missionary work in China	AD 1854
Spurgeon becomes pastor in London	AD 1854
David Livingston publishes "Missionary Travels" about African missions	AD 1857
Syllabus of Errors asserted pope's temporal authority over all civil rulers	AD 1864
William Booth founds the Salvation Army	AD 1865
Papal Infallibility in matters of faith and morals by Pope Pius IX	AD 1870
Immaculate Conception of Mary: Pope Pius IX	AD 1870
Rise in false religions & cults: i.e., Jehovah's Witnesses	AD 1872

Student Volunteer Movement of young people involved in missions	AD 1886
Gideon International organized	AD 1899
Beginning of airplane flight with Kitty Hawk invented by Wright Brothers	AD 1903
Pentecostal movement begins with Asuza Street revival	AD 1906
World War I begins	AD 1914
First Christian radio broadcast	AD 1921
Worldwide Economic Depression w/Stock Market Crash	AD 1929
Wycliffe Bible translators aspire to bring Bible to every language group	AD 1934
Age, sex, grade grouping & separation of families in churches in United States	AD 1935
World War II begins in Europe in 1939 w/USA joining in 1941	AD 1939-1941
United Nations founded	AD 1945
Israel formed as a nation	AD 1948
World Council of Churches is formed	AD 1948
Billy Graham nation-wide evangelism crusades begin in California	AD 1949
Para-church in US: i.e., Youth for Christ, Navigators, Campus Crusade	AD 1944-1951
Assumption of the Virgin Mary (bodily ascension) by Pope Pius XII	AD 1950
Cold War begins with the Soviet Union in 1950(Ends in1992)	AD 1950
Full Gospel movement begins in United States	AD 1951
Lay Renewal movement begins	AD 1952
Para-church in US: i.e., Teen Challenge, Youth with a Mission	AD 1958-1960
Increase in church building construction in United States	AD 1960
Charismatic movement grows in United States	AD 1960
Feminist movement increases in the United States	AD 1960
Home Churches in China and England	AD 1960
Reformation of Ecclesiology	AD 1960s
Second Vatican Council promotes new attitudes and practices	AD 1962
Space travel with John Glenn orbiting the earth	AD 1962
Mary proclaimed as Mother of God by Pope Paul VI	AD 1965
Mass media growth around the world: i.e., Trinity Broadcasting Network	AD 1973
Biblical house churches in United States	AD 1970s
Rise in Para-church groups: i.e., Christ for the Nations & Mercy Ships	AD 1970-1978
Rise in cults: i.e. Jim Jones	AD 1979
Increase in Open Churches, Churches without Walls, Relational Churches	AD 1985
Surge in construction of mega-church buildings in United States	AD 1990
Men's organizations begin: i.e., Promise Keepers, Prison Ministries spread in US	AD 1990
Renewed emphasis of Ephesians 4 equipping gifted leadership	AD 1990
Spontaneous increase in biblical house churches throughout USA	AD 1990's
Cold War ended with collapse of the Soviet Union	AD 1992
Believers in third world countries experience great persecution and more believers are martyred in the 20th Century than all previous centuries combined	AD 2000
Muslim extremists attack United States and US declares War on terrorism	AD 2001
Information Age with volume of knowledge doubling every three years	AD 2002

Heinous crimes against humanity increase	AD 2002
Population of the world increases to six + billion	AD 2002
Diseases, pestilence, famine & earthquakes continue to increase	AD 2002
Christianity increases in Asia, Africa, S.A & decreases in Europe, US	AD 2002
Biblical house churches increase throughout the world, i.e. China with 100 million + believers	AD 2002
Unprecedented growth of Christianity in the world: Christianity is growing three times faster than the world's population with 180,000 converts per day (i.e. Latin America- 35,000, China-30,000 and Africa 20,000) at 6.9 growth; Muslims 2.7; Hindus 2.2; Buddhists 1.7. According to the latest statistics of Christians in the world today: Latin America-480 million; Africa-360 million (42% of population); Asia-313 million and Europe & North America-200 million for a total of over 1.35 billion believers.	AD 2002
Worldwide earthquakes, tsunamis, hurricanes, pestilences, famines, diseases, epidemics, Muslim Jihad, religious conflicts, cultural wars between East and West, Muslim population explosion and a decrease in the European population.	AD 2003-2007

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