

A BRIEF TIMELINE OF CHURCH HISTORY

- AD 33—Establishment of the true church in Jerusalem
- AD 70--Destruction of the temple by Roman armies; end of the Jewish nation
- Ca AD 100—Death of the last inspired apostle, completion of the Bible
- Ca AD 125—Beginnings of departure in church organization (development of a bishopric)
- AD 251—Sprinkling substituted for immersion; increasing concentration of power in the church at Rome
- AD 303 to 311—The Roman Emperor Diocletian attempts to eradicate Christianity from the Roman Empire (Age of the Martyrs)
- AD 313—Constantine ends the persecution of Christians and institutes reforms which culminate in Christianity becoming the dominant religion of the Roman Empire
- AD 330--Constantine moves the capital of the Roman Empire to Turkey, resulting in the establishment of the Eastern Roman (Byzantine) Empire
- AD 476—Fall of Rome; end of the Western Roman Empire
- AD 533—The Roman pope is officially declared "head of the church" and direct representative of Christ on the earth; beginning of the Dark Ages
- AD 533 to ca 1800—The Dark Ages; period of almost complete domination of Europe by the Roman Catholic church
- AD 622--Birth of Islam
- Ca AD 670—Introduction of instrumental music into church worship
- AD 1099--Beginning of the Crusades; European crusaders take control of Jerusalem, which had been under Islamic control since 655
- AD 1450—Invention of the printing press accelerates a hunger for God's word and questioning of the theology of Catholicism
- AD 1453--fall of the Eastern Roman Empire as Constantinople is conquered by Turkish Muslims; Constantinople becomes Istanbul
- AD 1517--The revolt of Martin Luther against Roman church excesses marks the beginning of the Protestant Reformation in Europe
- AD 1537—The Church of England is formed in opposition to Catholicism in England
- Ad 1611--Publication of the King James Bible
- AD 1793 to ca 1820—The political power of the popes is ended by the French Revolution and the military actions of Napoleon
- Ca 1800—The Restoration Movement is launched in America and churches conforming strictly to the original Biblical patterns are re-established