

<p style="text-align: justify;">150 Events, People and Publications that Changed History

YEAR◆EVENT

4 BC◆Incarnation
30 AD◆Crucifixion, Resurrection & Pentecost
46 Paul◆s Missionary Journeys
64◆The fire in Rome, Nero launches persecution of Christians
70◆Titus destroys Jerusalem
150 Justin Martyr writes his Apology
155◆The martyrdom of Polycarp
177◆Irenaeus writes Against Heresies
196◆Tertullian begins to write Christian books
205◆Origen begins writing ministry
250◆Empire-wide persecution
251◆Cyprian writes On the Unity of the Church
303◆Great persecution
312◆The conversion of the Roman Emperor Constantine
313◆Edict of Milan grants religious toleration for Christians
325◆The Council of Nicea
342◆Ulphilas◆ mission to the Goths
367◆Athanasius◆ letter recognises the New Testament Canon
385◆Bishop Ambrose defies the Emperor
386◆Conversion of Augustine
398◆John Chrysostom becomes Bishop of Constantinople
405◆Jerome completes the Vulgate translation of the Bible into Latin
410◆Rome sacked
432◆Patrick begins mission to evangelise Ireland
451◆The Council of Chalcedon
493◆King Clovis of the Franks becomes the first Barbarian ruler to be baptised
563◆Columba goes as a missionary to Scotland
589◆The Visigoths in Spain are converted to Christianity
716◆Boniface sets out as a missionary to the Germans
732◆The Battle of Tours in

France: ♦ Charles Martel ♦ the Hammer ♦ stops Islamic advance
800 ♦ Charlemagne crowned Emperor of the Holy Roman Empire
863 ♦ Cyril and Methodius evangelise Slavs
900 ♦ King Alfred the Great lays foundation for the Common Law
966 ♦ Polish people converted to Christianity
988 ♦ Conversion of Vladimir, Prince of Russia
995 Olaf I conquers Norway and commands all its people to convert to Christianity ♦ or die
1054 ♦ The East-West Schism
1095 ♦ The First Crusade launched
1099 ♦ Crusaders liberate Jerusalem from the Turks
1115 ♦ Bernard founds the Monastery at Clairvaux
1147 ♦ Lisbon liberated from the Muslims
1150 ♦ Universities of Paris and Oxford founded
1170 ♦ Archbishop of Canterbury Thomas Becket is murdered
1173 ♦ Peter Waldo launches the Waldensian Movement
1206 ♦ Francis of Assisi renounces wealth and begins his ministry
1215 ♦ The Magna Carta ♦ the first statute ♦ written restriction on the powers of government
1231 ♦ Pope Gregory IX institutes the papal Inquisition
1273 ♦ Thomas Aquinas completes work on Summa Theologica
1291 ♦ Switzerland is founded
1347 ♦ The Plague breaks out ♦ decimating Europe
1377 ♦ The Great Papal Schism begins
1380 ♦ Wycliffe oversees English Bible translation
1415 ♦ John Hus burned at the stake at the Council of Constance
1431 ♦ Joan of Arc burned at the stake
1453 ♦ The Fall of Constantinople to the Muslims
1456 ♦ Johann Gutenberg produces the first printed book ♦ a Bible
1478 ♦ Establishment of the Spanish Inquisition
1492 ♦ The liberation of Spain from Islamic occupation completed
1492 ♦ Columbus discovers America
1498 ♦ Savonarola burned at the stake in

Florence

1517 ♦ Martin Luther posts his Ninety-Five Theses in Wittenberg

1518 ♦ Ulrich Zwingli leads the Swiss Reformation

1525 ♦ Anabaptist movement begins

1529 ♦ Ottoman Turks besiege Vienna

1534 ♦ Henry VIII's Act of Supremacy, and the Church of England breaks with Rome

1536 ♦ John Calvin publishes The Institutes of the Christian Religion

1536 ♦ William Tyndale is burned at the stake

1540 ♦ The Pope approves the Jesuits

1545 ♦ Opening of the Council of Trent - Counter-Reformation launched

1549 ♦ Xavier's mission to Japan

1550 ♦ Cranmer produces The Book of Common Prayer

1553 ♦ Mary I (♦ Bloody Mary ♦) becomes Queen of England and burns hundreds of prominent Protestants at the stake

1555 ♦ Peace of Augsburg forces Emperor Charles V to tolerate freedom of religion for Lutherans in Germany

1559 ♦ John Knox returns to Scotland to lead the Reformation

1563 ♦ Foxe's Book of Martyrs published

1571 ♦ The Battle of Lepanto destroys the Turkish fleet

1572 ♦ Saint Bartholomew's Day Massacre

1582 ♦ Ricci's mission to China

1588 ♦ Spanish Armada defeated by the English Navy

1598 ♦ Edict of Nantes grants French Protestants religious liberty

1608 ♦ John Smyth baptizes the first Baptists

1611 ♦ Publication of the King James Version of the Bible

1618 ♦ Thirty Years War between Catholics and Protestants begins

1620 ♦ Pilgrims sign the Mayflower Compact

1628 ♦ Comenius driven from his homeland

1631 ♦ King Gustavus Adolphus of Sweden saves German Protestants from annihilation

1642 ♦ The English Civil War

1646 ♦ The Westminster Confession of Faith

1647 ♦ Peace of Westphalia end the Thirty Years War

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1678◆John Bunyan◆s The Pilgrim◆s Progress published
1685◆Louis XIV revokes the Edict of Nantes and exiles many thousands of French Huguenots
1685◆The births of Johann Sebastian Bach and George Frederic Handel
1707◆Publication of Isaac Watt◆s Hymns and Spiritual Songs
1727◆Awakening at Herrnhut launches Moravian Brethren
1735◆Great Awakening begins under Jonathan Edwards
1738◆John Wesley◆s conversion
1739◆George Whitefield starts open air preaching and spreads the Great Awakening
1742◆Handel◆s◆Messiah first presented
1776◆The Continental Congress adopts the Declaration on Independence
1780◆Robert Raikes begins Sunday Schools
1792◆William Carey writes An Enquiry into the Obligation of Christians to Use Means for the Conversion of the Heathen
1793◆William Carey sails for India and launches the modern missionary movement
1807 The slave trade is abolished by the British Parliament
1812◆America◆s first foreign missionaries, Adoniram and Ann Judson, sail for Burma
1817◆Elizabeth Fry begins ministry to women in prison
1829◆Suttee (widow burning) outlawed in India
1830◆Charles G. Finney◆s urban revivals begin
1830◆John Nelson Darby helps start Plymouth Brethren
1840◆David Livingstone sails for Africa
1854◆Hudson Taylor arrives in China
1854◆Charles Haddon Spurgeon becomes pastor in London
1855◆Dwight L. Moody◆s conversion
1857◆David Livingstone publishes Missionary Travels
1861◆United States and Confederate War Between the States
1865◆William Booth founds the Salvation Army
1870◆Pope Pius IX proclaims the doctrine of Papal Infallibility
1866◆Student Volunteer Movement beings

12pt;">1906◆Azusa Street Revival launches Pentecostalism
1910◆Publicaiton of The Fundamentals launches Fundamentalist Movement
1914-1918◆First World War
1919◆Karl Barth's Commentary on Romans is published
1920◆First Christian radio broadcast
1931◆C.S. Lewis converted
1934◆Cameron Townsend begins Wycliffe Bible Translators
1939-1945◆Second World War
1948◆World Council of Churches is formed
1949◆Billy Graham's Los Angeles Crusade
1950◆s-80◆s◆Bible smuggling into Communist Block
1960◆Beginnings of the Modern Charismatic Renewal
1962◆Second Vatican Council forms
1960◆s◆Alexander Solzenitzen, Richard Wurmbrand, Francis Schaefer and R.J. Rushdoony's writings; Dr James Kennedy launches Evangelism Explosion.
1970◆s◆Chinese Church grows despite Cultural Revolution
1980◆s◆Christian Reconstruction, Moral Majority, The Pro-life movement & resurgence of Christian schools and home schooling
1989◆Fall of the Berlin Wall
1990◆s◆Desk Top Publishing and the Internet, Revival amidst persecution in Sudan
1994◆Holocaust in Rwanda
2001◆Islamic terror attack on the World Trade Center and the start of America's War Against Terror

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