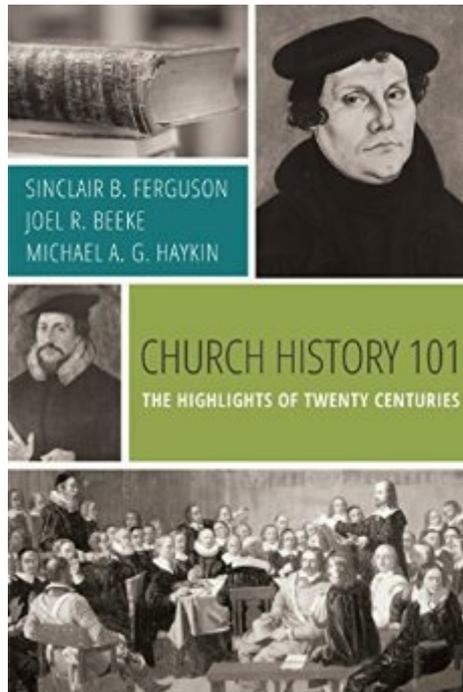


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Church History 101: The Highlights Of Twenty Centuries



Synopsis

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. Table of Contents: Preface First Century: Apostolic Foundations Second Century: The Church of Martyrs and Confessors Third Century: Persecution and Heresy; Origen and Tertullian Fourth Century: The Beginnings of the Christian Empire Fifth Century: The City of God and the City of Man Sixth Century: Justinian, Benedict, and the Conversion of the Scots Seventh Century: Gregory the Great and the Rise of Islam Eighth Century: The Iconoclastic Controversy Ninth Century: Struggle for Power in the Church; Ratramnus and Gottschalk Tenth Century: The Dark Ages • Eleventh Century: The Great Schism; Anselm of Canterbury Twelfth Century: The Crusades, Abelard, Lombard, and the Waldenses Thirteenth Century: Francis of Assisi and Thomas Aquinas Fourteenth Century: The Church's Babylonian Captivity and John Wycliffe Fifteenth Century: The Renaissance, Huss, Savonarola, and Groote Sixteenth Century: Luther, Calvin, and the Reformation Seventeenth Century: Reforming the Church in England Eighteenth Century: The Great Awakening Nineteenth Century: Beginnings of Modern Theology and Kingdom Builders Twentieth Century: The Age of Paradoxes Authors Sinclair B. Ferguson is a teaching fellow of Ligonier Ministries. Joel R. Beeke is president of Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary. Michael A. G. Haykin is professor of church history and biblical spirituality at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Endorsement "The story of the growth of God's kingdom is thrilling in all its aspects, and to have this brief summary available in book form will surely aid us in the assurance that absolutely nothing can prevent King Jesus from fulfilling His purpose in building His church. Thrilling to read." • "Derek W. H. Thomas, Senior Minister, First Presbyterian Church, Columbia, South Carolina; Robert Strong Professor of Systematic and Pastoral Theology, RTS Atlanta; and Teaching Fellow of Ligonier Ministries

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I love church history and believe deeply in its importance. Far too often have I seen the consequences when Christians' individuals, churches, movements become unhinged from the history of the church, unmoored from the life and work of those who have gone before us. Yet church history is so expansive, so daunting, and often so badly told that sometimes it seems easier to ignore it altogether. For that reason I am thankful to see Church History 101, a short work somewhere between a book and booklet that represents the combined efforts of Sinclair Ferguson, Joel Beeke, and Michael Haykin. Church History 101 began with Sinclair Ferguson during his pulpit ministry; he prepared the material as an introduction to church history meant for his own congregation. That material was later revised by Joel Beeke and Michael Haykin as they prepared The Reformation Heritage KJV Study Bible where the same material is printed. And now it is also available as this short, readable book. In the introduction the authors offer five reasons to study church history: 1) It continues to record the history of God's faithful dealings with his people and it records Christ's ongoing work in the world. 2) We are told by God to remember what he has done and to make it known to those who follow us. 3) Church history helps to illuminate and clarify what we believe and in that way allows us to evaluate our beliefs and practices against historic teaching. 4) It safeguards against error by showing us how Christians have already responded to false teaching. 5) And finally it gives us heroes and mentors to imitate as we live the Christian life. In this way it promotes spiritual growth and maturation. With these benefits.

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