

Overview of Church History

DATE	EVENT
64-66	Peter and Paul martyred
70	Destruction of Jerusalem and the Temple
60-303	Church Fathers – Ignatius, Polycarp, Justin Martyr, Clement, Origen
313	Edict of Milan legalizes Christianity
325	Council of Nicea condemns Arianism. Arius, in Alexandria, taught that Christ was the first created being, that there was a time when He was not. The council declared that Jesus was begotten, not made, and that He is Homousios, of the same substance as the Father
354	Birth of Augustine , Bishop of Hippo and one of the most important and influential theologians of the Christian church; in his writings against many groups of false teachers, he developed a theology which emphasized original sin, predestination, and the necessity of divine grace for salvation.
381	Council of Constantinople - The Nicene position is reaffirmed, and the legal religion of the Empire. Jesus Christ is truly human, contrary to Apollinarianism, which held that Jesus had a human body but a divine mind.
622	Mohammed's flight from Mecca to Medina, the beginning of Islam
1096-1291	The Crusades - originally had the goal of recapturing Jerusalem and the Holy Land from Muslim rule
1054	The East-West Schism - Pope Leo IX's delegate, Cardinal Humbert, laid a sentence of anathema on the altar of St. Sophia, the most prestigious Eastern Orthodox church. The two churches are permanently separated
1273	Thomas Aquinas - the greatest of the medieval scholastic theologians - completes his massive <i>Summa Theologiae</i>
1300-1400	The Black Death - 1/3 of the population from India to Iceland is wiped out, including about 1/2 of Britain
1330	Birth of John Wycliffe , the most important theologian in England
1456	Gutenberg invents printing press, first Bible published
1517	Martin Luther propels the Protestant Reformation in Germany and nails his <i>95 Theses</i> to the door at Wittenburg
1536	John Calvin is leading the Reformation in Switzerland and publishes his <i>Institutes of the Christian Religion</i>
1545	Council of Trent opens and condemns the Protestant Reformation
c. 1560	Puritan Movement is recognized in England
1620	Pilgrims arrive in Massachusetts
1735	First Great Awakening in America through Jonathan Edwards and George Whitefield
1793	William Carey, the father of modern missions, sails for India

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
the Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ,
His only Son, our Lord:
Who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He arose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty,
whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.
AMEN.

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church; I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

AMEN.