

# The History of Christianity

(taken from Eerdmans' Handbook to the History of Christianity)

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Each period of Christian history has included its own share of special events and difficulties, its distinctive and even unique changes. On the other hand, Christianity has developed down the centuries around a common focus which transcends any differences of time, geography or political background. This means that, in analyzing patterns of growth in the history of Christianity, it is important to remember that any division into 'periods' is artificial. However, several common themes, such as reform and renewal, evangelism and missions, involvement in social reform and response to pressures and threats, will be found throughout the story of Christian expansion, and at all times there is the on-going experience of God's people in worship and prayer.

## Sections of Christian History in Eerdman's Handbook

### Beginnings 1-325

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Believed

### Acceptance and Conquest 325-600

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### A Christian Society 600-1500

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### Reform 1500-1650

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### Reason, Revival and Revolution 1650-1789

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### Cities and Empires 1789-1914

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### Towards 2000

An Age of Ideology  
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## “Fruitless Discussion”

### 1 Timothy 1:1-11

May 25, 2025

Hartford Bible Church

Dan Hummel 2024-2025 Series

“David & the 5 T's”

## Sermon Points

(Numbers in parenthesis ( ) are verses in 1 Timothy 1)

## Background

Paul's timeline (Blue Letter Bible printout available).

Timothy's background: Acts 16:1; 2 Tim. 1:5, 3:15.

Fellow laborer: Rom. 16:21, 1Cor. 16:10; Phil. 2:19-22;  
1Thess. 3:2.

Faithful representative and messenger: Acts 19:22; 1 Cor. 4:17;  
2 Cor. 1:19; Phil. 2:19; 1 Thess. 3:2, 6.

Paul's epistles include Timothy in the salutations: 2 Cor. 1:1;  
Phil. 1:1; Col. 1:1; 1 Thess. 1:1; 2 Thess. 1:1; Philemon 1.

## 1. Commanded Roles (1)

Acts 9:15-16; Gal. 1:1, 1 Cor. 9:16.

## 2. Children in the faith (2)

Acts 16:1-2

## 3. Fruitless discussion (3-7)