

Contents

Contributors.....	x
List of Maps	xiii
List of Time Charts.....	xiv
List of Illustrations.....	xiv
Preface	xvii
Preface to the Second Edition.....	xviii
Preface to the Third Edition.....	xix

PART ONE BEGINNINGS: AD 1–325

1	Jesus: His Life, Ministry, Death and its Consequences	3
	The Thought-world of Early Christianity	7
2	The Church Begins: From Jerusalem to Rome	15
	Peter	17
	Paul	22
3	Establishing Christianity: Challenges to the New Faith.....	29
	Nero’s Massacre	30
	The Religions of the Romans.....	31
	Marcion.....	34
	Tertullian	35
	Origen	37
4	Spreading the Good News: How and Why Christianity Expanded	43
5	Archaeology and Earliest Christianity: What Archaeologists Can – and Cannot – Illuminate...49	
	A Christian Anagram?.....	51
6	What the First Christians Believed: The Faith is Defined	55
	The Gnostics	57
	Eusebius: ‘Father of Church History’	64
	Clement of Rome	65
	Justin Martyr: Christian Apologist.....	66
	Ignatius of Antioch.....	68
	Irenaeus	70
	Baptism	74
	Cyprian of Carthage	78
	The Manichaeans.....	81
7	How the First Christians Worshipped.....	83
	How the New Testament Came Down to Us.....	90

Can the New Testament Text be Trusted?.....	92
Study Questions.....	94

PART TWO

ACCEPTANCE AND CONQUEST: AD 325–600

8	Constantine and the Christian Empire: Christianity Recognized	97
	Ambrose of Milan.....	106
9	Councils and Creeds: Defining and Defending the Faith.....	111
	Athanasius	116
	Basil the Great	124
	Nestorius	129
	Cyril of Alexandria.....	130
	Leo the Great.....	131
10	Buildings and Belief: Early Church Structures.....	135
11	Worship and the Christian Year: The Making of the Christian Calendar	139
12	Clergy, Bishops, and Pope: The Church Builds an Organization	145
13	The Church in North Africa: The Making of a Distinctive Tradition.....	151
	Augustine of Hippo.....	154
14	The Fall of the Roman Empire: How and Why It Came to an End	159
	Jerome.....	162
	Boethius: The Consolation of Philosophy.....	168
15	Ascetics and Monks: The Rise of Christian Monasticism	169
	Cassiodorus.....	175
	Patrick: Missionary to the Irish.....	177
	Columba: Celtic Missionary.....	178
	Study Questions.....	184

PART THREE

A CHRISTIAN SOCIETY: AD 600–1500

16	The West in Crisis	187
	Gregory the Great.....	188
	Alcuin.....	198
17	The Eastern Church.....	207
	John Chrysostom: Master Preacher	212
	Pseudo-Dionysius the Areopagite	213
	The Paulicians and the Bogomils.....	217
18	Flourishing: the Western Church: Reform and Resurgence.....	221
	Thomas Becket.....	224
	Pope Innocent III.....	226
	Bernard of Clairvaux.....	229

	Francis of Assisi.....	230
	The Waldensians.....	244
	The Sacraments in Medieval Europe.....	250
	Anselm.....	253
	Peter Abelard.....	254
	Thomas Aquinas.....	258
	Popular Religion.....	265
19	Monasticism in the West.....	267
	Interpreting the Bible in the Middle Ages.....	277
20	The Orthodox Church in Eastern Europe and Russia.....	279
	The Slavic Bible.....	280
21	An Age of Unrest: The Western Church in the Late Middle Ages.....	285
	Jan Hus.....	292
	Savonarola.....	296
	John Wyclif.....	298
	William of Ockham.....	301
	Study Questions.....	304

PART FOUR

REFORM AND RENEWAL: 1500–1650

22	Seeds of Renewal: The Origins of the Reformation.....	307
23	Reformation.....	319
	Martin Luther.....	320
	John Calvin.....	324
	The Faith of the Protestants.....	327
	Philipp Melanchthon.....	329
	Huldrych Zwingli.....	333
	Theodore Beza.....	334
	Martin Bucer.....	340
	Thomas Cranmer.....	340
	Puritans and Separatists.....	341
	Post-Reformation Church Architecture.....	342
	The Unitarians.....	344
24	A Flood of Bibles: Scripture in the Vernacular.....	347
	William Tyndale and the English Bible.....	350
25	The Radical Reformation: the Anabaptists.....	353
	The First English Baptists.....	357
	John Bunyan.....	359
26	The Catholic Reformation.....	361
	Gasparo Contarini.....	363
	Ignatius of Loyola.....	369

	The Jesuits.....	372
	Teresa of Avila.....	376
	John of the Cross.....	377
	George Fox and the Quakers.....	381
27	Art and the Spirit: Christianity and its Cultural Expression.....	383
	Study Questions.....	388

PART FIVE

REASON, REVIVAL, AND REVOLUTION: 1650–1789

28	Expansion Worldwide: European Missions	391
	The First English Missions	406
29	Awakening: The Evangelical Revival and the Great Awakening.....	411
	Jonathan Edwards	416
	George Whitefield.....	418
	Philipp Spener.....	420
	Nikolaus von Zinzendorf	421
	John and Charles Wesley	425
	Hymns and Church Music	431
	Christianity and the Rise of Modern Science.....	434
30	Reason and Unreason: The Rise of Rationalism.....	437
	Blaise Pascal.....	439
	The Reasonableness of Christianity.....	448
31	The Russian Church: 1500–1900.....	451
	Study Questions.....	456

PART SIX

CITIES AND EMPIRES: 1789–1914

32	Europe in Revolt: Church and State in the Nineteenth Century.....	459
	Pope Pius IX	466
33	The First Industrial Nation: The Industrial Revolution and the British Churches.....	473
	William Wilberforce.....	480
	The Oxford Movement	484
	The Brethren.....	486
	C. H. Spurgeon: ‘Prince of Preachers’	487
	John Henry Newman	488
	The Evangelicals	490
34	A Crusade Among Equals: Revivalism, Abolition, and Evangelism in the USA	493
	D. L. Moody: Mass Evangelist.....	494
	Hymns and Church Music after 1800.....	497
35	A World Come of Age: Science and Philosophy Challenge Christianity	499
	Friedrich Schleiermacher.....	503

36	Outposts of Empire: The Nineteenth-century Missionary Explosion	507
	William Carey.....	510
	The Bible Societies.....	512
	David Livingstone.....	520
	Hudson Taylor.....	523
	Samuel Ajayi Crowther.....	525
	Study Questions.....	530

PART SEVEN
A CENTURY OF CONFLICT: 1914–2001

37	An Age of Ideology: Nationalism, Communism, and Individualism take on Christianity	533
	Karl Barth	540
	The Christian Church and the Jews.....	542
	Billy Graham.....	553
	Martin Luther King	559
	Christians, War, and Peace	563
38	An Age of Anxiety: Theological Thinking in Troubled Era.....	565
	Albert Schweitzer.....	567
	Dietrich Bonhoeffer.....	575
39	Pentecostalism and the Charismatic Movement.....	593
	African Independent Churches	598
40	The Arts in the Christian West.....	601
	C. S. Lewis.....	603
41	Organizing for Unity	605
	Pope John XXIII.....	607
42	An Age of Liberation.....	609
	Hélder Câmara	614
	Study Questions.....	622

PART EIGHT
EPILOGUE: A NEW MILLENNIUM

43	Present and Future: The Church in an Ever-changing World.....	625
	Study Questions.....	643
	Study Questions on Sections I–8.....	643
	Further Resources on the History of Christianity	643
	Glossary.....	644
	Index	656
	Picture Acknowledgments.....	666