

# Dates With Destiny

These are the dates we identified as some of the most important ones in church history.

Year	Event
64	The Fire in Rome
70	Titus Destroys Jerusalem
C. 150	Justin Martyr Writes His <i>Apology</i>
C. 156	The Martyrdom of Polycarp
177	Irenaeus Becomes Bishop of Lyons
C. 196	Tertullian Begins to Write Christian Books
C. 205	Origen Begins Writing
251	Cyprian Writes <i>On the Unity of the Church</i>
270	Anthony Begins His Life as a Hermit
312	The Conversion of Constantine
325	The Council of Nicea
367	Athanasius's Letter Recognizes the New Testament Canon
385	Bishop Ambrose Defies the Empress
387	Conversion of Augustine
398	John Chrysostom Becomes Bishop of Constantinople
405	Jerome Completes the Vulgate
432	Patrick Goes as Missionary to Ireland
451	The Council of Chalcedon
529	Benedict of Nursia Establishes His Monastic Order
563	Columba Goes as a Missionary to Scotland
590	Gregory I Becomes Pope
664	Synod of Whitby
716	Boniface Sets Out as Missionary
731	The Venerable Bede Completes His <i>Ecclesiastical History of the English Nation</i>
732	The Battle of Tours
800	Charlemagne Crowned Emperor
863	Cyril and Methodius Evangelize Slavs
909	Monastery Established at Cluny
988	Conversion of Vladimir, Prince of Russia
1054	The East-West Schism
1093	Anselm Becomes Archbishop of Canterbury
1095	Pope Urban II Launches the First Crusade
1115	Bernard Founds the Monastery at Clairvaux

- C. 1150 Universities of Paris and Oxford Founded
- 1173 Peter Waldo Finds the Waldensians
- 1206 Francis of Assisi Renounces Wealth
- 1215 The Fourth Lateran Council
- 1273 Thomas Aquinas Completes Work on *Summa Theologica*
- 1321 Dante Completes *The Divine Comedy*
- 1378 Catherine of Siena Goes to Rome to Heal the Great Schism
- C. 1380 Wycliffe Oversees English Bible Translation
- 1415 John Hus Burned at the Stake
- 1456 Johann Gutenberg Produces the First Printed Bible
- 1478 Establishment of the Spanish Inquisition
- 1498 Savonarola Executed
- 1512 Michelangelo Completes the Sistine Chapel Ceiling
- 1517 Martin Luther Posts His Ninety-five Theses
- 1523 Zwingli Leads Swiss Reformation
- 1525 Anabaptist Movement Begins
- 1534 Henry VIII's Act of Supremacy
- 1536 John Calvin Publishes *The Institutes of the Christian Religion*
- 1540 The Pope Approves the Jesuits
- 1545 Opening of the Council of Trent
- 1549 Cranmer Produces the Book of Common Prayer
- 1559 John Knox Returns to Scotland to Lead Reformation
- 1572 Saint Bartholomew's Day Massacre
- 1608–1609 John Smyth Baptizes the First Baptists
- 1611 Publication of the King James Bible
- 1620 Pilgrims Sign the Mayflower Compact
- 1628 Comenius Driven From His Homeland
- 1646 The Westminster Confession of Faith
- 1648 George Fox Finds the Society of Friends
- 1662 Rembrandt Completes the *Return of the Prodigal Son*
- 1675 Philip Jacob Spener Publishes *Pia Desideria*
- 1678 John Bunyan's *The Pilgrim's Progress* Published
- 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 Under Jonathan Edwards
- 1738 John Wesley's Conversion
- 1780 Robert Raikes Begins Sunday Schools
- 1793 William Carey Sails for India
- 1807 The British Parliament Votes to Abolish the Slave Trade
- 1811 The Campbells Begin the Disciples of Christ

- 1812 Adoniram and Ann Judson Sail for India
- 1816 Richard Allen Finds African Methodist Episcopal Church
- 1817 Elizabeth Fry Begins Ministry to Women in Prison
- 1830 Charles G. Finney's Urban Revivals Begin
- C. 1830 John Nelson Darby Helps Start Plymouth Brethren
- 1833 John Keble's Sermon "National Apostasy" Initiates the Oxford Movement
- 1854 Hudson Taylor Arrives in China
- 1854 Søren Kierkegaard Publishes Attacks on Christendom
- 1854 Charles Haddon Spurgeon Becomes Pastor in London
- 1855 Dwight L. Moody's Conversion
- 1857 David Livingstone Publishes *Missionary Travels*
- 1865 William Booth Finds the Salvation Army
- 1870 Pope Pius IX Proclaims the Doctrine of Papal Infallibility
- 1886 Student Volunteer Movement Begins
- 1906 Azusa Street Revival Launches Pentecostalism
- 1910–1915 Publication of *The Fundamentals* Launches Fundamentalist Movement
- 1919 Karl Barth's *Commentary on Romans* Is Published
- 1921 First Christian Radio Broadcast
- 1934 Cameron Townsend Begins Summer Institute of Linguistics
- 1945 Dietrich Bonhoeffer Executed by Nazis
- 1948 World Council of Churches Is Formed
- 1949 Billy Graham's Los Angeles Crusade
- 1960 Beginnings of the Modern Charismatic Renewal
- 1962 Second Vatican Council Begins
- 1963 Martin Luther King, Jr., Leads March on Washington
- 1966–1976 Chinese Church Grows Despite Cultural Revolution