

Church History

Timeline By Century

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20th Century

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- World Wars pit nominally Christian nations of Europe against each other.
- Emergence of charismatic Christian sects.
- Rise of the ecumenical movement.
- Revision of the Roman Catholic liturgy.
- Missions reach virtually every region of the world.
- New translation methods put the Bible into the languages of 95% of mankind, but about 1,500 small tongues, representing 5% of mankind, lack scriptures.
- More Christians are said to have been martyred in the 20th century than in all earlier centuries combined.
- Decline of church attendance becomes marked in much of the Western world.
- Explosive growth of Chinese Christianity.
- Emergence and collapse of powerful atheistic states.

- Crises in Darwinism revive Christian attacks on evolutionary theory and development of scientific models from a Christian perspective.
- Rise of Internet and mass media lead to wide dissemination of the gospel by new means.
- An overwhelming information explosion tends to bury truth.