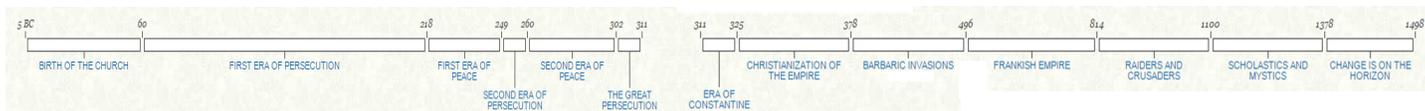


Church History Timeline from Christ (~30 CE) to Luther (~1500 CE) (Dark Ages/Medieval Period is roughly 500 – 1500 CE)



Source: <http://www.historytimeline.org/>

Key Concepts from this period for our discussion:

- What did Jesus come to establish?
- What happened to the Jews and how did the church evolve over the first three centuries?
- When were the scriptures canonized?
- Where were the main centers of church power, and what were the main controversies?
- What were the issues of and what was the impact of the Great Schism?
- What is Monasticism about?
- What were the Crusades and Inquisition about?
- What was the impact of the Printing Press and Renaissance on Christianity?

Key Events & people in this period (all dates CE (AD) except as noted):

- Birth of Jesus, 6-4 BCE
- Nero Persecution, 64
- Destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem, 70
- Bar Kohba Revolt/ Second Jewish Rebellion, 132-135
- Emphasis of negative teachings against Jews, 135 forward
- Apostolic Fathers (students of apostles) & Apologists: Clement of Rome, Ignatius, Polycarp, Justin Martyr
- Various teachings: Gnosticism, Doceticism, Montanism
- Theology of Trinity presented by Tertullian, 160-225
- First Apostle's Creed, 175
- First formation of Canon, 180-200
- Athanasius and Arianism, 296-373
- Constantine, 311-337
- Edict of Milan, 313
- Eusebius' Church History, 324
- 1st Ecumenical Council (Nicaea), 325
- Augustine, 354-430
- Creeds (Nicene 325 & Constantinople 381)
- Latin Vulgate (Jerome) 406
- 7th Ecumenical Council (Nicaea), 787
- Great Schism (East vs West), 1054 (1378?)
- Monasticism (Benedictines-529, Cistercians-1098, Franciscans-1209, Dominicans-1216, Jesuits-1539)
- Crusades, 1095-1291
- Middle Ages Scholasticism (Thomas Aquinas, Duns Scotus, William of Ockham), 1200-1500
- Rise of Humanism, 1300-1500
- Printing Press, 1439
- Renaissance and Intellectual/Artistic/Literary Revival, 1450
- Luther's 95 Theses, 1517



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Creed from First Council of Nicaea (325)	Creed from First Council of Constantinople (381)
We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of all things visible and invisible.	We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of <i>heaven and earth</i> , and of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, begotten of the Father [the only-begotten; that is, of the essence of the Father, God of God,] Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;	And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the <i>only-begotten</i> Son of God, begotten of the Father <i>before all worlds (æons)</i> , Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;
By whom all things were made [both in heaven and on earth];	by whom all things were made;
Who for us men, and for our salvation, came down and was incarnate and was made man;	who for us men, and for our salvation, came down <i>from heaven</i> , and was incarnate <i>by the Holy Ghost and of the Virgin Mary</i> , and was made man;
He suffered, and the third day he rose again, ascended into heaven;	he was <i>crucified for us under Pontius Pilate</i> , and suffered, and was <i>buried</i> , and the third day he rose again, <i>according to the Scriptures</i> , and ascended into heaven, and <i>sitteth on the right hand of the Father</i> ;
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.	from thence he shall come <i>again, with glory</i> , to judge the quick and the dead;
	<i>whose kingdom shall have no end.</i>
And in the Holy Ghost	And in the Holy Ghost, <i>the Lord and Giver of life, who procedeth from the Father**</i> , who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spake by the prophets.
	<i>In one holy catholic and apostolic Church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.</i>
[But those who say: 'There was a time when he was not;' and 'He was not before he was made;' and 'He was made out of nothing,' or 'He is of another substance' or 'essence,' or 'The Son of God is created,' or 'changeable,' or 'alterable'— they are condemned by the holy catholic and apostolic Church.]	

**("and the son" added)

Women During this Period

Early Church Ammas (Mothers)

- Amma Syncletica of Alexandria (280-350)
- Theodora of Alexandria (latter part of 5th century)
- Amma Sarah of the Desert (5th century)

Martyrs

- Felicitas (101 - 162)
- Blandina (162 - 177)
- Cecilia (~ 176)
- Perpetua (? - 203)
- Catherine of Alexandria (287- 305)
- Lucia of Syracuse (283 - 304)

Mystics & Saints

- Brigid of Kildare (451-523)
- Ita (480-570)
- Hildegard of Bingen (1098-1179)
- Clare of Assisi (1194-1253)
- Hadewijch (13th century)
- Mechthild of Magdeburg (1207-1282)
- Angela of Foligno (1248-1309)
- Marguerite Porete (1250-1310)
- Bridget of Sweden (1303-1373)
- Catherine of Siena (1347-1380)
- Julian of Norwich (1342-1416)
- Margery Kempe (1373-1439)
- Beatrice of Silva (1424-1492)
- Catherine of Genoa (1447-1510)

(Note: The above list is not exhaustive!)