

XIX.I. FAKE CHRISTIANS, BOLD PREACHERS, AND SACRIFICIAL MISSIONARIES - The Nineteenth Century (pt.1)

Q. ARE YOU READY FOR CHURCH HISTORY?!

Two questions and answers:

QUESTION 1. What is Church History?

ANSWER. Church history is the story of how Jesus has built his church for his own glory and his peoples' good. **Matthew 16:18** "I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

QUESTION 2. Why should we study Church History?

ANSWER. We should learn church history because it is the amazing story of Jesus conquering the nations through his Gospel. **Revelation 6:2** "[Christ] came out conquering, and to conquer."

Today we are going to look at the Nineteenth Century for the 1st time. But before we do that let's remember what we learned last time.

Q. Who can tell me the name of the person I taught you about last time?

- **Everyone say, "Count Nikolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf."**

Q. Who can tell me something about Count Nikolaus?

RECAP

In the Eighteenth Century, God used Count Nikolaus Von Zinzendorf to proclaim the gospel and show us how to live all of life for Christ.

Who can tell me

EIGHTEENTH CENTURY (pt.14) MEMORY VERSE.

- "You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body" (**1 Corinthians 6:19-20**).

EIGHTEENTH CENTURY (pt.14) MEMORY QUOTE.

- "Preach the gospel, die, and be forgotten" (**Count Nikolaus Von Zinzendorf**).

Now, today I am going to teach you about the Nineteenth Century PART 1 (1,800-1,900).

What happened in the Nineteenth Century (1,800-1,900) that shows us how Christ built His church as He continued to conquer the nations?

I. FAKE CHRISTIAN MOVEMENTS STARTED, BUT CHRIST'S PEOPLE STOOD FIRM.

Everyone say, "Satan loves fake Christians."

- **(i) The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormons)**, founded by Joseph Smith in the 1830s after his claimed visions and the publication of the Book of Mormon in 1830.
- **(ii) The Seventh-day Adventist Church**, which grew from the Millerite movement (William Miller's predictions of Christ's return in the 1840s) and formalized around Ellen G. White's teachings.
- **(iii) Jehovah's Witnesses** roots trace to Charles Taze Russell's Bible Student movement in the 1870s.

- **1 John 4:1** "Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world."

II. GREAT PREACHERS THUNDERED GOD'S WORD FROM THEIR PULPITS.

Everyone say, "The Word of God must be preached."

- J.C. Ryle
- Robert Murray M'Cheyne
- Thomas Chalmers
- Charles Spurgeon

- **2 Timothy 4:2** "Preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching."

III. SACRIFICIAL MISSIONARIES TOOK THE GOSPEL FURTHER THAN EVER BEFORE.

Everyone say, "The gospel went further than ever before."

- Adoniram Judson to Burma.
- Hudson Taylor to China.
- David Livingstone to Africa.
- John Paton to the New Hebrides Islands.

- **Matthew 28:18-20**
"18 And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on

earth has been given to me. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

INTERESTING EVENTS THAT HAPPENED IN THE NINETEENTH CENTURY

RECAP

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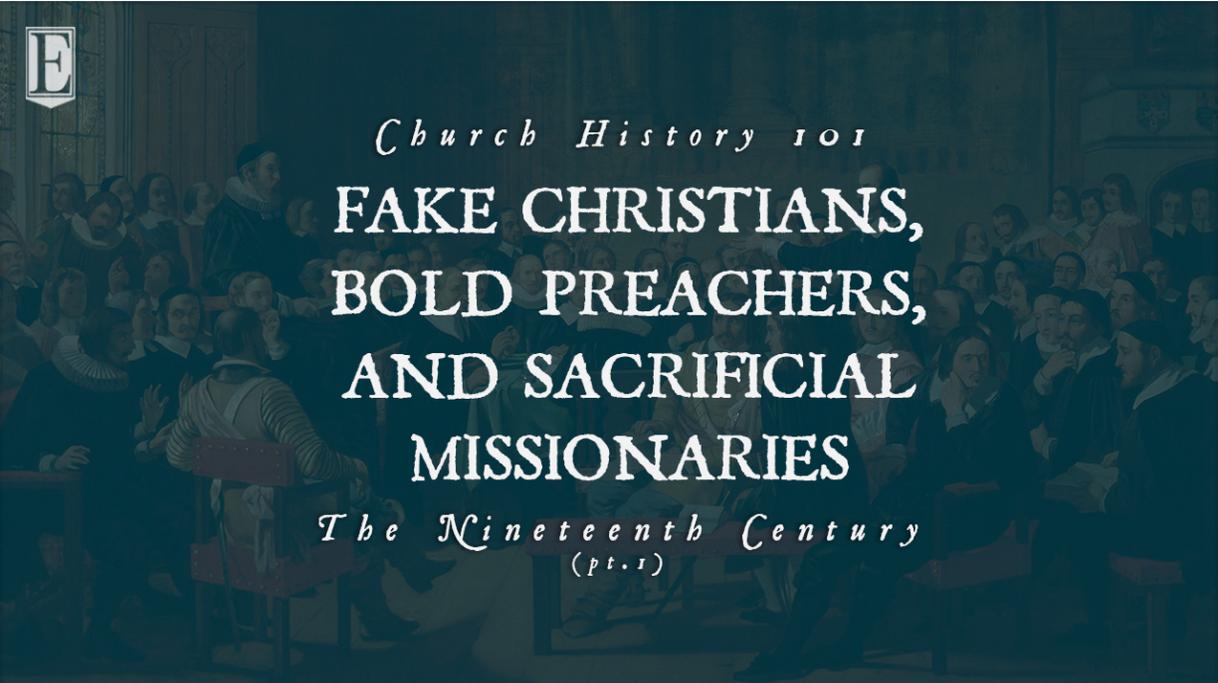
NINETEENTH CENTURY (pt.1) MEMORY QUOTE.

- "The Gospel is like a caged lion. It does not need to be defended, it just needs to be let out of its cage" **(Charles Haddon Spurgeon).**

FOR FURTHER STUDY

- *In The Year of Our Lord* by Sinclair Ferguson

IMAGE



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The Nineteenth Century was an era of explosive spiritual activity, marked by both counterfeit movements that sought to deceive and faithful servants who stood firm in the truth. While false religions multiplied, Christ preserved His true church through bold preaching from faithful pulpits and through sacrificial missionaries who carried the gospel to the ends of the earth.

I. Fake Christian Movements Arose, but Christ's People Stood Firm

The nineteenth century witnessed the rise of several movements that claimed the name of Christ but denied essential truths of the gospel. In the 1830s Joseph Smith founded the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints after claiming visions and publishing the Book of Mormon in 1830. The Seventh-day Adventist Church emerged from the Millerite movement in the 1840s, formalized around the visions and teachings of Ellen G. White. The Bible Student movement, led by Charles Taze Russell in the 1870s, later developed into the Jehovah's Witnesses. These groups introduced new scriptures, new prophets, and new doctrines that contradicted the finished revelation of God in the Bible.

The apostle John warned, "Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world." In the face of these deceptions, Christ preserved a faithful remnant who tested all teaching by the written Word. The true church did not waver. She continued to confess that Scripture alone is the infallible rule of faith and practice,

that Christ alone is the mediator between God and men, and that salvation is by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone. Though counterfeit movements multiplied, Christ's sheep heard His voice and followed Him, refusing to be led astray.

II. Great Preachers Thundered God's Word from Their Pulpits

While error spread in some quarters, Christ raised up powerful preachers who proclaimed the whole counsel of God with clarity and courage. In England, J. C. Ryle, later Bishop of Liverpool, wrote plainly and preached plainly, defending evangelical truth against ritualism and liberalism. In Scotland, Robert Murray M'Cheyne of St. Peter's, Dundee, lived a life of uncommon holiness and preached with tender urgency, leading many to Christ before his early death at age twenty-nine. Thomas Chalmers, also in Scotland, combined intellectual depth with fervent gospel preaching, awakening entire communities to the reality of sin and grace. In London, Charles Haddon Spurgeon, the "Prince of Preachers," filled the Metropolitan Tabernacle Sunday after Sunday, proclaiming justification by faith and the sovereignty of God to tens of thousands.

The apostle Paul charged Timothy, "Preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching." These men obeyed that charge. Their pulpits became fortresses of truth in a century of theological drift. Through their faithful exposition, Christ awakened sinners, edified saints, and equipped the church to stand against error. The impact of their ministries extended far beyond their lifetimes, strengthening the church in Britain, America, and the mission fields.

III. Sacrificial Missionaries Took the Gospel Further Than Ever Before

The nineteenth century was the greatest missionary century in the history of the church. Christ sent out men and women who risked everything to carry the gospel to unreached peoples. Adoniram Judson left America for Burma in 1812, enduring imprisonment, torture, and the death of his wife Ann, yet he translated the Bible into Burmese and saw hundreds converted. Hudson Taylor founded the China Inland Mission in 1865, adopting Chinese dress and living among the people, opening vast regions of China to the gospel. David Livingstone explored Africa, exposing the horrors of the slave trade while preaching Christ to tribal peoples. John Paton carried the gospel to the New Hebrides Islands, facing cannibals and disease, yet witnessing entire islands turn to Christ.

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Conclusion: Christ's Unstoppable Conquest

In the nineteenth century, though counterfeit movements arose, Christ's people stood firm. He thundered His Word through faithful preachers like Ryle, M'Cheyne, Chalmers, and Spurgeon. He extended His kingdom through sacrificial missionaries like Judson, Taylor, Livingstone, and Paton. In every trial and advance, Christ proved Himself the sovereign builder of His church. The gates of hell did not prevail. False prophets came and went, but the gospel marched forward.

Let us take heart from this century. When error abounds, we must test every teaching by Scripture. When the pulpit grows silent, we must pray for men who will preach the Word in season and out of season. When the nations remain in darkness, we must obey the Great Commission, willing to go, to give, and to die if necessary. Christ is still building His church. He is still conquering the nations. And He has promised to be with us to the end of the age.

May we, like the faithful of the nineteenth century, stand firm in the truth, proclaim the gospel boldly, and spend our lives for the glory of King Jesus. Amen.

NINETEENTH CENTURY (pt.1) MEMORY VERSE.

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