

# CHURCH HISTORY

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The Apostolic Church

30 – 100 AD

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Relevance and Importance

# Church History – Relevance & Importance

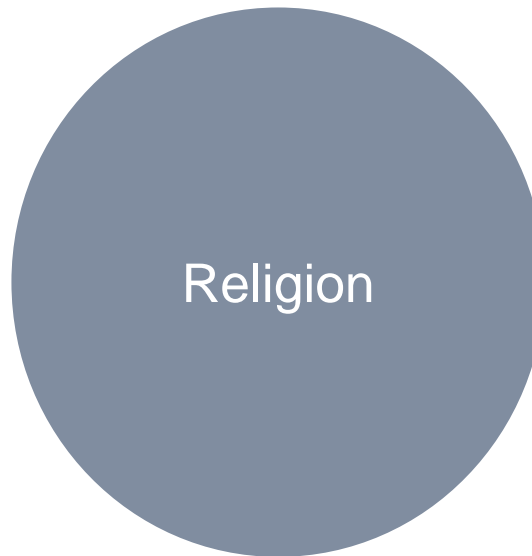
1. Church History provides a vantage point revealing God's progressive plan of redemption through nations, continents, and people groups.
2. Church History provides a reserve of wisdom, experience, and counsel for contemporary issues

# Church History – Relevance & Importance

Pre-Copernican  
Epistemology



Modern Epistemology  
Two Pie View



The University

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## 3. Church History provides an anchor for our belief system

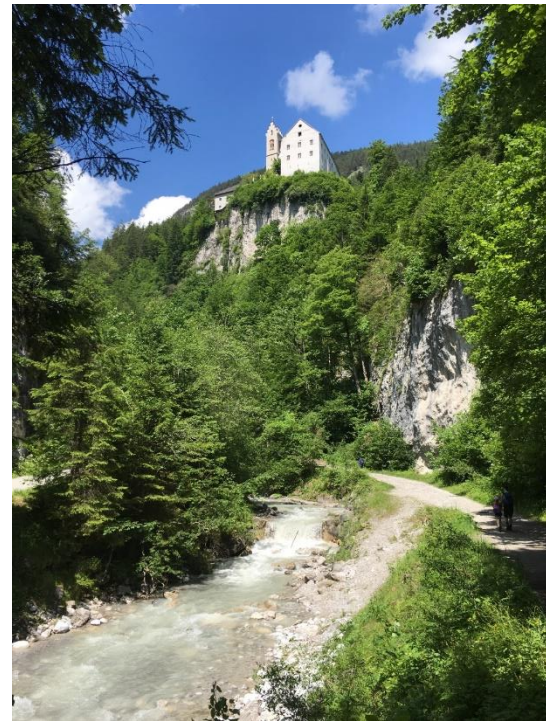
### St. Vitus Cathedral

Prague, CZ Republic  
1344 - 1929



### St. Georgenberg Monastery

Wolfsklamm,  
Austria



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## 4. Church History provides us an Inheritance

**The Great Last  
Judgement** Peter Paul  
Rubens, 1617



**The Sacrifice  
of Isaac** Rembrandt  
1636



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The Church – Birth & Conflict

# Preparation for the Gospel

1. Culturally & Politically
2. Spiritually

## Birth and Conflict

1. Pentecost – the Birth of the Church
2. The First Significant Dispute – Racial Privilege
3. The First Far-Reaching Controversy – Inclusion of Multi-ethnic Believers into the Covenant People of God



# Purity Laws & Israel's Identity



## The First Council

The Jerusalem Council – Acts 15; cf. Gal. 2

1. Paul vs. The Circumcision Group
2. The Preeminence of Abraham and The Redemption Narrative
3. Conclusions

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The Apostolic Church 30-100 Anno Domini

# Growth & Expansion: Visitors at Pentecost, Acts 2



# Growth & Expansion

1. Zeal of Christians
2. Doctrine of Immortality
3. Miraculous Powers of the Early Church
4. Morality of the early Christians
5. Unity and Community of the Church

# Persecution in the First Century

1. Christianity as a sect of Judaism and protected in the Empire
2. Fire in Rome 64 AD
3. Jews' refusal to pay pagan Temple tax of Emperor Domitian (95 AD) led to John's exile (Christians & Jews associated)
4. Prior to 250 AD persecution was local, sporadic, mob, and not policy. Afterwards it became violent and widespread

# Separation of Christianity from Judaism

1. Destruction of Jerusalem
2. Antisemitism