



The Christians

CALENDAR FOR THE YEAR 2021

**Paul's super-humanity:
how could one soul accomplish so much?**

Defending the legitimacy of the ministry to the church at Corinth, Paul lists his tribulation on behalf of the faith. "I have worked much harder, been in prison more frequently, been flogged more severely, and been exposed to death again and again. Five times I received from the Jews the forty lashes minus one. Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was stoned, three times I was shipwrecked. . . . I have been in danger from rivers, bandits, friend and foe . . . known hunger and thirst . . . been cold and naked. . . so who is weak and am I not weak?" (2 Cor. 11:23 NIV)

Paul was one of the first of many who will go on to call upon Christ and forge much of the world we see today. Their stories are exceptional, memorable, vividly described and gloriously illustrated throughout this remarkable history series: *The Christians: Their First Two Thousand Years*. Within this calendar there lies a unique opportunity for you to acquire these finely-crafted books at a substantial savings. Read on.

(Illustration is from page 150 of *The Veil Is Torn*.)

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We invite you to an experience that will vastly enlarge your understanding of today's often bewildering world, to an epic adventure that page after page will reveal how individual people, all touched by the same inextinguishable flame, sometimes errantly, often brilliantly, created the astounding society we are now fighting hard to restore and preserve for posterity. To share in this experience, you will acquire 12 large books, each with nearly 300 pages or more, all on high quality paper in full color, packed with magnificent paintings, hundreds of photos, sketches, maps, and other images.

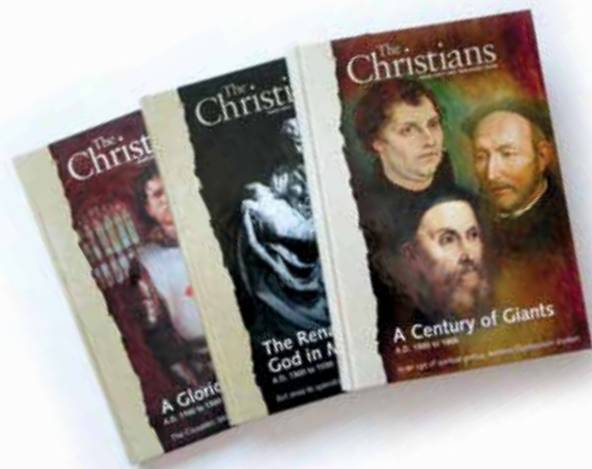
The narrative unfolds in compelling language more characteristic of magazines than formal histories. The emphasis is always on the Christians who made the events happen, often heroically, sometimes to their historic discredit. (The series is not a "whitewash." Where the Christians erred, we say so.) The writers and editors are nearly all seasoned journalists and practicing Christians, identified in the front matter of each volume, as are others associated with the production, and, of course, the indispensable academic historians who consulted closely on the text throughout.



While the goal of this series is to make Christians highly knowledgeable of their history and sufficiently perceptive to refute erroneous accounts of it, the books should not be approached as a course of studies, but simply as a captivating story. For history is addictive, and becomes most powerful when it is absorbed, not merely through memorization, but born out of the lure of the intriguing people it describes. The publisher of the books is SEARCH, the Society to Explore and Record Christian History, a nonprofit entity chartered in both the state of Virginia and the Canadian province of Alberta. Its directors and officers are

shown in the front matter of Volumes 6 through 12. The volumes may be seen on the web at TheChristians.com. SEARCH is not connected, legally or effectually, with any Christian denomination or church related institution. However, we gratefully acknowledge the 20th Century Christian writer C. S. Lewis as the inspiration for this whole endeavor. We can only pray that he approves of what we have done.

Ted Byfield, General Editor *The Christians: Their First Two Thousand Years*





God in Man: He whose deeds seeded a New World

Confronting a crowd of followers and detractors, Jesus horrifies both. He not only speaks the unutterable name of God — I AM — but applies it to himself. “At this,” records John, “they picked up stones to stone him, but Jesus hid himself, slipping away from the Temple grounds.”

(Illustration is from page 31 of *The Veil Is Torn*.)

DECEMBER 2020



"But my jaw drops when I look at the beautiful volumes produced by the Christian History Project and SEARCH... This is solid history told the way history should be written, with sound and fury signifying something vital about the drama God has produced. The writing is lively and the characters are vivid."

—Dr. Marvin Olasky *World Magazine* Editor

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Nero: reaching new depths of depravity

Roman Emperor Nero's penchant for spectacle was mixed with a seemingly insatiable appetite for human pain. Christians had been accused of setting the fires consuming large swathes of the city of Rome in an attempt to subvert the empire. Then, herded together, bound and tied to stakes, they serve as torches to illumine the gardens of the emperor's palace. Accounts of this first mass persecution horrified Christian communities all over the empire.

(Illustration is from page 238 of *The Veil Is Torn.*)

JANUARY 2021

"Based on the way it was written, I felt I was really there. I watched in horror in the arenas at those who cheered with blood lust and felt a great sense of relief when the whole debacle was finally over. Thanks to this and countless other stories I feel better prepared should something like that happen to me one day. I pray to have the boldness to face adversity as my brothers and sisters have done so admirably in the past."

—Brian Krieger, Omaha, Nebraska

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	Martin Luther King Day					
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**Baptismal power:
embracing He who knew
you before your mother's
womb**

Since most Christians were converts, baptism was a great unifying force in the early church. The newly baptised received the bread and wine of the Eucharist, and milk and honey as a foretaste of Heaven.

(Illustration is from page 272 of *A Pinch of Incense*.)

FEBRUARY 2021



"Volume Two of the Christian History Project, A Pinch of Incense, should be on the 'must read' list of every believer."
— Bible Network News, Christian news site for the Canadian Bible Society

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14 Valentine's Day	15 Washington's Birthday	16	17	18	19	20
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Emperor Constantine: earth's king of kings kneels before Christ

Their battle shields newly adorned with the Chi-Rho that Constantine had received by vision, the emperor's troops rout their opposition. The scene is the Milvian bridge over the Tiber River just north of Rome. Maxentius, rival to the imperial throne, would die on the bridge, leaving clear for Constantine the road to Rome. With Constantine would go his new battle ensign and standard, proclaiming the words he had been given not long ago: "Conquer by this!"

(Illustration is from page 144 of *By This Sign.*)

MARCH 2021



"I am convinced that people can only benefit from the historical information and inspiration contained in these books."
 —Lorne McCallister, District Superintendent,
 Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada

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Jerome: bringing the Living Word to every citizen of the empire

The Renaissance artist Caravaggio (1573-1610) evinced a remarkable fondness for Jerome, founder of monasteries and translator of the Bible into Latin, the common language of the Roman Empire, from the original Hebrew and Greek. Caravaggio's Jeromes are invariably shown naked, except for the seemingly incongruous red cloak, which bespeaks high rank in the church. On Jerome's desk, the artist has set a skull, an item the saint was said to have kept in view to remind him of his death and judgement.

(Illustration is from page 151 of *Darkness Descends*.)

APRIL 2021



"Most evangelical Christians know almost nothing about Church history. That is both a pity and a scandal. The Christians is a very accessible first step for believers to take as we reclaim the glorious heritage we share with brothers and sisters who have lived faithful lives, have done great deeds, and have contended for the truth throughout the past two millennia." — Chuck Colson, Prison Fellowship

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					Orthodox Good Friday	



Battle of Tours: Islam's sword is finally parried

The intensity of the clash between the Franks and the Muslims at Tours is captured in this painting by nineteenth-century artist Carl von Steuben. Muslim forces would remain for years in some parts of southern France, but the battle effectively marked the end of Islamic expansion in the west.

(Illustration is from page 250 of *The Sword of Islam*.)

MAY 2021

"The information we get here goes very deep. For one example, volume five [The Sword of Islam] really helped me understand the force behind Islam, and what led to the situation we have today."
—Donald Kirner, Oconomowoc, Wisconsin

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9 Mother's Day	10	11	12	13	14	15
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23 Pentecost	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31 Memorial Day					



Christians as commodities: Islam's 1400-year slave trade still survives

Viking traders haggle with Mongol and Persian caravaners on the Volga River, bartering fur pelts and an even more valuable commodity, captive slave girls, for such Asian luxury goods as silk, metalwork and coins. The latter, being carefully weighed at left, have been discovered in many Viking treasure hordes. The moustached totem in the background represents a Norse god, and the skull of a sacrificial ox hangs at top right.

(Illustration is from page 218 of *The Quest for the City*.)

JUNE 2021

"These books superbly show Christians fighting to transform their world into the society we enjoy today. It inspires me to retain their work."
—Lloyd Baker, Champagne, Illinois, Masters Student, Church of Christ

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Francis: “For it is in giving that we receive”

St. Francis of Assisi comforts a dying man in this early twentieth-century painting by Giuseppe Mentessi. “O Divine Master,” reads one of Francis’s prayers, “grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console.”

(Illustration is from page 276 of *A Glorious Disaster*.)

JULY 2021



"The books have been widely praised in Evangelical periodicals and circles, and for good reason. Well researched, filled with wonderful illustrations and photography ... The writing is excellent, the stories are engaging and well told, and many lesser-known martyrs and historical characters are brought out of the shadows of time."
— Carl Olson The National Catholic Register

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The Great Plague: pestilence and repentance spur spiritual growth

Taking on the aspect of a travelling circus, the Flagellants became a highly popular form of entertainment during the plague, reenacting Christ's passion in public, and flogging themselves bloody with vicious little whips. When they began assuming the roles — and taking the fees — of priests, however, the pope issued a bull denouncing the movement. They are depicted here in an 1889 painting, *The Flagellants*, by the German-American Carl von Marr.

(Illustration is from page 40 of *The Renaissance: God in Man*.)

AUGUST 2021

"These books are fantastic! They are big, coffee table type books, but very well written. I have an M.Div. I've read a lot of Christian history. This series is by far the most engaging and informative I've read. I'm surprised how little publicity they've received. Try them. You will love them." — John Murphy, Lansing MI Amazon Reviewer of Volume 3: *By This Sign*

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“Rascal” Luther stubbornly insists all Christians are created equal before God

As imagined by the nineteenth century artist Friedrich Paul Thumann, Martin Luther and his followers in Wittenberg burn a copy of the papal bull issued by Pope Leo X in June 1520. Probably composed by Johann Eck, the bull called Luther “a bellowing boar” trying to destroy God’s vineyard. It ordered his books burned and gave him sixty days to recant.

(Illustration is from page 26 of *A Century of Giants.*)

SEPTEMBER 2021

CHRISTIAN
renewal

"Refreshing in these books is the fact the writers and publisher take the information provided in the Bible at face value. There is no attempt to undermine the Biblical account, to discredit it in any way, or to question its authority. Nor is there any attempt ... to preach or espouse a particular doctrine."

—John van Dyk, Editor of *Christian Renewal*

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Poland's Sobieski and his angelic host save Vienna from the Muslims

Of the Christian forces that relieved beleaguered in Vienna September 1683, the most fearsome were the famous Winged Hussars, led by King John Sobieski of Poland, and pictured in this modern-day digital image by Mariusz Kosik. The Turkish besiegers, already heavily engaged on one front by the forces of the Duke of Lorraine, watched in horror as Sobieski and his armored cavalry poured down from the heights overlooking the city. With their cry of "Jesus, Maria, ratuj!" ("Jesus, Mary, help!") and the eagle feathers streaming from the frames on their backs, the winged horsemen descended like avenging angels onto the Ottoman artillery.

(Illustration is from page 152 of *We the People*.)

OCTOBER 2021



"The Christians illuminates long dead history to the reader; we almost feel hot breath and see the flashing eyes of the Borgias, Rasputin, the Inquisitors and a host of other villains and heroes who have claimed the cross as their sword through the centuries. The series introduces you to people you didn't meet in public school, and probably didn't hear about in Sunday school either... This series will be read, re-read and loved for decades."—Review by Jane Harris-Zsovan *The Christian Herald*

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Christian reformers rescue millions of children from the factories

This 1908 photograph shows a young girl working in a South Carolina cotton mill. Although working conditions slowly improved throughout the nineteenth century thanks to the efforts of Christian reformers, elimination of child labor would not occur in the Western world until well into the twentieth century. At the time that this photograph was taken, an estimated two million children under the age of fifteen were employed in American industry.

(Photograph is from page 75 of *Unto the Ends of the Earth*.)

NOVEMBER 2021



"... a very valuable tool in evangelism and nurture as the post-Christian 21st century unfolds.... And just as people are brought to Christ by the witness of Christians they meet and know, so too people may be brought to Christ by the witness of Christians of past days whose story is faithfully presented to them. The new Christian has come into a family, and [these books] will do what a family album does ... tell the family's story." —Dr. James I. Packer Professor of Theology, Regent College

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WW2 allies take the unprecedented step of loving thy enemy

A worker using a jackhammer helps build a dam for the European Recovery Program-sponsored Hydro Electric Project in Ligne, France, in the 1950s. More than \$26 billion worth of aid was directed at Germany, France, England, and the war-ravaged areas of non-Soviet Europe for reasons both political and humanitarian. The Soviet Union and its communist friends in the West, however, saw the program as a new form of imperialism based on money instead of arms. (Photograph is from page 163 of *The High Tide and the Turn*.)

DECEMBER 2021



"G.K. Chesterton once remarked that the English-speaking world needed a new kind of historian, writers who could be described as 'morning stars of the Christian reunion.' Ted Byfield has assembled just such a group of writers, and their history of Christianity promises to do much to promote understanding between Protestant and Catholic readers." —Fr. Ian Boyd, President, G.K. Chesterton Institute for Faith and Culture, Seton Hall University

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Billy Graham's stunning Christian revival in North America

The 1963 Billy Graham Crusade at Los Angeles Coliseum set an all-time attendance record for the facility of 134,254. By now Graham was augmenting his crowds with members of mainline Protestant churches, institutions which made a point of never criticizing. "God has people in all churches," Graham was fond of saying, causing a furor among fundamentalists.

(Photograph is from page 276 of *The High Tide and the Turn.*)

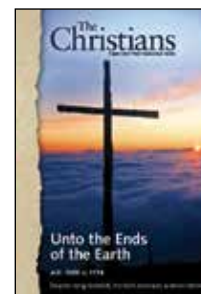
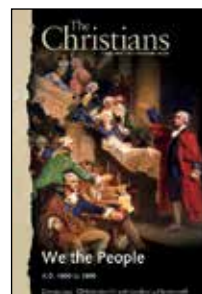
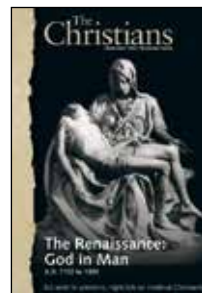
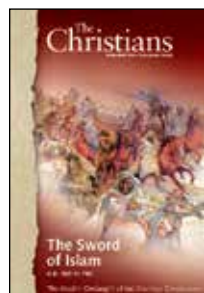
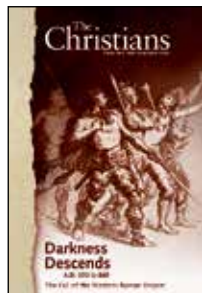
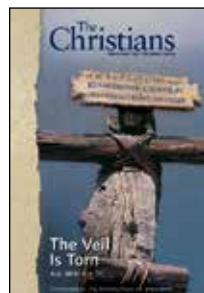
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"These volumes are the most inspirational books I've ever read, though I've attended Bible College and seminary. Between the pictures and the stories, what happened comes alive for me as never before."

—John Wardy Birmingham, AL Mountain Top Church

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