

The Christians

CALENDAR FOR
THE YEAR 2025



A slave returns to free his masters for eternity, and with them all of Christendom

In the lore that surrounds St. Patrick, the Rock of Cashel is the site of one of his many dramatic encounters. Steadying himself while baptizing King Aengus of Cashel, Patrick accidentally drives his spiked crozier through that chieftain's foot. The king makes not a murmur, and when Patrick, aghast, realizes what he has done, the king seems surprised at Patrick's concern. Given the story he had heard of a God whose feet were pierced, says the king, he assumed it was part of Christian initiation. In the twelfth century, the now-hallowed place became a Christian monastery atop the great rock.

Many historians, such as Kenneth Clark in his 1969 book *Civilization*, credit Irish monasteries in keeping the flame of learning alive. These monasteries became sanctuaries of knowledge and education, where monks diligently copied manuscripts, thus preserving vital texts during a period of widespread societal collapse in mainland Europe. Such preservation proved pivotal for the survival of Western intellectual traditions.

(Story can be found on Page 239 of *Darkness Descends*)

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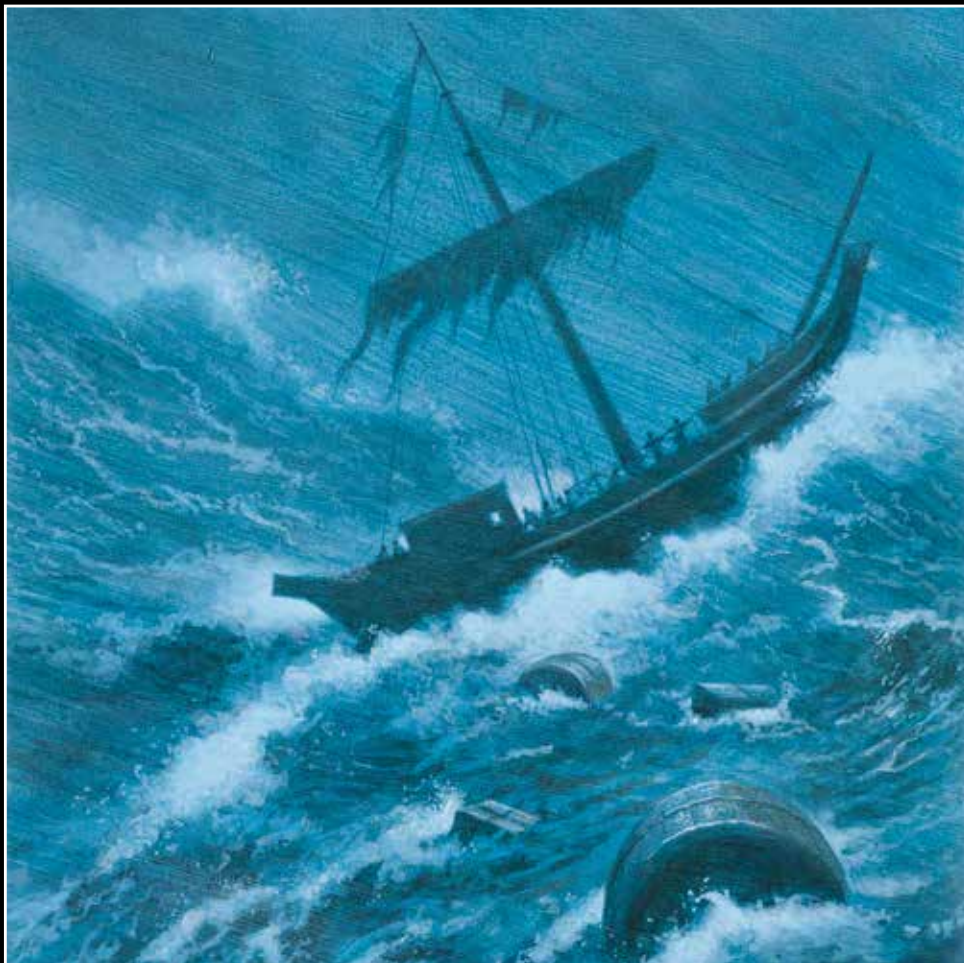
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Vince Byfield,
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**Paul correctly prophesies
that all 276 souls will
survive the wreck**

For fourteen long days Paul's ship was driven by howling winds over the storm-tossed Mediterranean. Unable to resist telling the crew "I told you not to leave Crete," Paul then turns to comfort them, the ship's passengers, and his guards. As he predicted, none of the 276 people on board were lost. The ship had been bound for Rome, where Paul was to stand trial for his life.

In ancient Roman times sea travel was dangerous, and shipwrecks occurred often. However, most vessels broke upon rocky shores, and the close proximity of land contributed significantly to the likelihood of survival.



(Story can be found
on Page 180 of
The Veil Is Torn)

DECEMBER 2024



Because of accuracy, denominational balance, readability and magnificent imagery, THE CHRISTIANS history series will have a profoundly positive effect on Christianity the world over during the 21st century. But I believe the books will eventually find their widest readership in parts of Asia where Christianity is now on the ascendant. — George T. Kurian (deceased), President, American Encyclopedia Association and General Editor of Encyclopedia of Christian Civilization

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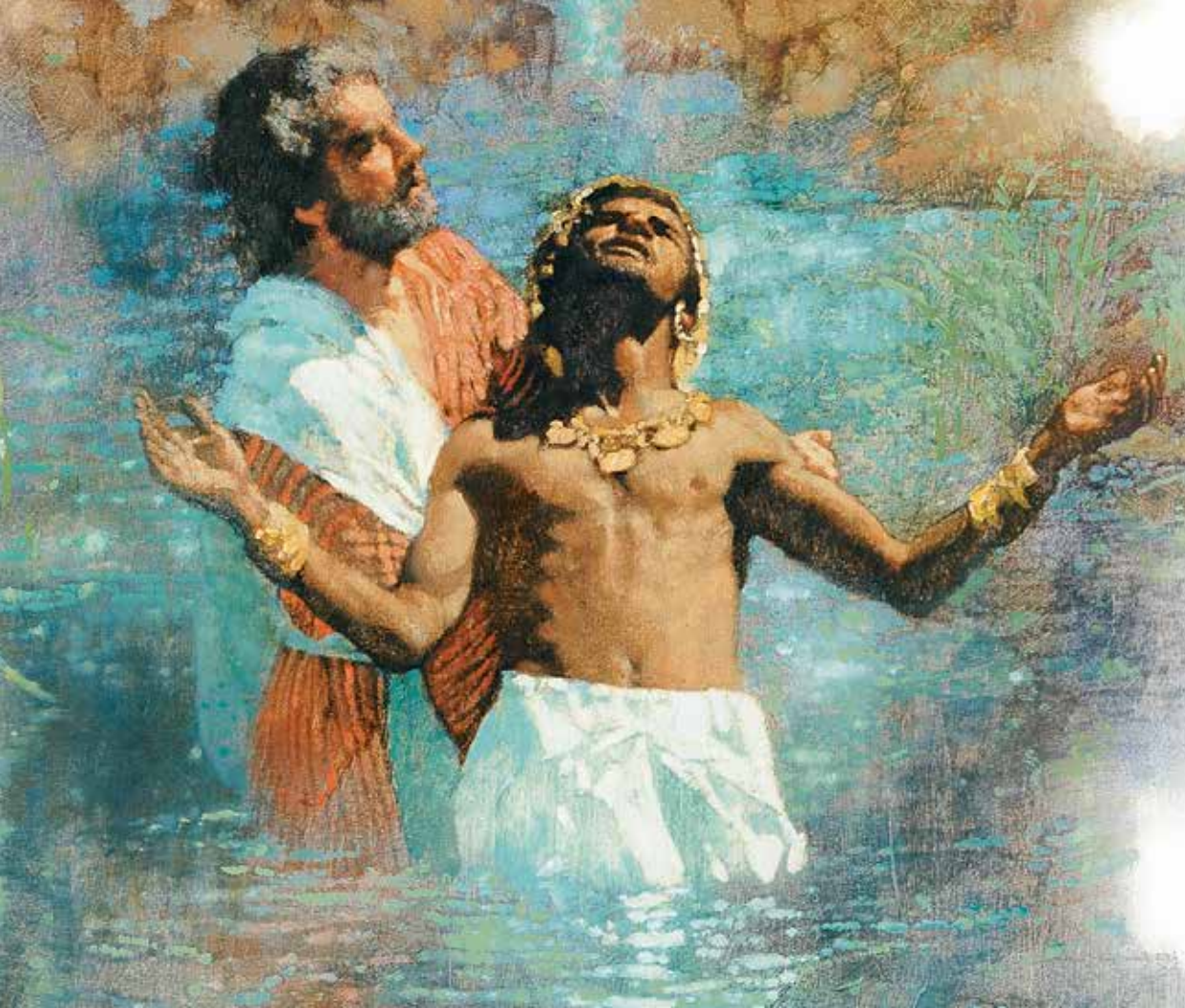
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Is this the first baptism of a Gentile?

At Gaza, a crossroads for travellers travelling to and from Egypt, the deacon Philip meets the eunuch who is a senior minister and confidant of the queen of the Ethiopians. Philip leads the Ethiopian bureaucrat through an explanation of Isaiah's "Suffering Servant" passage. The conversion is sealed here with the baptism that the new servant insists upon. "See, here is water! What is to prevent my being baptized?" he had asked.

Sadly, Gaza today is anything but peaceful, and less than one percent of the population is Christian.



(Story can be found on Page 83 of *The Veil Is Torn*)

JANUARY 2025



I love THE CHRISTIANS. My dad and I enjoyed each book as it came out. He's since passed, so reading the books today kindles memories of our time together. I love learning from those who humbly and lovingly walk with the Word of God and His Gospel, even unto death.
— Jeff Goudy, Minister, Faith Mission Canada, Red Deer, AB, Canada

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The beautifully brave death of Christianity's oldest recorded female author

The inexperienced gladiator's first thrust struck Perpetua's collar bone, injuring but not killing her. She took his trembling hand and guided it to her throat.

Historian Joyce Salisbury writes: "For centuries the faithful of Carthage remembered the martyrdom of Perpetua. The recollection was strengthened by the presence of her remains in the basilica. . . . Her deeds were annually recalled by the public reading of her diary, and constantly made relevant . . . by churchmen commenting on the text."



(Story can be found on Page 190 of *A Pinch of Incense*)

FEBRUARY 2025



As a student and teacher of history, THE CHRISTIANS series has profoundly affected me. The plain language and poignant illustrations truly bring the message of our faith to life. To this day I still remember the story of Perpetua in A Pinch of Incense and aspire to have such courage.

— David A. Neuman, History Teacher, Socorro, NM, USA

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Alms to the poor by the Early Church

Early Christians took seriously the call of their Lord to practice love toward neighbour in the form of acts of charity. Daily distributions of food, provided from donations of the faithful, allowed churches to assuage the crushing poverty of many in an empire in decline. Such acts were viewed by authorities and nonbelievers with a sullen mixture of respect and resentment.

Lucien of Samasota, a Greek satirist, wrote of the Christians in the second century: "Their first lawgiver [Christ] persuaded them that they are all brothers... They take him for a god, accept his laws, and do without a second thought whatever he bids them. So, if a poor man needs help, they fasten their resources on him without sparing anything."



(Story can be found on Page 89 of *By This Sign*)

MARCH 2025



I've a Bible major degree but didn't learn about the early church fathers. Having gone back to Volume Two time and time again, to reread about them and how the Catholic church is the same essentially as the early church in doctrine and traditions, has changed my view of church.
 — Dr. Teri Hogg, Professor, Decatur, IN, USA

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Maintaining truth through deflection during the famous empire-wide manhunt

The fugitive Athanasius, pursued up the Nile by imperial soldiery, has ordered his crew to turn back downstream, toward Alexandria. With his head covered against the blistering sun, and detection, they pass the pursuing vessel still up-bound. An officer shouts a request for information as to the bishop's whereabouts. Cunningly—and truthfully—the captain of Athanasius's ship shouts back, "He is not far." The pursuers redoubled their efforts to ascend the river.

Like many of the ten commandments, the one to not bear false witness (i.e. lie) poses a significant challenge for Christians, especially when life hangs in the balance. Sometimes, as in this instance, the Holy Spirit gives us the insight to be as wise as serpents. However, when faced with the temptation to compromise God's law, remember that the rewards are far greater in Heaven.



(Story can be found on Page 58 of *Darkness Descends*)

APRIL 2025



We enjoyed this story and picture of Athanasius eluding his persecutors on the River Nile. Athanasius Contra Mundum, as he is known, becomes a vibrant example of how Christians are called to live in the modern world. — Keith & Clare Bennett, Educator and Publisher (retired), Roman Catholic, St. Albert, AB, Canada

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**By battling to exhaustion,
two mighty empires invite the
desert storm of Islam to sweep
over them both**

This detail from Piero della Francesca's *Legend of the True Cross: Battle of Heraclius and Khosrow* captures the ferocity of the last battles between the Roman emperor and the ancient enemy, Persia. This detail is part of a huge fresco created by the Renaissance master for the Church of San Francesco in Arezzo, Italy.

Hugh Kennedy, in his book *The Great Arab Conquests: How the Spread of Islam Changed the World We Live In*, makes the claim that had the Byzantine and Persian Sassanian empires managed to reach a stable and lasting peace accord in the seventh century, it is possible that the early Islamic conquests might not have spread as far or as rapidly as they did.



(Story can be found
on Page 122 of
The Sword of Islam)

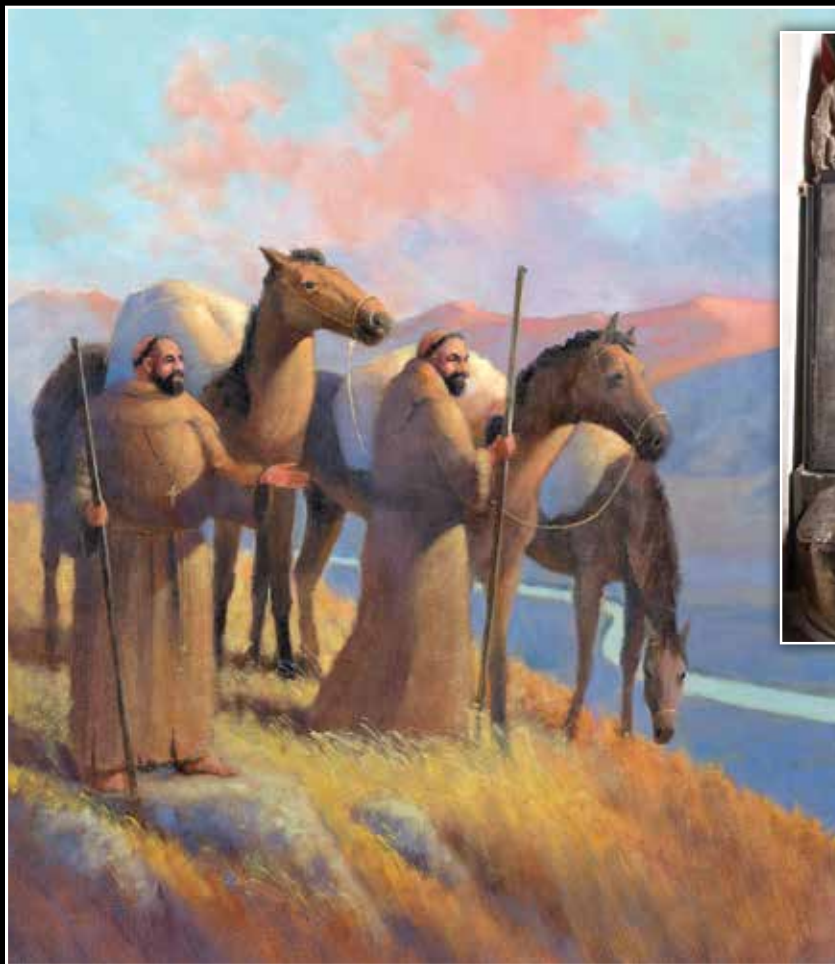
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MAY 2025



The clear explanation in THE CHRISTIANS of the growth of Islam has been eye-opening, as is a better understanding of the issues between Roman Catholic vs. Eastern Orthodox and Rome vs. Constantinople. I have long been looking for this type of information, and these books have been a God Send. — John & Stacey Newsom, Biblical Counsellor, BiblicalCounselingOnline.com, United Missionary Church, Plymouth, IN, USA

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Rediscovering ancient Chinese Christian evangelism

The barefoot emissaries of Pope Innocent IV, John Carpini and his companion Benedict, pause in their gruelling journey across the Asian steppes. Despite advanced age and the dangers of starvation, Mongol attackers and physical deprivations, these zealous Franciscans persevered to reach the court of the great Khan, there to discover Chinese Christianity long established.

800 years later Jesuit missionaries discovered that Nestorian Christian influence in China existed as early as the Tang Dynasty (618–907 AD), as evidenced by the Xi'an Stele of 781 AD which documents 150 years of early Christianity in China (inset).



(Story can be found on Page 168 of *The Quest for the City*)

JUNE 2025



Courtesy of my own work on THE CHRISTIANS, and even more through reading the contributions from others, I was introduced to a multitude of inspiring stories about how the faithful have lived out their devotion to Christ. I heartily recommend this compelling series to the attention of my fellow Catholics!
— Tom McFeely, News Editor of the *National Catholic Register*, Roman Catholic, Victoria, BC, Canada

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From Child Bride to Saint: Elizabeth of Hungary, Heroine of the Poor

In 1211 a four-year-old girl was sent to be raised as the bride of Thuringia's next ruler, Ludwig IV, landgrave of Thuringia, then eleven. This little girl, although known to history as St. Elizabeth of Hungary, would spend most of her life in Germany, where many would regard her as the greatest woman of the German Middle Ages. They were wed in 1221, when Elizabeth was fourteen and Ludwig twenty-one. Ludwig died in 1227 of the malady that struck down the Sixth Crusade.

A Franciscan master demanded spiritual exercises from her that were harsh even for the mendicant orders, took her children away and subjected her to physical punishments. Elizabeth nevertheless strove to complete a Franciscan hospital. Becoming a heroine to the poor by the time she died of exhaustion at age 24, her grave soon became a popular place of pilgrimage.



(Story can be found on Page 123 of *A Glorious Disaster*)

JULY 2025



When Urban II summoned the First Crusade it was with a rousing speech on the evils and savagery of those who conquered the Holy Land. This same evil remains today, as does its cruelty and brutality from a millennium ago. If we do not stand up, we will be eliminated.

— Claude Bedard, Electrical Engineer, Roman Catholic, Cary, NC, USA

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Kings are kings, prophets are prophets, and never the twain should be as one

Eruli Erulo's magnificent painting of the Sicilian Vespers is seen below. An unplanned yet spectacularly coordinated assault on their French overlords was carried out by the Sicilians on Easter Monday, March 30, 1282, after a French sergeant went too far with a bride on her wedding day and was promptly killed by the groom.

The rebellion spread quickly across the island, resulting in the massacre of thousands of French. The revolt's name, "Sicilian Vespers," refers to the timing of the initial uprising, which took place during the evening vespers service. It led to the intervention of Peter III of Aragon, triggering the War of the Sicilian Vespers which played a crucial role in reshaping Mediterranean geopolitics for the years to come.



(Story can be found on Page 219 of *A Glorious Disaster*)

AUGUST 2025



Ted [THE CHRISTIANS General Editor Ted Byfield] blessed me with The Sicilian Vespers: the riot that changed the course of history (Volume 7, Chapter 8, Page 209). Pope Boniface VIII declared absolute rule over Christendom, so France's King Philip III had him kidnapped, which ended in Boniface's death and the papacy's deportation to Avignon. Amazing story. — Joseph Woodard, Education writer, (Imaginative Conservative), husband of Kathy, and father of ten, Roman Catholic, Calgary, AB, Canada

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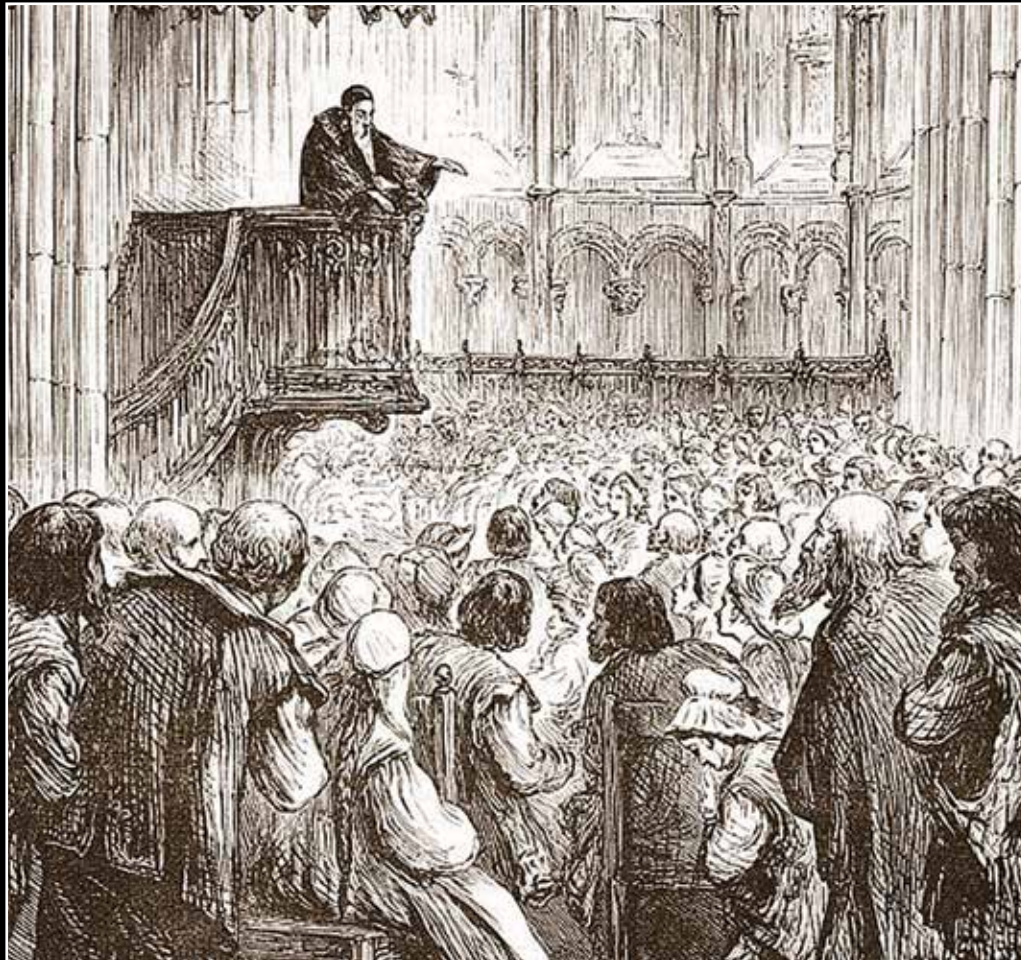
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When legislating morality impinges too far on free will

As opposition to Calvin grew, crowds sang lewd songs about him outside his house at night and jeered his sermons during the day, while mobs threatened to throw him in the river. When the Bern government ordered Geneva to adopt a unified form of worship for all denominations, the resulting controversy drove Calvin from the city. After preaching a farewell sermon to his flock, depicted below in this nineteenth-century sketch, Calvin departed without money or property.

In modern contexts, this story serves as a reminder that governments and institutions need to carefully consider the balance between enforcing moral standards and preserving individual freedoms.



(Story can be found on Page 94 of *A Century of Giants*)

SEPTEMBER 2025



I'm currently enjoying Century of Giants, which covers the Reformation. John Calvin's efforts to create a Christian community in Geneva, a work that resulted in the imprisonment and execution of his opponents, reminds me that it is never wise to impose Christian behaviors on a population that doesn't want them.

— Brian Hazeltine, Ed.D., History Teacher, Rockford, MI, US

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The only nation to have been founded on a creed

John Trumbull's famous painting of Thomas Jefferson, flanked by his drafting committee, presenting the Declaration of Independence to John Hancock, president of the Continental Congress, July 4, 1776. Displayed in the Rotunda on Capitol Hill and on the American two-dollar bill, the group portrait includes forty-two of the fifty-six signers. (Inset) the Declaration itself.

Twentieth-century essayist G.K. Chesterton would later observe that the United States is the only nation to have been founded on a creed.



(Story can be found on Page 205 of *We the People*)

OCTOBER 2025



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 (deceased), President, G.K. Chesterton Institute for Faith and Culture, Seton Hall University, Roman Catholic, Edmonton, AB, Canada

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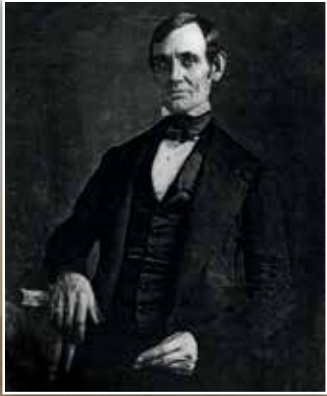
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Beyond salvation, the best gift God has given to man

The corpse-strewn field after the Battle of Gettysburg. (Inset) The election as the first Republican U.S. president of Abraham Lincoln, photographed here as a congressman in 1846, helped spark the civil war, which began in 1861 when Confederate forces attacked Fort Sumter, South Carolina. Beginning life as a skeptic, Lincoln clearly believed in God later in life, but never belonged to a church.

Lincoln's description of the Bible after he was presented with one by a group of former slaves in 1864 certainly suggests a degree of faith well beyond the nominal: "In regard to this great book, I have but to say, it is the best gift God has given to man. All the good the Savior gave to the world was communicated through this book. But for it we could not know right from wrong. All things most desirable for man's welfare, here and hereafter, are to be portrayed in it."



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147 of *Unto The
Ends of The Earth*)

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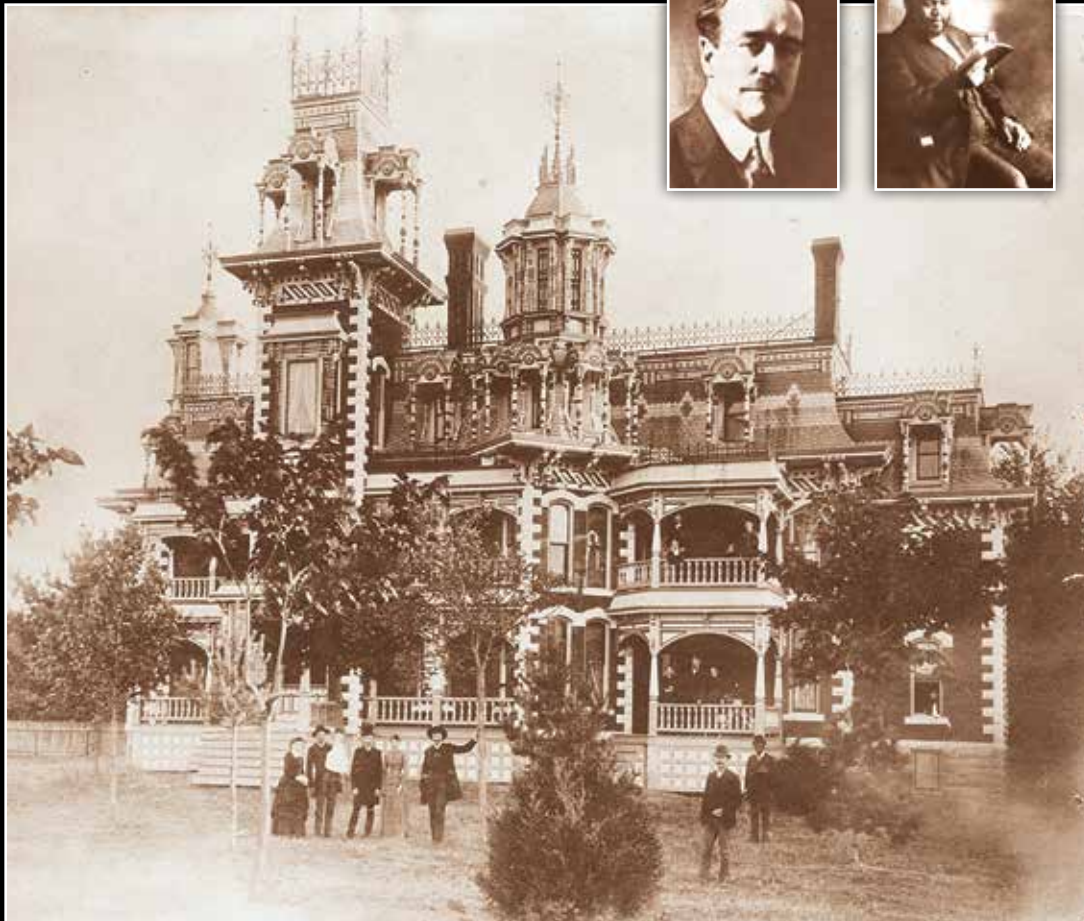
NOVEMBER 2025



My son Joseph delights in reading THE CHRISTIANS to his family. Currently they are on The Sword of Islam. Joseph said to his own 18-year-old, "Patrick, the richest treasure I can leave you is not money or land but the Truth contained in these books." Now Patrick is reading them!

— Fr. David Mulligan, Priest, Christ Covenant Church, Anglican-Catholic, Marshfield, VT, USA

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Christian twentieth-century thirst for the miraculous and a return to the Book of Acts

Pentecostalism grew out of the belief by those in the late nineteenth-century holiness movement, notably Kansan faith-healer Charles Parham (inset left), that the movement was losing its vigour, becoming too intellectual, and no longer possessed its original miraculous powers. Accordingly, Parham established a Bible school for young missionaries in an empty Topeka mansion called Stone's Folly. His students included William Seymour (inset right), who launched the Azusa Street Revival in Los Angeles, the first Pentecostal church at which parishioners fainted and spoke in tongues during services, drawing ridicule from such quarters as the Los Angeles Daily Times.

From its inauspicious beginnings just over a century ago, Pew Research calls Pentecostalism the fastest growing denomination and now estimates over a half a billion Christians consider themselves either Pentecostal or Charismatic.



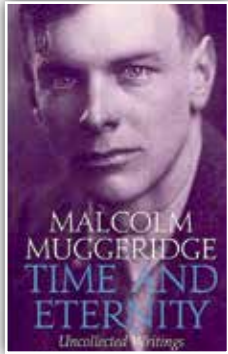
(Story can be found on Page 296 of *The High Tide and the Turn*)

DECEMBER 2025



I was moved by the HOLY SPIRIT! It led me to this calendar in the back of our church. There I found it and another calendar, but this one drew me in with its beautiful artwork. Then I investigated the information that was available and discovered such an amazing story! — Lorri Turner, Retired Physical Therapist and Pilates Instructor , Roman Catholic, Bainbridge Island, WA, USA

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How one man's suffering and search for truth led a jaded journalist to Christ

The second and considerably more devastating Ukrainian famine in 1932-33 came solely as a result of Soviet collectivization and antikulak policies, and would be concealed by a Soviet regime intent on impressing the world through a facade of Marxist prosperity.

Pulitzer-winning *New York Times* correspondent Walter Duranty (inset right), who denied the extent of Soviet starvation, was later found to be working for the Soviets and fired. *Manchester Guardian* correspondent Malcolm Muggeridge (inset left) called Duranty from the start "the greatest liar I've met in fifty years of journalism." Muggeridge's articles were buried by *Guardian* editors, prompting him to write independently on the atrocities, but his work gained little attention. After his son's death, a suicide attempt, and the USSR's collapse, the truth emerged. In his final years, Muggeridge, once a staunch atheist, became a Christian, writing that "Christ is alive."



(Story can be found on Page 91 of *The High Tide and the Turn*)

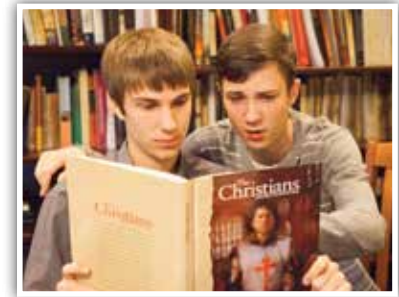
JANUARY 2026



THE CHRISTIANS is an extraordinarily awesome reading experience: real history, great detail, powerful imagery. The books lift the reader from a limited level of knowledge to a greatly expanded understanding of the underlying foundational truth. It's a deep dive into how pain and suffering creates wondrous intimacy with our Lord.
— Andrew Turner, Owner, Trinity Healthcare Services International, Presbyterian, Bainbridge Island, WA, USA

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In short, your decision to sponsor a school today could set off a ripple effect that helps build the kingdom for generations to come. The Lord works in marvelously mysterious ways. Let's work together today to let His will be done!

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