

# OUR GLORIOUS HERITAGE

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The late Lewis Drummond (2003:14) divides the church's epoch of movements into six basic periods:

|                               |                  |
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| The Apostolic Age             | (1 – 100 AD)     |
| The Age of the Church Fathers | (100 – 500 AD)   |
| The middle Ages               | (500 – 1500 AD)  |
| The Reformation Age           | (1500 – 1650 AD) |
| The Puritan / Pietistic Age   | (1650 – 1900 AD) |
| The "Great" Age               | (1900 – 2000 AD) |

However, Evangelism is an ongoing ministry. At times it is activated by the ministry of the Evangelist or by the perennial activity of an Evangelistic programme.

The following observations of church history seek to provide an overview of the Evangelistic ministries of noted preachers during the various periods of the church. Time and space do not allow us to explore the multiple tenants of the theological debates that raged, but rather we will examine the Evangelistic ethos and impact of each epoch. We will also examine the path and progress of Evangelists from the Reformation period onwards (from 1500AD). This will be traced in chronological order. Each Evangelist highlighted some aspect of the Evangelism ministry and left a legacy that has become legendary, for they exemplified principles that must always be present in Evangelism with historical integrity.

## 1. EVANGELISM ON THE EVE OF THE REFORMATION

1452 – 1498      JEROME \_\_\_\_\_

His preaching      -      3 Profound principles

1. The Church \_\_\_\_\_
2. Before Revival \_\_\_\_\_ chastisements.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ would shortly come to pass.

- SECRETS:
- i. Commitment to \_\_\_\_\_
  - ii. His devotion to \_\_\_\_\_
  - iii. His preparedness to \_\_\_\_\_

- RESULTS:
- i. \_\_\_\_\_
  - ii. \_\_\_\_\_

## **2. DURING THE REFORMATION PERIOD**

EMPHASIS - \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

1. 1483 – 1546      MARTIN \_\_\_\_\_

As an Evangelist he made the following contribution:

- i. The Apostle of \_\_\_\_\_
- ii. Emphasis on \_\_\_\_\_
- iii. The Great \_\_\_\_\_
- iv. His emphasis on \_\_\_\_\_
- v. His emphasis on \_\_\_\_\_
- vi. The training of \_\_\_\_\_

2. 1509 – 1564      JOHN \_\_\_\_\_

If Luther was the Apostle of Faith, Calvin was the Apostle of \_\_\_\_\_

### **FIVE BASIC DOCTRINES:**

- i. The \_\_\_\_\_ of God

- ii. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Man
- iii. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ
- iv. The \_\_\_\_\_ through Grace
- v. Grace is \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_

CONTRIBUTIONS:

- i. Doctrine of \_\_\_\_\_
- ii. \_\_\_\_\_
- iii. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
- iv. \_\_\_\_\_

3. EVANGELISTS OF THE 18<sup>th</sup> CENTURY

The \_\_\_\_\_ era (1703 – 1791)

The \_\_\_\_\_ Brothers

Doctrinal differences with Whitefield.

METHODS OF THE WESLEY'S:

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_ Preaching
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_ Preaching
- 3. The \_\_\_\_\_ :
  - i. \_\_\_\_\_ ii. \_\_\_\_\_ iii. \_\_\_\_\_
  - iv. \_\_\_\_\_

1714 – 1770      GEORGE \_\_\_\_\_

Other 18<sup>th</sup> Century Evangelists:

1713 -1790 Daniel \_\_\_\_\_ of Wales

1714 – 1773 Howell \_\_\_\_\_ of Wales

1688 – 1753 James \_\_\_\_\_ of Scotland

1703 – 1758 JONATHAN \_\_\_\_\_

IMPACT OF 18<sup>th</sup> CENTURY EVANGELISM:

- i. \_\_\_\_\_ Work – first \_\_\_\_\_  
formed in 1870 by Robert Raikes.
- ii. \_\_\_\_\_ Work - 1799 \_\_\_\_\_  
founded.

**EVANGELISTS IN THE 19<sup>th</sup> CENTURY**

\_\_\_\_\_ **EVANGELISM.**

1792 – 1875 CHARLES \_\_\_\_\_

CHARACTERISTICS OF COOPERATIVE EVANGELISM:

- 1. Meetings in a \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. Ministers and Laymen pooled their \_\_\_\_\_ for a \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3. One \_\_\_\_\_ did the preaching for the public meetings.
- 4. Duration of campaign \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **EVANGELISM**

1837 – 1899 DL \_\_\_\_\_

Three great moments of EVENTS that impacts his life :

- i. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- ii. Aunty \_\_\_\_\_ and Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_
- iii. The Great \_\_\_\_\_

### **EVANGELISTS DURING THE 19<sup>th</sup> AND 20<sup>th</sup> CENTURIES:**

Evangelists of note who ministered on a wide scale during the nineteenth and twentieth centuries include:

- Sam Jones (1847 –1906): Methodist Evangelist who operated mainly in the Southern States of the United States of America.
- Wilbur Chapman (1859 – 1918): Presbyterian Evangelist.
- Rodney “Gypsey” Smith (1860 – 1947): A British Evangelist.
- Billy Sunday (1862 – 1935): The former flamboyant baseball player. He built tabernacles in which the floor was covered in sawdust hence the expression “hit the sawdust trail” in his invitations for sinners to respond to his altar calls.
- Sandar Singh (1889 – 1929): A great Evangelist from India.
- R A Torrey (1856 – 1928).
- Charles Alexander (1904 – 1991).

**20<sup>th</sup> CENTURY EVANGELISTS** - \_\_\_\_\_ **EVANGELISM**

1918 – Present

WILLIAM FRANKLIN \_\_\_\_\_

**MINISTRIES:**

- Crusades
- Radio and Television
- Publications
- International Evangelism Congresses and Evangelists Conferences.
- Conference and Study Centre's
- Technology for World Evangelism
- Social and Relief Ministries
- Teams and Associates
- Influence on World Leaders
- Honours and Awards

**MUSIC EVANGELISTS**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Watts (1674 – 1748)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Wesley (1707 – 1788)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Cosby (1820 – 1915)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Sankey (1840 – 1908)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Chapman (1859 – 1918)

**PASTOR EVANGELISTS**

- Murray McCheyne (1831 – 1843):  
St. Peters, Dundee, Scotland

A W Tozer (1897 – 1963): Pastor of Southside Alliance Church, Chicago

- Oswald Smith - 1889 – 1986
- Alan Redpath - 1907 – 1989
- Stephen Olford - 1918 – 2007
- Paul Smith - 1921 – Present

### **OTHER EVANGELISTS OF NOTE**

The twentieth century witnessed a decline of the noted Evangelists. Here is a list of some who have made a significant impact:

- Nicholas Bhengu - South Africa: He launched the great “Back to God” Crusades in South Africa between 1950 and 1980.
- William Duma - South Africa: A great Zulu Pastor/Evangelist who preached between the 1950’s and 1980.
- Rheinhard Bonke - Germany: A German Pentecostal Evangelist since 1970 has conducted vast Crusades worldwide.
- Lionel Fletcher – Australia: An Australian Evangelist who made a huge impact in South Africa between 1940 and 1950.
- Eric Hutchings - Great Britain: A British Evangelist who conducted Crusades between 1950’s and 1960’s.
- Willie Marais - South Africa: A Dutch Reformed Pastor who has had a profound Evangelistic ministry in South Africa since 1950.
- Edwin Orr - United States of America: He wrote “The World is my Parish” and has conducted worldwide preaching ministry since 1950.
- Luis Palau - Argentina: He is originally from Argentina but now located in the USA and has had a vast international Crusades ministry since 1960.



- Ivor Powell - Wales: Called “The Man from Wales”. During the 1940’s to 1950’s he had a fruitful Evangelistic ministry in the British Isles, South Africa, Australia and New Zealand.
- Oral Roberts - United States of America: From Oklahoma, USA, he has conducted great healing Crusades worldwide since 1950.
- Dr. Toon Gon Kim (1924): A great Korean Evangelist during the Korean War, at time of writing the President of Korea Evangelical Fellowship.