

Briefly explain why Church history is important.

Church history is important because it shows how God continues to interact with his people. God is ever-present and did not cease to have community with us after Christ's sacrifice. Understanding church history gives us proof of God's plan and presence among us while also giving us context of faith through history while providing hope for the believer through the display of his continual community with us.

Name three important events in the history of the Church and briefly explain why you think they are significant turning points.

The destruction of Jerusalem. This is a major turning point that further separated Jewish and Christian worship and grew Christianity among the gentiles.

The passing of the Edict of Milan. This made Christianity a dominant religion by no longer allowing the persecution of Christians.

Athanasius listing the New Testament books. The 27 books recognized as canon then are the same books that we use today.

What immediate differences do you see in Church history between the third and sixth centuries?

The church of the 3<sup>rd</sup> century was decentralized with no central form of hierarchy while the 6<sup>th</sup> century church was given a hierarchy by Justinian with the five main cities of Rome, Constantinople, Alexandria, Antioch and Jerusalem. The papal authority was given to Rome.

In what century did Cyprian die? In what year was the Edict of Milan delivered? In what year did Pope Leo crown Charlemagne? In what years did the first crusade take place?

The third century, 313 AD, 800 AD, and 1054 AD they continued for the next 300 years but none were as successful as the first.

According to Justo Gonzalez, what were the mystery religions and what problems did they create?

Isis and Osiris myth explaining the fertility of the Nile, The Cult of Mithra and The Great Mother of Semetic origin. These religions attempted to intermingle with new Christians and because of the Hellenism of the Greco-Roman world the intermingling came natural to them and turned people away from proper, doctrinal Christianity.

