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Chapter 9 – Reformation II

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Questions

- 1-What did modernity bring about during this period?
- 2-What were the effects of colonization?
- 3-What branches of Christianity were affected by the impact of colonialism?
- 4-What was the anti-colonialism movement?
- 5- What did contextual theologies give rise to?

Answers

- 1-Modernity brought about solving problems through reason and through modern technology.
- 2-The power colonization sought to justify enterprise morally and religiously by utilizing inflicting the white man's view on a backwards people. It was assumed that all humanity would benefit from it but only the colonizer benefitted and as a result slavery was implemented.
- 3- The three branches were The Eastern Church and this church came out revitalized and with more strength, the Roman Catholic Church came out looking for a future beyond modernity and the Protestant Church brought about an optimistic rebellion of radical obedience to God and disobedience to unjust human laws.
- 4- The anti-colonialism movement came to fruition through younger churches who adopted an attitude of missionary enterprise that claimed autonomy and their right and obligation to interpret the gospel within their own context and from their own perspective.
- 5- Contextual theology gave rise to ethnicity being visible, women's conditions and experiences being heard through liberation theology. These theologies caused the church to acknowledge these issues to be addressed.

Terms

- 1- Neo-colonialism: The use of economic, political, cultural, or other pressures to control of influence other countries, especially former dependence.
- 2- Barmen Declaration: aka the Theological Declaration of Barmen 1934 was a document adopted by Christians in Nazi Germany who opposed the Deutsche Christen. The Deutsche Christen was group who used forms of pressure to advocate in 1932 to 1945 who aligned with principles of anti-semitic, racist and Fuhreprinzip ideological principles of Nazism.

3- Periti: Theological adviser or consultant to a council of the Roman Catholic Church

Summary

Modernity held the belief that every human problem would eventually be solved by means of reason and its younger sister technology but soon realized that it was a dream. Modernity brought colonization in the form of power from the white man and who then imposed his beliefs to the backward people. Although modernity was needed and important, it was dangerous and costly to people as well as the environment. Decolonization began rapidly which brought an end to modernity because people began to distrust its promise. Three branches of Christianity were affected greatly and they were the Eastern Church, Roman Catholic Church and Protestant Church. This brought about a reform of anti-colonialism where throughout the world, ethnicity, cultural minorities within the church and well as woman of all races are being heard. This message comes through liberation theology and missionary movements.