

Assignment #1: Turning Points In Church History

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Turning Point Video #1:

While watching the video, what I found meaningful to know is that Christianity did not start in the West, nor was it a Western religion. Christianity started around Europe and began its spread through other countries, for example Africa, South America, and Asia. From there, Christianity started to thrive. What I considered interesting about the history of Christianity was during the period of 64-211 AD, Christianity was not welcome in Rome and people who believed in Jesus Christ were being persecuted. Rome tried to stomp out the Christianity, but then there was a shift in time. At Galerius' death bed, he wanted there to be an ending to the killing of Christians (305-311 AD). During 313 AD, Christianity and Christians were being welcomed and being embraced to the point where Christians were given privileges. I also found this piece meaningful because this reminds me that God will always have His way. God's message will be brought across, meaning the Great Commission, and God will protect His people, meaning Christianity being welcomed and being embraced by Constantine (306-337 AD) being a Christian and a political leader as well Emperor Theodosius, making Christianity the official state religion in Rome. For three centuries, Christianity has endured persecution, but in the 4th century, Christianity has been liberated, empowered, and transformed.

Turning Point Video #2:

What stood out to me were two things: Paganism and wars with Christianity. Christianity was being attacked by people of the faith falling into the hands of invaders, empires not being kept, and leaders trying to overrule other leaders. This reminds me of stories from the Old Testament, when Israel was being enslaved for 400 years by Egyptians, King David and his battles with the Philistines, Geshurites, Gezrites, and the Amalekites. This makes me think about greed. How humanity is always seeking for more to conquer, take, or gain whether it means by war or money. It seems like enough is not enough, there is always more to gain. Secondly, this also reminds me of trust. the amount of bloodshed and war that occurred throughout time involving Christianity.