

BACK TO BASICS

The Church is born on Pentecost

Holy Spirit descends onto the apostles giving them inspiration, wisdom, and strength to preach the message of the risen Christ

Peter gives the first Christian Sermon

- Repent
- Be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ
- Receive the gift of the Holy spirit



The Apostle now depart to preach and Baptize all nations

- Peter- went all over being-Beheaded in Rome in 66AD
- **Andrew**-Turkey, Asia Minor, Greece-was crucified
- Thomas-Syria, India-speared in India
- Philip-Carthage-Cruelly put to death
- Matthew-Persia, Asia, Ethiopia-Stubbed to death in Ethiopia
- Bartholomew-India, Armenia, Southern Arabia-Martyred
- James-Syria-Clubbed to death
- Simon the Zealot-Persia-Killed after refusing to worship the Sun God
- Matthias-Syria-Death by burning
- John-DIED OF NATURAL CAUSES! Writes the book of Revelations in exile in Greece



When was the New Testament written?

- Matthew-60's
- Mark-50's-60's
- Luke-60's
- John 80's-90's
- Paul's Letters-49-63
- Acts (Luke)-61



When was the Old Testament written?

Anywhere from 2000BC to 100BC

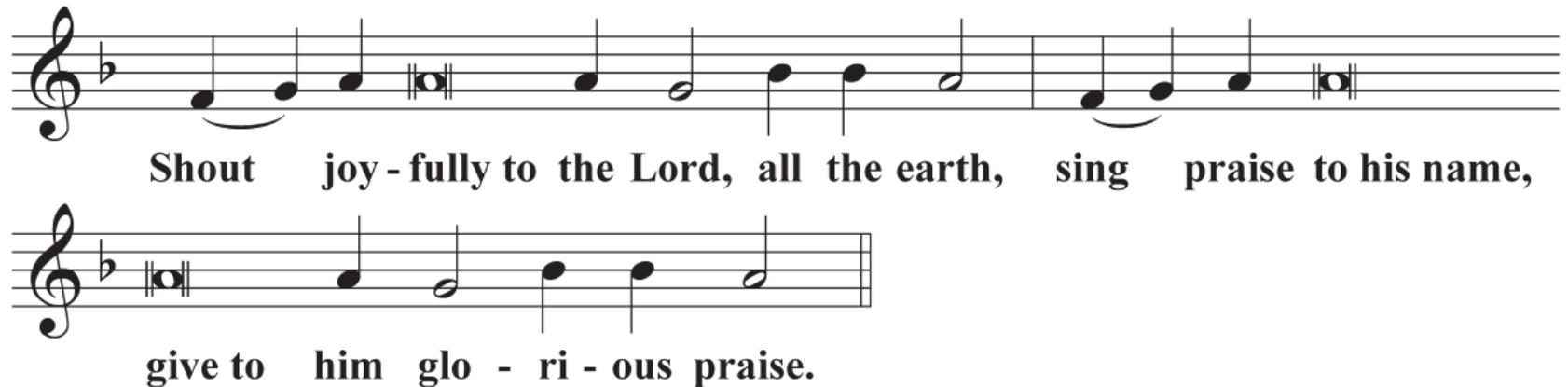
- Protestants-39 books
- Catholics-46 books
- Orthodox-51 books

These books are divided into three categories: Law, Psalms, Prophets

The psalms are ALL about Christ

FIRST ANTIPHON - SUNDAYS

On Sundays and all days of Pascha (Psalm 65:1,2):



Shout joy - fully to the Lord, all the earth, sing praise to his name,
give to him glo - ri - ous praise.



Early in the 4th century (313AD), Christianity is decriminalized by Constantine in something call the Edict of Milan

- Constantine becomes a great Patron of the Church
- Called for the first Ecumenical Council in 325AD
- Declared Christianity the state Church of the Roman Empire in 380AD

There were seven Ecumenical Councils in the early Church and they established what the faith of the Church was:

- Two natures of Christ
- Nicean Creed
- Proclaimed Virgin Mary as Theotokos (Birth giver of God)
- Veneration of Icons
- Repudiated various heresies
- Established Canon of Scripture



Christianity develops with five centers

- Antioch
- Alexandria
- Rome
- Jerusalem
- Constantinople



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Cyril and Methodius in 863AD (Apostles to the Slavs)





East and West develop differently



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- Source of the Holy Spirit
- Leavened or un-leavened
- Pope's universal jurisdiction

Finally Schism in 1054



Greek Catholic Church forms from the Eastern Christians in Carpatho-rus

- Nearly ALL Rusyn/Ruthernian Orthodox formally united with Rome in 1646
- These were Christians of the Byzantine tradition
- Viciously persecuted by Russia
- Forced into the Russian Orthodox Church
- Rusyn identity wiped out by declaring them Ukrainian, Orthodox, or Ukrainian



Russian Orthodox Church-
Jackson NJ



Byzantine Catholic Church-
Parma OH



There are 24 different Catholic Churches that are grouped into 8 rites

A rite is a liturgical, theological, spiritual, and disciplinary patrimony of a distinct people manifested in a Church



We are what?



The Protestant Reformation

- Martin Luther-Father of the Reformation-1517
- Others follow such as John Calvin
 - Lutheran
 - Calvinism
 - Anabaptists
 - Baptists
 - Presbyterians
 - Reformed
 - Methodists
 - Adventists
 - Pentecostalism



What Luther wanted to take out:

Old Testament

- Anything that referred to praying for the dead
- The intercession of Saints
- Intercession of Angels
- Purgatory

