

The Nineteenth Century

History: The Modern Church

The Nineteenth Century: *The Age of Progress*

1. The Age of Intellectual Progress

- The Rise of **Agnosticism**: *Is There A God?*
 - If So, He Is **Unknowable**: *Immanuel Kant*
 - If So, He Is **Evolving**: *G.W.F. Hegel*
 - If So, He Is **Unbiblical**: *Charles Darwin*
- The Rise of **Biblical Criticism**: *Is the Bible Reliable?*
 - Can't Trust the **Old Testament**: *Julius Wellhausen*
 - Can't Trust the **Historical Jesus**: *David Strauss*
 - Can't Trust the **New Testament**: *F.C. Baur*
- The Rise of **Atheism**: *There Is No God*
 - God Is Just a **Reflection of Man**: *Ludwig Feuerbach*
 - God Is Just a **Crutch for Man**: *Karl Marx and Friedrich Nietzsche*



- The Rise of **Theological Liberalism**: *The Bible Is Not Reliable*
 - Reduced Christianity's **Authority** from the **Bible** to **Feeling**: *Friedrich Schleiermacher*
 - Reduced Christianity's **Focus** from the **Gospel** to **Morality**: *Albrecht Ritschl*
 - Reduced Christianity's **Mission** from **Evangelism** to **Social Activism**: *The Social Gospel*

2. An Age of Social Progress

- The Rise of **Abolitionism**: *Antislavery Movements*
 - Began in **Britain**: *The Clapham Sect, Oxford Movement, and William Wilberforce*
 - Spread to **America**: *Uncle Tom's Cabin, Abraham Lincoln, and 13th Amendment*
 - Stalled in **America**: *The Confederacy, U.S. Civil War, and the Southern Baptist Convention*
- The Rise of **Teetotalism**: *Temperance Movement*

3. An Age of Spiritual Progress

- The Rise of **Revivalism**: *The Second Great Awakening (1790-1840)*
 - Began in **Eastern Colleges**: *Timothy Dwight and the College Revivals*
 - Spread to **Western Frontier**: *James McGready and the Cane Ridge Revival*
 - Peaked in **New York and Canada**: *Charles Finney and the “Burned-Over Districts”*

- The Rise of **Restorationism**: *Efforts to Restore “Primitive, New Testament” Christianity*
 - **Non-Protestant Groups**: *Christadelphians, Jehovah’s Witnesses, Christian Science, Latter Day Saints (Mormons)*
 - **Protestant Groups**: *Church of Christ, Christian Church, Disciples of Christ, Landmark Baptists, Seventh Day Adventists*



- The Rise of **Evangelicalism**: *Four Distinctives*
 - **Bible-Centered**: *Emphasis on Word of God (Inspiration, Inerrancy, Authority, Preaching)*

 - **Gospel-Centered**: *Emphasis on Cross of Christ (Substitutionary Atonement)*

 - **Conversion-Centered**: *Emphasis on Personal Faith (Altar Calls and Revivals)*

 - **Activism-Centered**: *Emphasis on Evangelism, Missions, and Mercy Ministries (Parachurch Orgs)*



The Nineteenth Century: A Timeline

- 1801 Concordat between Napoleon and Pius VII
- 1804 British and Foreign Bible Society Formed
- 1807 Wilberforce leads abolition of slave trade
- 1811 Restoration Movement Began by Alexander Campbell
- 1816 Adoniram Judson Begins Mission Trip
- 1817 Elizabeth Fry organizes relief in Newgate Prison
- 1827 J.N. Darby Founds Plymouth Brethren
- 1834 Mueller opens Scriptural Knowledge Institute
- 1835 Finney's *Lectures on Revivals*
- 1836 Mueller opens orphanage
- 1840 David Livingstone Sails for Africa
- 1844 Kierkegaard writes *Philosophical Fragments*
First Adventist Church Formed
- 1845 John Henry Newman becomes Roman Catholic
- 1845 Phoebe Palmer writes *The Way of Holiness*
- 1848 Marx Publishes *Community Manifesto*
- 1851 Stowe Publishes *Uncle Tom's Cabin*
- 1854 Spurgeon becomes pastor of New Park St. Church
- 1855 D. L. Moody converted
- 1859 Darwin Publishes *Origin of Species*
- 1860 US Civil War Begins
- 1864 Newman's *Apologia Pro Vita Sua*
- 1865 J. Hudson Taylor Founds China Inland Mission
- 1870 First Vatican Council Declares Papal Infallibility
- 1878 William and Catherine Booth Found Salvation Army
- 1885 Julius Wellhausen Presents Documentary Hypothesis
- 1896 Billy Sunday begins leading revivals