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The Church in the Modern Era, 1700-2000

How has the church been redefined and reshaped during the modern era?

Historical Overview

The First Great Awakening (1730-1770s)

Jonathan Edwards (1703-1758)

- The Source of revival is _____
- The intention of revival is _____
- The objective of revival is _____
- First step of the sinner is _____
- The transformation brought by revival is _____
- The effect of the revival is _____

George Whitefield (1714-1770)

John Wesley (1703-1791)

The Mission of the Church: The Modern Missions Movement

William Carey (1761-1834)

Enquiry into the Obligation of Christians to Use Means for the Conversion of the Heaven (1791)

“Our Lord Jesus Christ, a little before his departure, commissioned his disciples to Go, and teach all nations; or, as another evangelist expresses it, Go into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature. This commission was as extensive as possible, and laid them under obligation to disperse themselves into every country of the habitable globe, and preach to all the inhabitants, without exception, or limitation.”

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Second Great Awakening (1800-1840s)

Charles Finney (1792-1875)

How can the emphasis of evangelism and revival shift the nature of a worship service?

Restorationism: A Response to the Second Great Awakening

Alexander Campbell (1788-1866), Walter Scott (1796-1861), and Barton Stone (1772-1844) formed a denomination called Disciples of Christ. "This group attempted to displace denominational divides with an emphasis on Christian unity based on New Testament teaching, leaving creeds and confessions aside. They rejected the lengthy, overly emotional conversion narratives of the Awakening and opted for a straightforward soteriology that they deemed understandable..." (Kimble, *Historical Theology*, 343).

James Robinson Graves (1820-1893)

Major Ecclesiological Debate in the Modern Era: Covenant Theology vs. Dispensationalism

Dispensationalism emerged from the writings of John Darby (1800-1882), C.I. Scofield (1843-1921), and Lewis Chafer (1871-1952)

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The Church Growth Movement: The Methodological Movement

Donald McGavran (1897-1990)

Understanding Church Growth (1970) and *Ten Steps for Church Growth* (1977)

The Emerging Church: A Response to the Church Growth Movement