

LESSON 37 CHURCH HISTORY: THE MODERN CHURCH (AD 1590–PRESENT)

ENTERING THE MODERN WORLD

THE CHURCH MOVES FROM CHRISTENDOM → POST-CHRISTENDOM

KEY SHIFTS

REASON & ENLIGHTENMENT — SCIENCE, LOGIC, INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS

GLOBALIZATION — TRAVEL, COMMUNICATION, SHRINKING WORLD

INDIVIDUALISM — PERSONAL FREEDOM EMPHASIZED

SECULARISM — FAITH SEPARATED FROM SOCIETY

PLURALISM — MANY BELIEFS, LITTLE AGREEMENT

THE RISE OF EVANGELICAL CHRISTIANITY

TRUE FAITH = PERSONAL CONVERSION + TRANSFORMED LIFE

KEY MOVEMENTS

PURITANISM — CONVERSION AS A LIFE PROCESS

PIETISM — HOLY LIVING AND PERSONAL DEVOTION

MORAVIAN MOVEMENT — MISSIONS AND GLOBAL GOSPEL

THE CONVERTED LIFE

FIRST GREAT AWAKENING - LED BY JONATHAN EDWARDS

EMPHASIZED:

CONVICTION OF SIN

DEEP HEART CHANGE (“HOLY AFFECTIONS”)

EXPERIENCING GOD’S GRACE PERSONALLY

METHODISM - LED BY JOHN WESLEY

KEY IDEAS:

ALL NEED SALVATION

ALL CAN BE SAVED

ASSURANCE OF SALVATION

GROWTH IN HOLINESS

REVIVAL & EXPANSION

SECOND GREAT AWAKENING

FRONTIER REVIVALS & CAMP MEETINGS

EMPHASIZED PERSONAL DECISION FOR CHRIST

LED TO GROWTH OF METHODIST & BAPTIST CHURCHES

HOLINESS MOVEMENT

CALLED BELIEVERS TO DEEPER SURRENDER AND HOLY LIVING

EMPHASIZED SPIRIT-EMPOWERED LIFE

PENTECOSTALISM

AZUSA STREET REVIVAL (1906)

EMPHASIS ON:

HOLY SPIRIT POWER

SPIRITUAL GIFTS

MULTI-ETHNIC UNITY

FAITH IMPACTING THE WORLD

PERSONAL AWAKENING (CHANGED HEARTS)

MORAL CONVICTION (SEEING INJUSTICE)

SOCIAL ACTION (CHANGING SOCIETY)

MOVEMENTS INFLUENCED BY CHRISTIANS

ABOLITION OF SLAVERY

CIVIL RIGHTS

EDUCATION & LABOR REFORM

TEMPERANCE & WOMEN'S RIGHTS

KEY TAKEAWAY

THE MODERN CHURCH SHOWS THAT:

WHEN HEARTS ARE TRULY CHANGED BY THE GOSPEL, LIVES CHANGE—AND WHEN LIVES CHANGE, SOCIETIES CHANGE.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

HOW DOES PERSONAL CONVERSION SHAPE EVERYDAY LIFE?

WHERE DO YOU SEE MODERN CULTURE PULLING AWAY FROM GOD?

HOW CAN THE CHURCH REMAIN FAITHFUL IN A SECULAR WORLD?

WHAT ROLE SHOULD CHRISTIANS PLAY IN SHAPING SOCIETY?