

The Church Age

Revelation 2-3
(all dates approximate)

A.D. 30	100	300	500	1500	1700	1900	?
Ephesus	Smyrna	Pergamos	Thyatira	Sardis	Philadelphia	Laodicea	
"desirable" Apostolic Church	"crushed" Persecuted Church	"married" Worldly, imperial church	"continual sacrifice" Pagan, papal church	"remnant" Reformation church	"brotherly love" Revival, missionary church	"rights or rule of the people" Lukewarm, tolerant, ecumenical church	

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Periods of imperial persecution

Ten Roman emperors launched merciless assaults on Christians:

1. Nero (A.D. 54-68)
2. Domitian (A.D. 81-96)
3. Trajan (A.D. 98-117)
4. Marcus Aurelius (A.D. 161-180)
5. Septimius Severus (A.D. 193-211)
6. Maximinus (A.D. 235-238)
7. Decius (A.D. 249-251)
8. Valerian (A.D. 253-260)
9. Aurelian (A.D. 270-275)
10. Diocletian (A.D. 284-305)



Dogmas Introduced into Roman Catholicism

(approximate dates)

Prayers for the dead	A.D. 330
The sign of the cross	A.D. 330
Worship of Mary and use of the title “Mother of God”	A.D. 431
Latin language used exclusively in worship	A.D. 600
Title “pope” officially given to the Bishop of Rome	A.D. 610
Kissing of pope’s feet	A.D. 709
(Pagans by custom kissed the emperor’s feet. The Bible forbids this in Acts 10:25, 26; Rev. 19:10; 22:8-9)	
Temporal power of popes	A.D. 750
When Pepin, the usurper of the throne of France, invaded Italy and conquered the Lombards, he gave the city of Rome and surrounding territory to the Pope. Jesus Forbids such a thing and refused worldly kingship (Matt. 4:8, 9; 20:25; John 18:36)	
Adoration of saints	A.D. 788
Adoration of the cross, images, and relics	A.D. 788
Blessing of the bells	A.D. 965
Fasting: Lent, Advent, Fridays	A.D. 998
Fabrication of holy water	A.D. 1009
Marriage of priests forbidden	A.D. 1070
Rosary beads invented	A.D. 1090
Sale of Indulgences	A.D. 1190
Sacrifice of mass officially recognized	A.D. 1215
Transubstantiation of bread	A.D. 1215
Articular confession of sins to a priest	A.D. 1215
Adoration of the water	A.D. 1220
People forbidden to take cup of Communion wine	A.D. 1414
Purgatory proclaimed	A.D. 1438
Tradition held equal with the Bible	A.D. 1545
By tradition is meant human teachings. The Pharisees Believed the same way, and Jesus condemned them, for By human tradition, they annulled the commandments of God (Mark 7:1-13; Col. 2:8; Rev. 22:18)	
Aprocryphal books added to the Bible	A.D. 1546
Immaculate conception of Mary made official	A.D. 1845
Infallibility of the pope made official	A.D. 1870