

1st century:
Jewish Christianity in Jerusalem, Palestine, Mesopotamia...

1st / 2nd centuries: 'Paradosis – Patres'
Gnosticism
Early Catholicism, persecutions
Greek and Latin church fathers

4th / 5th centuries:
Shift under Constantine
Ecumenical councils

7th century:
'Ecclesia – Papa'
Gregorian reform
Medieval Papacy
Crusades
Inquisition

15th century:
Council of Constance
Renaissance Popes

16th century: 'Word of God — Inerrancy'
Reformation
Council of Trent
Luther and Reformation orthodoxy
Wars of religion and baroque culture
Pietism

17th / 18th centuries: 'Raison – Reason'
Scientific and philosophical revolution
Cultural revolution of the Enlightenment
American and French Revolutions
Human rights

19th century: 'History – Progress'
Nationalism
Industrial revolution
Liberalism and Socialism

20th century:
First and Second World Wars
Polycentric world
World Council of Churches
Postcolonial-postimperialist period



Jesus Christ
(died c. 30)
Peter
James
Paul

Roman empire – Hellenistic culture



Historic period:
Origen
Athanasius
Cappadocians

Roman Popes – German Emperors

Augustine
Leo I
Gregory I

Mani

Islam?

East-West schism



Scholasticism:
Thomas
Bonaventure

Renaissance – reform councils

Split in the Western church



Reformation:
Luther / Erasmus
Zwingli – Calvin
Cranmer



Modern philosophy
natural sciences, theory of the state

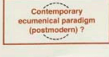


Enlightenment and Idealism:
Schleiermacher
liberal theology
Harnack

Vatican I

Industrialization
democratization

Vatican II



Paradigm Shifts in Christianity



The abiding substance of faith:

The message: 'Jesus the Christ'.
The decisive event of revelation, the turning point in the history of Israel as a result of the coming of Jesus of Nazareth.
The distinctive Christian element: **Jesus** as God's **Messiah** and **Son**.



**The shifting paradigm (=P)
(macromodel of society, religion, theology):**

'An entire constellation of beliefs, values, techniques which are shared by the members of a particular community' (Thomas S. Kuhn).