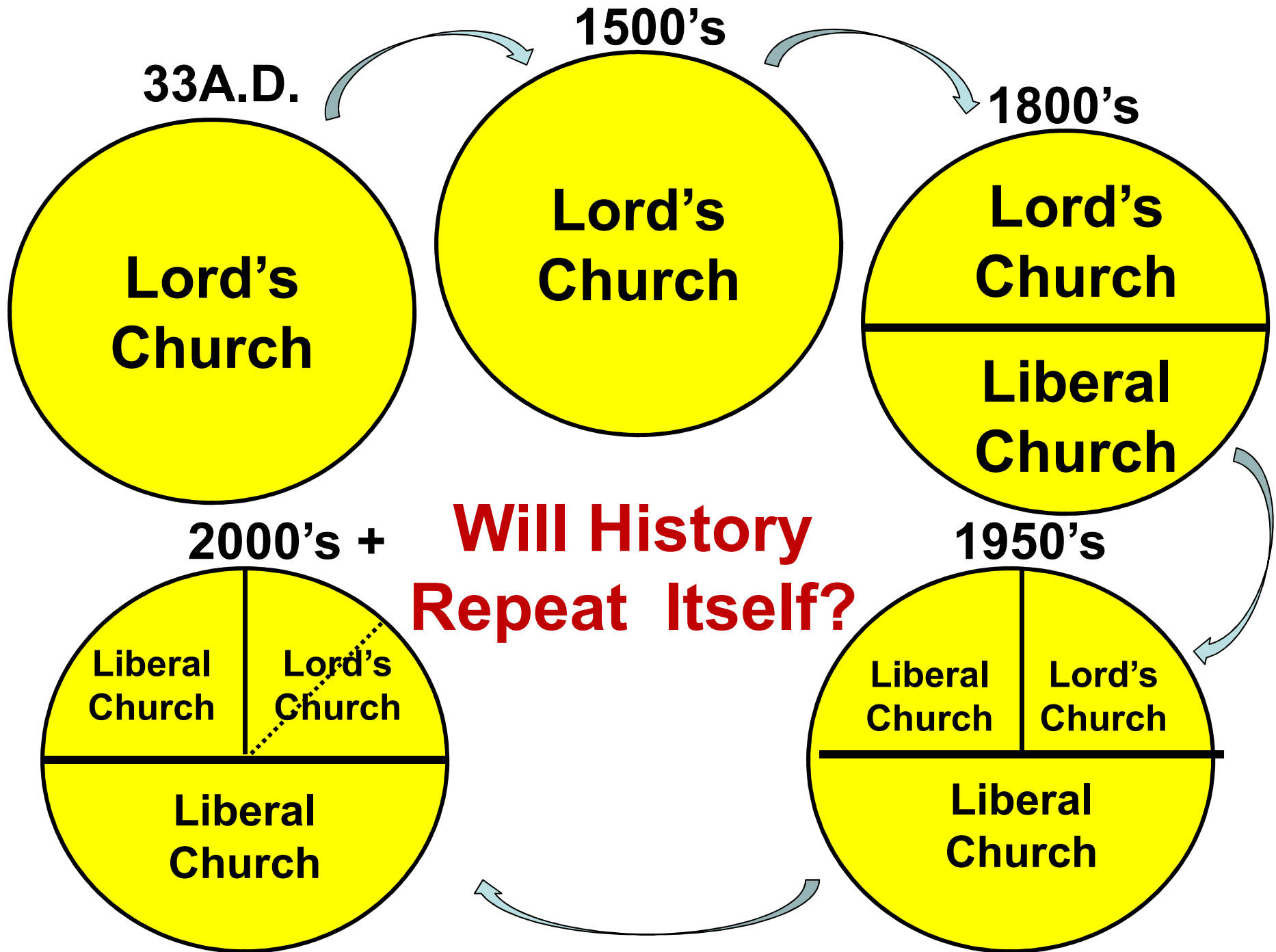


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Part 4-Restoration Period





History The Apostasy

- **The Beginning and The Falling Away**
 - **33 A.D.**, New Testament Church begins
 - **100 A.D.**, New Testament written and inspired writers (& apostles) passed on
 - **325 A.D.**, Christianity officially recognized by Constantine & Nicene Council convened
 - **606 A.D.**, Official beginning of the Catholic church and the appointment of the first Pope.
 - **1000-1600 A.D.**, Roman Catholic Church (POPE) becomes predominant power with Roman Government becoming a puppet

History The Reformation

- **REFORMATION MOVEMENT:**

- **Purpose:** Reform Catholic Church to a time each reformist accepted church doctrine.

- **Early Reformers, 1100-1400**

- Peter Waldo, John Wycliff, John Huss, etc

- **Most Noted Reformers, 1500-1700**

- Martin Luther
- John Calvin & John Knox
- Henry VIII
- John & Charles Wesley
- John Smythe

Lutheran

Presbyterian

Ch. of England

Methodist

Baptist

History The Restoraton

Basic Principles

- 1. New Testament only authority faith & practice**
- 2. Jesus Christ the only head of the Church**
- 3. Eliminate all human creeds and unite all Christians based on the Bible**
- 4. Restore New Testament Church as the church designed by God, proclaimed by Christ, and implemented by the apostles in 1st century**

History The Restoration

- **Restoration Movement**

- **Purpose:**

- **RESTORE** the New Testament Church as designed by God, proclaimed by Christ, and implemented by the apostles in 1st century.

- **Special Note:**

- **REFORMATION**, although wrong in many ways, did pave the way for others who wanted to **RESTORE** the New Testament Church.

History The Restoration

- **Importance of Restoration Movement?**
 - Part of our religious heritage
 - Helped shape who we are today as members of the churches of Christ
 - Led the way back to the Bible, although many never got their themselves
- As Paul urged, we should follow these men only as they followed Christ: ***“Imitate me, just as I imitate Christ”***, 1 Cor. 11:1

History The Restoration

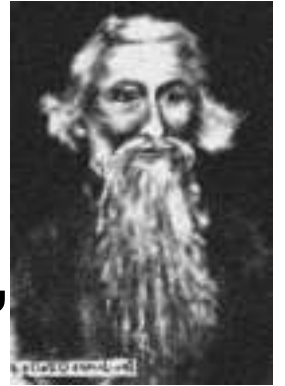
- **Early Restoration Leaders Battled With Late Reformation Leaders**
 - **Most reformers were involved Calvinism**
 - Born in sin
 - God selects the saved
 - Jesus died for those God selects
 - Can't resist God's selection
 - Once selected by God, always saved
 - **Battles fought besides Calvinism**
 - Baptism for incorrect reasons, Pope & his hierarchy, Transubstantiation, Special Holy Days, Synods, Instrumental music, etc.

History The Restoration

- **Primary Goal of the Restoration leaders:**
 - **Restore the New Testament Church of the Bible**
- **Restoration Plea:**
 - *“Where the Scriptures speaks, we speak. Where the Scriptures are silent we are silent.”* ---**Tom Campbell**
 - *The N T is the only standard of the religion of Jesus Christ. I will... oppose nothing which it contains, and recommend nothing which it does not enjoin...either by express statement or approved precedent.”*
---**Alexander Campbell**
 - *“The Bible alone is the only rule of faith and practice.”*
---**Barton W. Stone**

History The Restoration

James O'Kelly (1735 -1826)



- **Methodist preacher: worked in VA & NC**
- **1792: Appealed to the abolish conferences, advocated congregational autonomy**
 - **Conference denied: He & 4 others withdrew**
- **1793: Formed the Republican Methodist Church,**
- **1794: Rejected names except Christian and declared Bible as the only sufficient guide**
 - **Defended the position of “Christians” only**
- **Until 1836, Church of Christ/Disciples of Christ/Christian Church were considered synonymous with each other**

History The Restoraton

Barton W. Stone (1772 - 1844)



- 1790: Presbyterian, began to preach in NC
- Moved to Cane Ridge, KY, as an ordained minister
- Preaching, came directly from the Word of God
 - Rejected the doctrine of total depravity
- 1801: After Cane Ridge revival—trouble developed
 - Stone and 4 others withdrew from their Presbytery
- 1803: Formed their own group, Springfield Presbytery
- 1804: Recognized error and dissolved: The Last Will and Testament of the Springfield Presbytery

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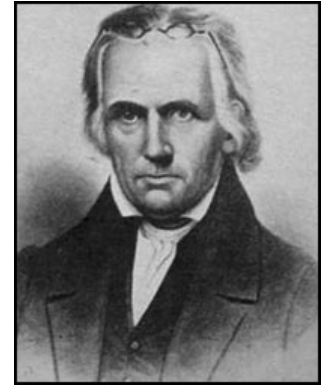
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- **1801, Cain Ridge Revival, Cane Ridge, KY**
 - **Stone, Moved Cane Run Presbyterian Church**
 - **He invited preachers to speak at a revival around the clock for 10 days**
 - **Estimates of 20-30K people from all walks of life attended the preaching**
 - **Two significant things occurred at that meeting**
 - **Preaching was done, not just by Presbyterians. Others were allowed to speak if they preached only from God's word**
 - **Open Communion was offered on Sunday to all**

- **1803, L W & T of Springfield Presbytery**
 - After Cane Run Revival, Stone & Presbyterian ministers resigned from denominational ties
 - Last Will & Testament Springfield Presbytery
 - *“We will, that this body die, be dissolved, and sink into union with the Body of Christ at Large; for there is but one body, and one spirit, even as we are called in one hope of our calling” (Quote: Ephesians 4:4)*
 - *“We will, the people...take the Bible as the only sure guide to heaven; and any offended with other books, which stand in competition with it, may cast them into the fire...for it is better to enter into life having one book, than having many to be cast into hell.”*

History The Restoration

Thomas Campbell (1763 - 1844)

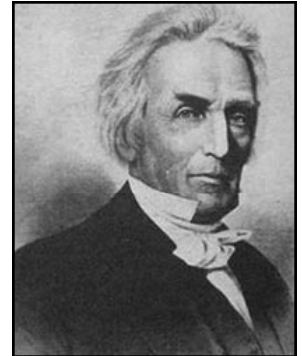


- Presbyterian preacher from Ireland
- 1807: Came as missionary to America
- Assigned him to a Presbytery in PA
- Preaching was contrary to Presbyterian doctrine
 - Opposed all human creeds & contended for all-sufficiency of the Bible
- 1808: Suspended by the synod
 - Continued to preach in homes, schools
- Coined phrase, *“Where the Bible speaks, we speak; where the Bible is silent, we are silent.”*

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Alexander Campbell (1788 - 1866)

- 1809: Came to America from Northern Ireland
- Reunited with his father shortly after his arrival
- Subject of baptism began to trouble him:
 - Taught infants not proper subjects for baptism
 - Taught confession of faith preceded salvation
 - Taught salvation occurred in baptism by immersion
- Openly defended baptism for salvation in debates, with anyone who was willing to debate



History The Restoraton

“Raccoon” John Smith (1784-)

- Born in Tennessee, with a Baptist background
 - Told to pray and wait upon the Lord (CALLING)
- 1804: Desired to preach but faced two obstacles: 1) He could barely read & 2) Lacked supernatural call
- Moved to Crab Orchard, KY
- Taught the truth by the Campbell's and preached zealously the truth for many years
- Played key role in the restoration movement in KY, TN, GA, AL



History

The Restoraton

Restoring the Church of the New Testament:

James O'Kelly in VA and NC

John "Raccoon" Smith in KY, TN, GA, AL

Barton W. Stone in KY, IN, and OH

Thomas and Alexander Campbell in PA, VA, KY, and WV

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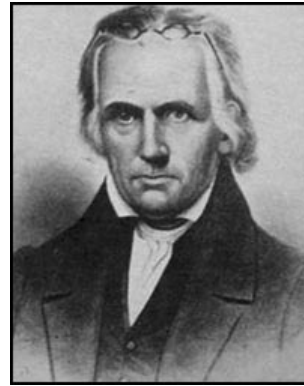
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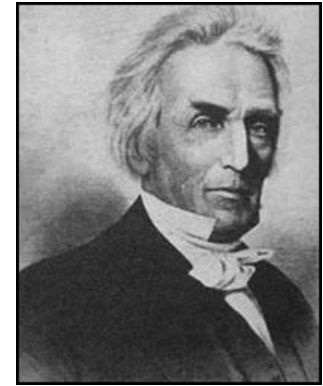
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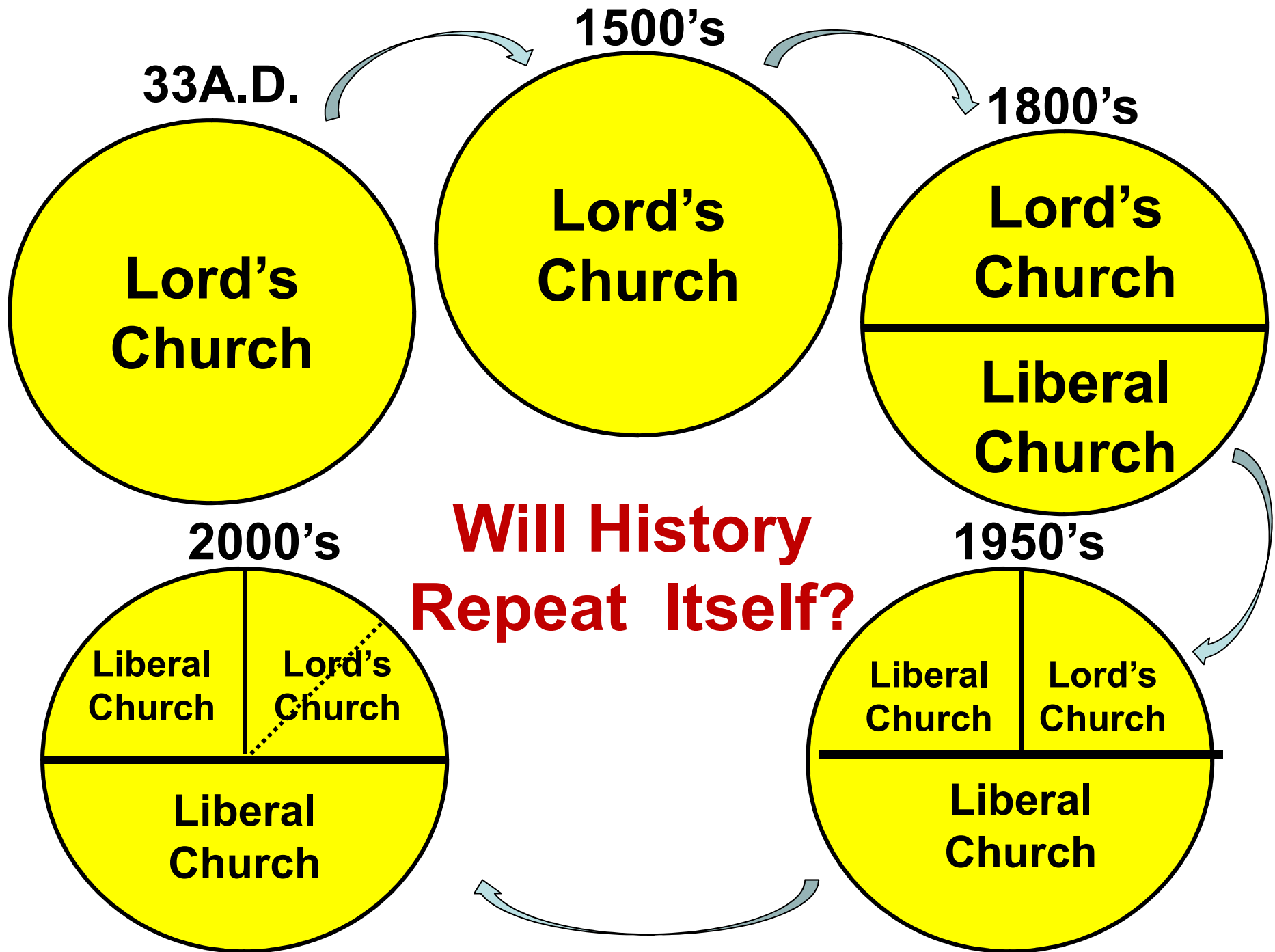
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The Apostasy Continued & (S)

- **Instrumental Music, Choirs, Entertainment**
- **Recreation: Ball teams, Gyms, etc.**
- **Woman's role and authority**
- **Recognizing believers in Christ as "Christians" in all Denominations**
- **Conferences, Synods, Presbyteries**
- **Unscriptural Elder's, leaders, preachers, etc.**
- **etc., etc., etc.**
- **More denominations than ever (3000 plus!)**

Causes of Division & Apostasy

- **Developing friendly relations with the denominations.**
- **Teaching that pious un-immersed would be saved.**
- **Believing the church to be just another sect/denomination**
- **Denying the verbal inspiration of the Scriptures.**
- **Sermons not preached clearly & with a distinctive ring**
- **Guided by the spirit of New Testament, not by the letter.**
- **Sincerity is all that really matters.**
- **Less emphasis on the distinctive doctrine of Christ.**
- **Lack of love for God, and the desire to please self**
- **Failing to speak where the Bible speaks and being silent where the Bible is silent.**



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