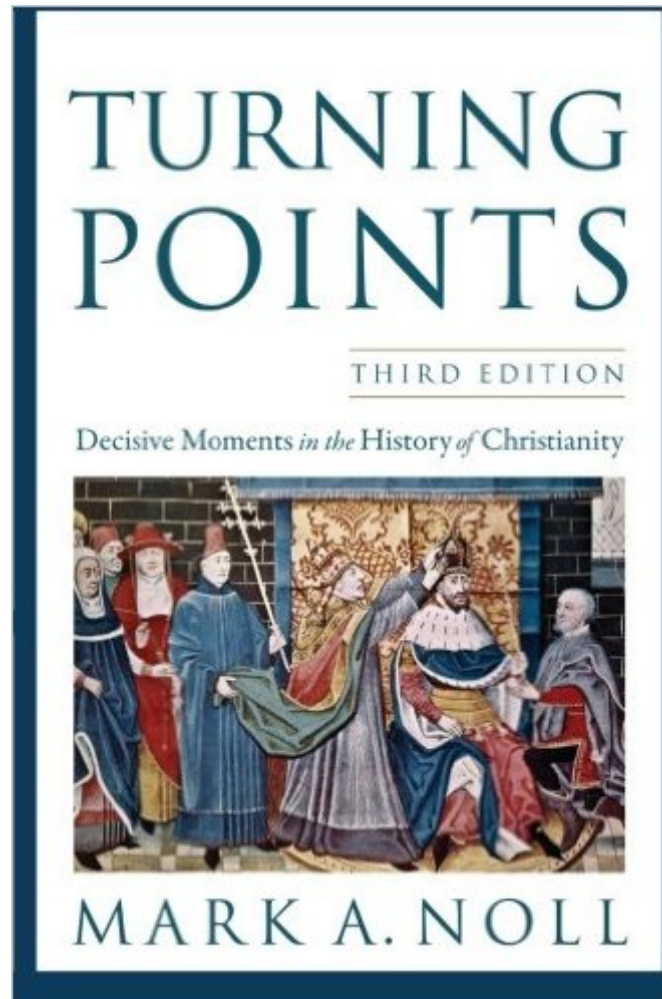


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# Turning Points: Decisive Moments In The History Of Christianity



## Synopsis

In this popular introduction to church history, now in its third edition, Mark Noll isolates key events that provide a framework for understanding the history of Christianity. The book presents Christianity as a worldwide phenomenon rather than just a Western experience. Now organized around fourteen key moments in church history, this well-received text provides contemporary Christians with a fuller understanding of God as he has revealed his purpose through the centuries. This new edition includes a new preface; updates throughout the book; revised "further readings" for each chapter; and two new chapters, including one spotlighting Vatican II and Lausanne as turning points of the recent past. Students in academic settings and church adult education contexts will benefit from this one-semester survey of Christian history.

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I study church history because I'm under the impression that Jesus didn't establish a church in this world and then stopped speaking to her for two thousand years. I want to know my spiritual heritage, what my predecessors believed, the battles they fought, the successes they had--and even the failures of which they were forced to repent. That's why I'm very thankful for the opportunity to review Mark Noll's latest book, *Turning Points: Decisive Moments in the History of Christianity*, published this summer by Baker Academic. Noll is an accomplished and respected religious historian, and I've seen his books quoted in multiple places. *Turning Points* is the first work of his that I've read. In the third edition of *Turning Points*, Noll doesn't disappoint. It covers a wide range of

topics in such a way that not only will a Christian new to church history put the book down more informed but that regular students of our spiritual history will get something new out of their study. Each chapter begins with a summary of a new hymn by a believer of a particular time and ends with a prayer from that same era. Each chapter also includes a bibliography for further reading; even Noll doesn't expect his book to be the last word on your education in church history. In addition to the main text, the book also includes pictures, maps and quotes from various authors (Anathanasius' On the Incarnation of the Word, for instance). The chapters themselves cover everything from the fall of Jerusalem to the Council of Chalcedon, from the Rule of Benedict to the Great Schism, from the Protestant Reformation to the Wesley brothers, from the French Revolution to Vatican II.

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