

5.8 Believers Through the Ages



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Zephaniah 3: 17

“The LORD your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves. He will take great delight in you; in his love he will no longer rebuke you, but will rejoice over you with singing.”

Apologetics

Believers Through the Ages

- 1. Polycarp (69-155) 2nd Century Bishop of Smyrna,**
- 2. Justin Martyr (100-165) early Christian apologist of 2nd century**
- 3. Augustine of Hippo (354-430) early Christian theologian and philosopher**
- 4. John Wycliff (1331-1384) fourteenth century dissident in the Catholic church**
- 5. John Huss (1369-1415) Burned at the stake by the Catholic church for proclaiming that Christ is the Head of the Church and that salvation is in Christ alone (John 14:6)**
- 6. Martin Luther (1483-1546) began the Protestant Reformation with his "Theses" in 1517**
- 7. William Tyndale (1494-1536) First to translate and print the Bible into English**
- 8. John Calvin (1509-1564) French theologian and pastor of Protestant Reformation**
- 9. John Bunyan (1628-1688) English Christian preacher, writer; wrote "The Pilgrim's Progress"**
- 10. Isaac Watts (1674-1748) prolific, popular hymn writer, non-conformist theologian**
- 11. Jonathan Edwards (1703-1758) Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God**
- 12. John Wesley (1703-1791) founder of Methodist Church
Charles Wesley (1707-1788) brother of John Wesley, prolific writer of hymns**
- 13. George Whitfield (1714-1770) Anglican cleric, influential in the Great Awakening**
- 14. John Newton (1725-1807) Amazing Grace, slave ships**
- 15. George Washington (1732-1799) 1st President of US; a Christian, life's focus on Jesus Christ**
- 16. William Wilberforce (1759-1833) influential in abolition of slavery**
- 17. George Mueller (1805-1898) evangelist, ministry to orphans and orphanages**

18. **David Livingstone (1813-1873)** missionary to Africa, opposed slavery after seeing its horror
19. **Julia Ward Howe (1819-1910)** American abolitionist/social activist, "Battle Hymn of Republic"
20. **Fanny Crosby (1820-1915)** wrote "Blessed Assurance" and over 8000 hymns and songs
21. **William Booth (1829-1912)** **Catherine Booth (1829-1890)** Salvation Army
22. **Hudson Taylor (1832-1905)** British Protestant missionary to China
23. **Charles Spurgeon (1834-1892)** prominent English preacher known as "Prince of Preachers"
24. **Dwight L. Moody (1837-1899)** Moody Church, Moody Bible Institute, Moody Publishers
25. **Elisha Hoffman (1839-1929)** Presbyterian minister, composer of over 2000 hymns, 50 songbooks
26. **Mary Slessor (1848-1915)** missionary to Nigeria
27. **Amy Carmichael (1867-1951)** missionary to India
28. **Samuel Morris (1873-1891)** missionary from Liberia (Africa!) to America!!
29. **Corrie Ten Boom (1892-1983)** survivor of the Holocaust
30. **Donald Barnhouse (1895-1960)** American Presbyterian preacher, theologian, radio pioneer
31. **C.S. Lewis (1898-1963)** Christian apologetics, author of "Screwtape Letters", and many other
32. **Gladys Aylward (1902-1970)** missionary to China, also Siberia
33. **Watchman Nee (1903-1972)** China at Communist Revolution, imprisoned for his last 20 years
34. **Dietrich Bonhoeffer (1906-1945)** died in Nazi prison camp for resisting Hitler
35. **Mother Theresa (1910-1997)** wholehearted service to the poorest of the poor in Calcutta, India
36. **Francis Schaeffer (1912-1984)** American theologian, philosopher, author, and pastor
Edith Schaeffer (1914-2013) wife of Francis, definer of Christian family values
37. **Stephen F. Olford (1918-2004)** Influential 20th Century minister, founder of Olford Ministries International

38. **Howard Hendricks (1924-2013) Professor at Dallas Theological Seminary.**
39. **Jim Elliot (1927-1956) missionaries to Ecuador, killed by Auca Indians**
Elisabeth Elliot (1926-2016) Jim's wife, returned to live with Aucas, "Thru Gates of Splendor"
Nate Saint (1923-1956) pilot for Jim Elliot's mission to the Auca Indians
Marj [Saint] Farris Van Der Puy (1923-2004) wife of Nate Saint
Rachel Saint (1914-1994) sister of Nate Saint, returned to live with the Aucas
Nick Saint (born 1951) son of Nate Saint, returned to live with the Aucas
Ed McCully (1927-1956) Pete Fleming (1928-1956) colleagues of Jim Elliot, killed by Aucas
40. **Walter Martin (1928-1989) apologetics author, founder Christian Research Institute**
41. **David Wilkerson (1931-2011), founder of Teen Challenge, Times Square Church**
42. **Charles Colson (1931-2012), founder of Prison Fellowship, Breakpoint**
43. **Billy Graham (1918-2018) America's Pastor to a Worldwide ministry!**
Ruth Graham (1920-2007)

There have been literally MILLIONS of Christian heroes through the ages. Whatever I list here will be SO inadequate. There have been SO many more.

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