Christian Biography

**Wholesomewords**: Some of the Best Christian Biography Resources on the web

- [Main page - for a list of biographies](#)
- [Missionary Biographies](#)

**Miscellaneous**

- [Pastor Steven Cole's long list of Christian Biographies and short comments](#)
- [Preacher's and Evangelists - Christian History](#)
- [Theologians - Christian History](#)
- [Missionaries - Christian History](#)
- [Christians in Britain - Christian History](#)
- [The Cyber Hymnal: Biographies](#) click alphabet on left

- [Fox's Book of Martyrs](#) - "After the Bible itself, no book so profoundly influenced early Protestant sentiment as the Book of Martyrs. Even in our time it is still a living force. It is more than a record of persecution. It is an arsenal of controversy, a storehouse of romance, as well as a source of edification." - James Miller Dodds, English Prose.

- Google Search for Christian Biographies (Hint: put the name in quotes e.g., "Jonathan Edwards").

- [Wikipedia](#) has generally accurate biographies, but they are more historical and less Biblical.

- [Biographies from Dr John Piper at Desiring God](#) These synopses of the lives of some of the greatest saints of old emphasize what made them the men of God that history has proven them to be. If you need to be stimulated to read more Christian biographies, read John Piper's exhortation [Brothers, Read Christian Biography](#) in which he says...

  "Hebrews 11 is a divine mandate to read Christian biography. The unmistakable implication of the chapter is that, if we hear about the faith of our forefathers (and mothers), we will "lay aside every weight and sin" and "run with perseverance the race that is set before us" (Heb 12:1-note). If we asked the author, "How shall we stir one another up to love and good works?" (Heb 10:24-note), his answer would be: "Through encouragement from the living..."
(Heb 10:25-note) and the dead" (Heb 11-note). Christian biography is the means by which "body life" cuts across the generations.

**Spiritual Journeys of Some Great Christians**

Alford, Henry  (Henry Alford)  (Henry Alford - In "Biographical Sketches" by A J Hare, 1895)  (Bio)

Athanasius  (Athanasius--Exile)  (Athanasius--Creed)

Augustine: The Swan is Not Silent

Baxter, Richard  (Writings)  ("I preached... as a dying man to dying men")  (Writings)

Richard Baxter - Christian History Magazine

Bliss, Phillip  (songwriter companion of D Moody)

Bonhoeffer, Dietrich  (Dietrich Bonhoeffer: The Cost of Discipleship)

Bonar, Andrew

Bonar, Horatius

Corrie Ten Boom

Booth, William

Borden, William

Brainerd, David - Life & Diary of David Brainerd  by Jonathan Edwards  (Bio)

Brainerd, David: Oh, That I May Never Loiter On My Heavenly Journey!

Brainerd, David--Conversion  (Brainerd, David--Dark Night of Soul)

Broadus, John

Brooks, Phillips

Bunyan, John: The Life of John Bunyan  (The Death of John Bunyan)

Bunyan, John: To Live Upon God that Is Invisible  (Bunyan, John)

Grace Abounding to the Chief of Sinners

Calvin, John: The Divine Majesty of the Word

Carey, William  (Carey, William)  (Life of William Carey)

Carmichael, Amy  (by Elisabeth Elliot)  (Carmichael, Amy)  (Carmichael, Amy)  (Songs)
Carver, George Washington
Chambers, Oswald (Bio) (Bio)
Chalmers, James: Missionary to Cannibals (Chalmers, James)
Chapman, J. Wilbur
Charnock, Stephen - author of "Existence & Attributes of God"
Chesterton, Gilbert Keith
Chrysostom, John
Colson, Charles
Coverdale Bible
Cowper, William (Bio) (Hymns) (God Moves in a Mysterious Way - downcast? Listen to this one!)
Cowper, William: Insanity and Spiritual Songs in the Soul of a Saint (by John Piper)
Cranmer, Thomas
Crosby, Fanny (Hymns) (Bio) (Crosby, "Fanny" (Some poetry)
Doddridge, Philip (Hymns written)
Drummond, Henry (Bio) (Website including links to his online books)
Dwight, Timothy
Edwards, Jonathan: The Pastor as Theologian (by John Piper)
Edwards, Jonathan (Great Awakening) (Edwards - Marriage)
Elliot, Jim (alternate site) (Youtube)
Edersheim, Alfred (Writings)
Evans, Christmas
Flint, Annie Johnson (some of her poetry)
Fox's Book of Martyrs
Fox, George: Autobiography (Fox, George - Founder of Quakers)
Goforth, Jonathan (Goforth, Jonathan)
Goodwin, Thomas (Bio)
Guthrie, James
Handel, George Frederic (Handel) (Music for Hymns) (I Know That My Redeemer Lives)
Havergal, Frances Ridley (Frances Ridley's Hymns) (Like A River
Glorious

Havner, Vance (Youtube) ("Jesus Only" - online book) (Online audio sermons) (Quotes) (Biography)

Hodge, Charles

Hus, John (English Bible History) (Bio) (Hour long video)

Hyde, John (Hyde, John) (Praying Hyde by Francis A. McGaw)

Judson, Adoniram

Judson, Adoniram: How Few There Are Who Die So Hard (by John Piper)

Judson, Ann (Judsons in Rangoon)

Knox, John (Preaching of John Knox in the Power of the Holy Spirit)

Kuhn, Isobel

Kuyper, Abraham

Latimer, Hugh (Bio)

LeTourneau, R G

Liddell, Eric (Liddell, Eric) (video documentary)

Lightfoot, J. B.

Lincoln, Abraham

Livingstone, David (Bio) (Bio)("Dr. Livingstone I presume" - Stanley)

Lloyd-Jones, Dr. Martyn (Spiritual Depression-video) (False Believer-video) (Heal Brokenhearted)

Lloyd-Jones, Martyn - Need for Revival and Baptism with the Holy Spirit (Work of the Holy Spirit)

Luther, Martin: Lessons from His Life and Labor (by John Piper) (Everlasting Gospel-youtube)

Luther, Martin (Luther, Martin) (videos)

MacDonald, George

Machen, J Gresham: Response to Modernism (Machen, J. Gresham)

Manton, Thomas (Manton, Thomas) (Bio)

Marsden, Samuel

Marshall, Peter (Sermon on youtube - Contrast of Faith)

Martyn, Henry (Bio) (Short Youtube Bio)

Matheson, George
M'Cheyne, Robert Murray (Bio) (Bio)

Mears, Henrietta = Online book

Melanchthon, Philip (Melanchthon, Philip) (Melanchthon, Philip)

Moody, Dwight L: His Life & Work (550 page book) (videos)

Moon, Lottie (bio) (bio for kids) (bio) (Video)


Mueller, George - Strategy for Showing God (video 1) (video 2) (video 3) (video 4)

Mueller, George (Müller, George -- Scripture Knowledge Institute)

Murray, Andrew (Bio)

Newton, John: The Tough Roots of His Habitual Tenderness

Newton, John (Bio) (Bio) (Wonderful bio by Eric Metaxas - not free)

Owen, John: The Chief Design of My Life: Mortification and Universal Holiness

Owen, John

Packer, J I

Parker, Joseph

Pascal, Blaise (Pascal, Blaise--Conversion)

Paton, John G: You Will be Eaten by Cannibals! (Bio)

Pierson, Arthur T.

Pink, Arthur (critique)

Polycarp (Polycarp--Death)

Puritans - Multiple Listings with short bio and links to writings

Puritans - Christian History

Ridley, Nicholas

Rutherford, Samuel

Ryle, John Charles

Sankey, Ira

Savonarola (Savonarola's Bonfire of the Vanities) (Savonarola)

Schaeffer, Francis

Scofield, Cyrus I
Simeon, Charles: Brothers, We Must Not Mind a Little Suffering
Simeon, Charles
Simpson, A B
Slessor, Mary (Slessor, Mary)
Smith, Gypsy (book)
Spafford, Horatio
Spurgeon, Charles Preaching Through Adversity (Bio) (Spurgeon's Personal Testimony: must read)
Spurgeon, Charles and Susannah
Stam, John
Studd, C. T. (Studd, C. T.)
Taylor, Hudson (Taylor, Hudson) (Taylor, Hudson)
Toplady, Augustus (List of hymns including Rock of Ages) (Toplady, Augustus)
Tozer, A W (Tozer, A. W)
Trench, R C
Trotman, Born to Reproduce (Other Writings) Condensed Biography
Tyndale, William (Alternative) (Execution) (God's Outlaw - full movie)
von Zinzendorf, Count Nicholas Ludwig (Moravian Missions) (Hymns-Jesus Thy Blood & Righteousness)
Waldensians (Waldensian - Part 1) (Waldensian - Part 2)
Warfield, Benjamin Breckinridge
Watson, Thomas - Puritan
Watts, Isaac (Watts, Isaac) (Watts, Isaac) (Hymns by Watts)
Webster, Noah (Short bio) (bio)
Wesley, Charles (Wesley, Charles)
Wesley, John
Wesley, John--Impact on America
Wesley, John--Revival
Wesley, Susanna (Wesley, Susanna)
Whitefield, George (Whitefield, George) (Whitefield, George)
Whyte, Alexander
Christian History Magazine

The African Apostles - Christian History
Anabaptists - Christian History
Thomas Aquinas - Christian History
The Gospel According to J.S. Bach - Christian History
Richard Baxter and the English Puritans - Christian History
Dietrich Bonhoeffer - Theologian in Nazi Germany - Christian History
William and Catherine Booth - Christian History
John Bunyan and Pilgrim's Progress - Christian History
John Calvin - Christian History
William Carey - Christian History
John Chrysostom - Christian History
Thomas Cranmer and the English Reformation - Christian History
Jonathan Edwards - Christian History
Jonathan Edwards and the Great Awakening - Christian History
Jonathan Edwards - Christian History
Huguenots and the Wars of Religion - Christian History
Adoniram & Ann Judson - Christian History
John Knox - Christian History
David Livingstone - Christian History
Martin Luther - Early Years - Christian History
Martin Luther - Later Years - Christian History
George MacDonald - Christian History
Dwight L. Moody - Christian History
John Newton - Christian History
Biographical Sketches of Bible Translators & Reformers

John Wycliffe
William Tyndale
Miles Coverdale
Thomas Cranmer
Venerable Bede
John Huss
Hugh Latimer
Nicholas Ridley
John Rogers
Laurence Saunders

A Brief Summary of the History of the Reformation
Martin Luther
The Burning of the Bibles
Cardinal Wolsey

25 Classic Christian Biographies - Calvin, Luther, Spurgeon, Moody, Wesley and many more!

DISCLAIMER: These links are listed for your convenience and their presence does not necessarily signify that I agree with everything written on each site. The best policy is to "Examine everything carefully. Hold fast to that which is good. Abstain from every form of evil." (See 1 Thes 5:21, 22-note Acts 17:11-note)