

V. CONCLUDING OBSERVATIONS:

Christianization is not how the gospel spreads.

God almost always preserves a people in every place.

Russian Protestants triumphed in part just by persevering.

Opportunities seldom last, we should take them when we can.

A new generation of godly Russian leaders is being raise up.

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Core Seminars
Global Christianity
Week 5



The History of Christianity in Russia

I. Pre-Christian Russia

a. Apostle Andrew and the Slavs – 60AD?

b. 850 Christianity in Kingdom of Kiev

II. Origins and Spread of Christianity (900 – 1800)

a. Cyril and the Russian Alphabet

b. Olga the “Christian” queen, in name only.

c. 988 and the baptism of Vladimir of Kiev

d. Strigolniki, Non-Possessors, and Old Believers

III. Evangelicalism and Reformation (1800 – 1905)

a. Gospel breaks in from – the Caucasus

b. From Saint Petersburg

c. From Ukraine

d. Baptists, Evangelicals – Brethern

e. Persecution by Alexander and Konstantin

IV. Cycles of Freedom and Persecution (1905 – 1985)

a. Nikolay II – Religious Tolerance 1905

b. Bolsheviks and Baptists (1918 – 1928)

c. Stalin’s подавление/repression (1932 – 1940)

d. Nikita Khrushchev and “scientific atheism”

e. Baptist Union Splits – 1963

V. Perestroika, Glasnost and Revolution (1985 – 1997)

a. Mikhail Gorbachev – Reform and Openness

b. The USSR surrenders to the Christians – 1990

c. Another decade of freedom for Baptists

VI. An Old Persecutor Returns (1997 – Present)

a. Russian Orthodox and the 1997 Law

b. Putin, Orthodox and the Countering Extremist Activities Law – 2000

c. Russian Orthodox free again, to persecute Baptists.