



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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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 – Ukraine**

 - b. **From Saint Petersburg**

 - c. **From the Caucasus**

 - 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.**