

# CHURCH HISTORY

## The Dark Ages — A Period of 1200 Years Of Bloody Persecution

### CHRIST'S PROMISES

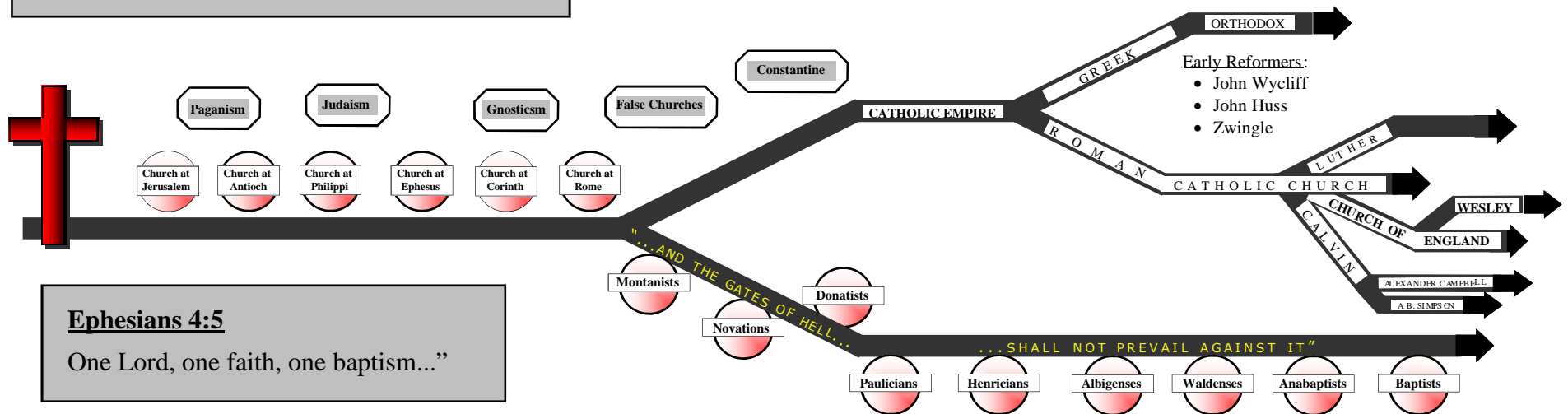
**Matthew 16:13-20** — the gates of hell would not prevail against the institution Jesus was establishing;

**Matthew 28:18-20** — Jesus promised to be with His church institution all the way until the end of the age.

### THE CHURCH JESUS BUILT

Jesus organized His church during His ministry

The word "church" comes from *ekklesia*, a word referring to the calling out of an *authorized assembly*.



**The Church is the Pillar and Ground of the Truth**