

3 men: On whose shoulders do we stand?

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Luther – early 1500's













Martin Luther



Luther

- German monk on a personal spiritual search: On what basis are my sins forgiven?
- Critical role of trip to Rome and his study of Paul's letter to the Romans
 - "The just shall live by faith"



Luther

October 31, 1517 – Posting of 95 theses

- Is it grace or is it my works?
- Where does authority for beliefs reside, in Scripture or in church leadership?
- Priesthood of all believers
- Authority of bishop of Rome
- Result of ministry: Protestant Reformation



Wesley – middle 1700's













Wesley

- Personal spiritual search: How do I achieve the holiness or righteousness asked of me by scripture?
 - Missionary to Georgia / Encounter with the Moravians
- May 24, 1737 "I felt my heart strangely warmed"
 - Reading of Luther's preface to Romans



Wesley

- Wesleyan revival
 - Marriage of two themes
 - Grace / faith from Protestant Reformation
 - Holiness from Roman Catholic tradition
 - "There is no holiness apart from social holiness"
- Result of ministry: Methodist movement

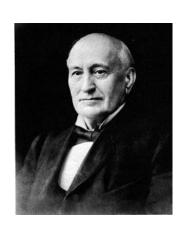


Phineas F. Bresee, late 1800's











Bresee

- Captivated by Wesley's marriage of the twin themes of grace/faith and holiness
- Passion for the poor of Los Angeles
- Union in 1908 with like-minded groups in South and East
- End result of ministry: Church of the Nazarene



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