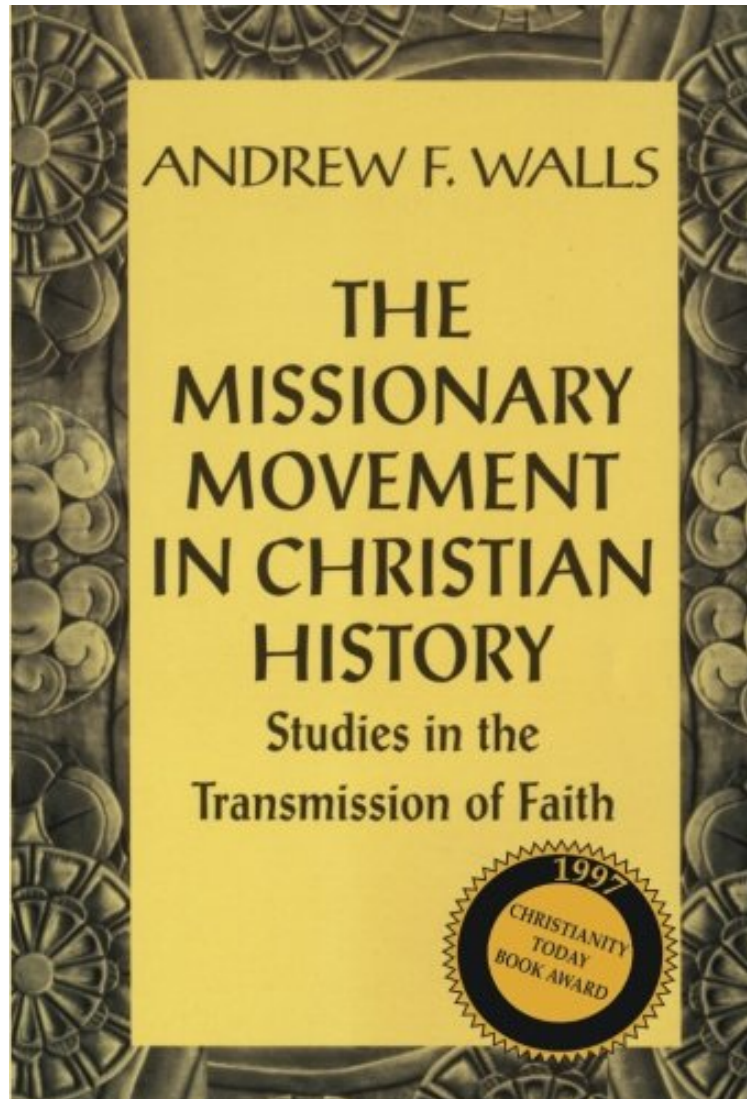


# The Missionary Movement in Christian History: Studies in the Transmission of Faith

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importance, Walls conversely highlights both the diversity and universality of Christianity as expressed in this movement. In one of the essays, the process is displayed in six phases moving from the apostle Paul to Europe and then on to Africa. He deals largely with the interaction between the spread of the gospel and how it transforms culture, so he hints at Africa's importance in this section. In the second section he makes a transition to a clear emphasis on Africa. He interacts with the primal religions of Africa as well as with African Christianity in this section. He identifies exponential growth patterns and charismatic cultural tendencies that now characterize the African Christian Church. However, most interesting is his insistence in making a distinction between the history of the African Church and the history of Christian missions there. Whereas missions in Africa was historically led by Europeans, Walls argues that the evangelical revival in the African church was truly indigenous. Part three sets the stage for missiology. Walls believes there is a new era in Christian theology that is largely due to the demographic shift in global Christianity. He sees theology being shaped more by southern Christians than western ones. Issues like non-western art, scholarship, medicine and organizational methodology highlight the generational and gradual shift in values in southern countries. Walls believes that "Christians outside Africa will have to make some responses to the questions raised in the African arena" (146). A more thorough review is available on [buckburch\(dot\)blogspot\(dot\)com](http://buckburch(dot)blogspot(dot)com) 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Important new perspectives By James A. Bergquist These essays ought to be required reading for all who want to be aware of one of the great movements in Western history. The emergence of the new center of Christian faith and churches in Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Pacific has become a remarkable development of which too few even educated Westerners are fully aware. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By dipGood

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From the Back Cover This book brings together lectures and articles by the renowned historian of world Christianity, making them available, many for the first time, to scholars and students of world mission. While examining the many aspects that have characterized mission, indigenous Christianity, and colonialism in modern Africa, *The Missionary Movement in Christian History* has a far broader reach. Essays such as "The Gospel as the Prisoner and Liberator of Culture" reveal the paradoxes of the Christian movement as a whole in discussing how different primitive Mediterranean Christianity is from early Catholicism, from Celtic monasticism, from Reformation Protestantism, and from Nigerian Spirit Christianity. Andrew Walls shows how the central question for Christianity has always been one of identity in many different forms, a phenomenon revealed at each stage of its history by the missionary movement. What this means for theology, however, has hardly been explored. This is the subtext of Walls' work, providing extraordinary insights and successful counters to secular critiques of world Christianity.