

# 21 Positive Contributions Christianity Has Made Through the Centuries By D. James Kennedy

Despite its humble origins, the Church has made more changes on earth for good than any other movement in history. To get an overview of some of the positive contributions Christianity has made through the centuries, here are a few highlights.

1. Hospitals, which essentially began during the Middle Ages.
2. Universities, which also began during the Middle Ages. In addition, most of the world's greatest universities were started for Christian purposes.
3. Literacy and education for the masses.
4. Capitalism and free enterprise.
5. Representative government, particularly as it has been seen in the American experiment.
6. The separation of political powers.
7. Civil liberties.
8. The abolition of slavery, both in antiquity and in more modern times.
9. Modern science.
10. The discovery of the New World by Columbus.
11. The elevation of women.
12. Benevolence and charity; the good Samaritan ethic.
13. Higher standards of justice.
14. The elevation of common man.
15. The condemnation of adultery, homosexuality, and other sexual perversions. This has helped to preserve the human race, and it has spared many from heartache.
16. High regard for human life.
17. The civilizing of many barbarian and primitive cultures.
18. The codifying and setting to writing of many of the world's languages.
19. Greater development of art and music. The inspiration for the greatest works of art.
20. The countless changed lives transformed from liabilities into assets to society because of the gospel.
21. The eternal salvation of countless of souls.

The last one mentioned, the salvation of souls, is the primary goal of the spread Christianity. All the other benefits listed are basically just by-products of what of Christianity has often brought when applied to daily living.

When Jesus Christ took upon Himself the form of a man, He imbued mankind with dignity and inherent value that had never been dreamed of before. Whatever Jesus touched or whatever He did transformed that aspect of human life.