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## The Church in Ancient Times

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**DESCRIPTION**

The story of the ancient Church is one of a people who were finding their way over many years by the light that God shined forth for them. Today, we are looking back over the centuries with many more years of understanding but we stand on the shoulders of those who braved persecution, death, debate, and mystery on behalf of generations to come. From the Apostle Peter at Pentecost in Jerusalem to St. Patrick on the shores of Ireland in the year 432 – the ancient church has much to teach the church of today.

**MARKETING POINTS**

Part of new 'Risen Hope' church history series

Covers 3 BC to 476 AD

For teens

**AUTHOR**

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**TECHNICAL DETAILS**

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**ENDORSEMENTS**

Luke Davis has written a very accessible and enjoyable introduction to early church history. An ideal starting point for anyone's first plunge into those formative years of the church's life, faith, and worship.

**Nick Needham**
*Lecturer in Church History, Highland Theological College, Dingwall, Scotland*

A perfect family read aloud, or companion to world history studies for homeschoolers or Christian school students, or those who would like an initial foray into the often confusing and overwhelming realm of church history. This series makes it clear, enjoyably so.

**Cathleen Smythe**
*Middle school teacher, former homeschooler and Children's Ministry Director, Truth Point Church, Florida*

According to the Psalms, God's people praise and glorify Him as they tell of His mighty acts from one generation to the next (Psalm 145:4). Today the church is in need of storytellers who will teach the next generation the great things God has done through His people throughout the centuries. With sparkling prose, backed by solid research, Luke Davis makes church history come alive for the young reader (and readers of all ages!). What makes this work unique is that it offers engaging historical fiction but also provides timelines, factual summaries of significant figures and events, and insightful reflection. This is a powerful combination. You will be inspired to serve the Lord today, as you read of the trials and triumphs of the saints who have gone before us. I look forward to sharing these stories with my children!

**Ben Wagner**
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... approaches the Christian past with generous orthodoxy, finding lessons to be learned in far–flung times and places. Whatever a reader's age, Davis's books are a perfect appetizer for those tasting the delights of church history for the first time, who will then be likely to return for a full meal.

**Michael J. McClymond**