

Problems:

1. Racial division caused mistrust
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Syncretism caused confusion.

### Modern Era

The rise of African Pentecostalism:

\_\_\_\_\_ African Independent Churches (AICs)

People:

Prophet Harris \_\_\_\_\_ - "Prophet of Africa"

Simon Kimbangu \_\_\_\_\_ - famed for healing power

Starting in the 1950's, Africans pursue and gain independence through great upheaval.

Africa today:

40-45 % Muslim    40-45 % Christian

Major Christian groups: Catholic, Pentecostal, Anglican

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# Global Christianity

Week 1

## The History of Christianity in Africa

In 1900, there were 8.8 million Christians. ( 7 %)

In 2008, there were 423.7 million Christians. ( 47.7 %)

Early Christian groups in Africa:

Roman North Africa, Copts, Ethiopia, Nubia

Early Christian thinkers in Africa:

Augustine, Tertullian, Athanasius, Origen

Two divisions: 1.) Muslims

2.) Christians

European exploration (15<sup>th</sup> Century to 19<sup>th</sup> Century) brought Euro-style Christianity in two general ways:

1.) active

2.) passive

European and Arab slave traders removed 20-25 million Africans between 1500 and 1900.

## Protestant Missions

First non-Catholics were the Dutch Reformed

1792: Baptist Missionary Society

leader: William Carey

1795: London Missionary Society

1799: Church Missionary Society

leader: Henry Venn

self- supporting

self- governing

self- propogating

## African Mission Efforts to Africans

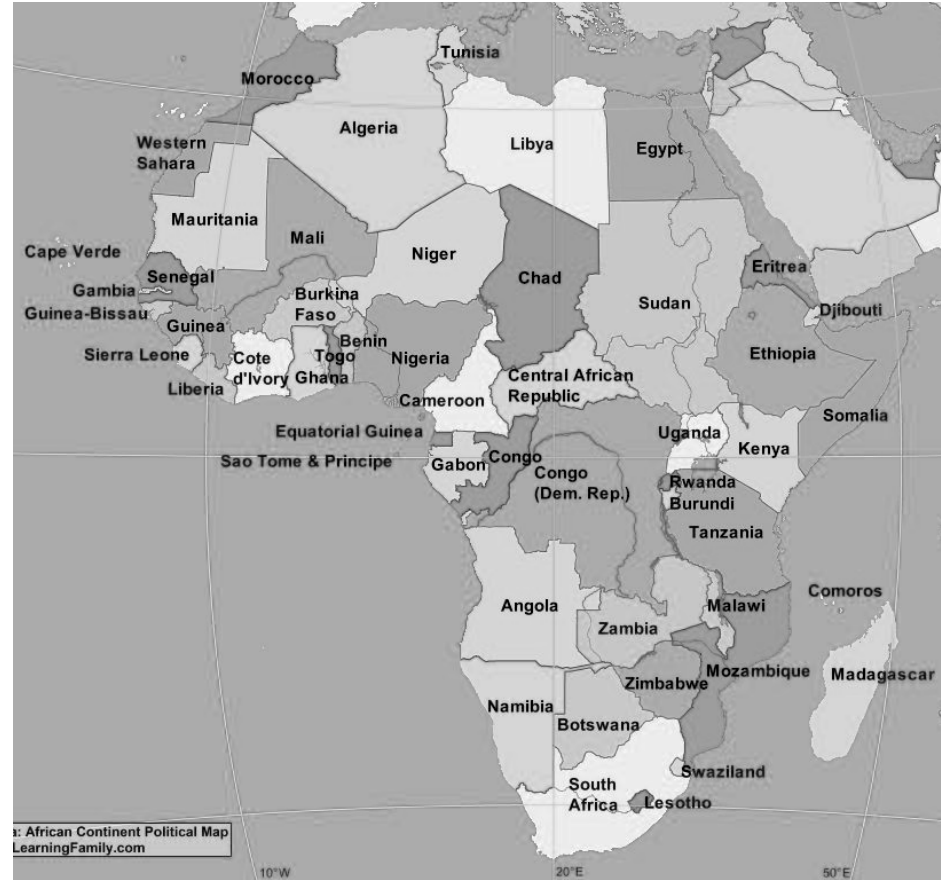
Jacobus Capitein - former slave, ordained in Holland

Thomas Quaque - 1<sup>st</sup> African ordained in Anglican church

Freed slaves were more open to Christianity. Many settled in

Freetown, Sierra Leone and

Liberia



Joseph Merrick - translated NT into Isubu

Samuel Ajayi Crowther - C of E, mentored by Venn

In 1800s, Colonialism accelerated and polluted mission efforts in Africa.

David Livingstone - promoted "commerce and Christianity."

In 1885, the Congress of Berlin divided the continent artificially.