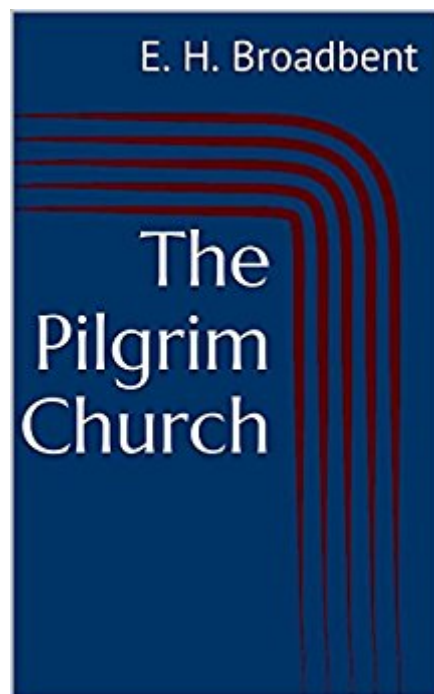


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Synopsis

In this classic work Edmund Broadbent guides you through the trials, tribulations and triumphs in church planting through the centuries. He shows that there have indeed been relatively unknown and misunderstood groups of believers since the close of the New Testament, who have either left or maintained separation from the institutional church as a matter of child like faith in the Lord..Â

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I really treasure books that share history as it really happened. I know that there is no such thing as an unbiased account, but there's unbiased and then there's plain misleading. Much of the history that we read on the church is, sadly, flawed. EH Broadbent sought to tell it the way that it really happened. Broadbent spent much of his lifetime traveling throughout Europe, Asia Minor and Northern Africa researching the real history. According to Broadbent, many of the greatest heroes of the faith were persecuted by the established church because their outright dependence on Christ and the Word of God, and their belief in the priesthood of all believers, was a threat to it. As a result they were falsely accused of heresy, tortured, imprisoned, exiled and murdered. This book is dangerous. You will hear very different stories about many whom you've heard spoken of in high

regard. You will also hear amazing stories about those who've been wrongfully shamed in the annals of church history. While Broadbent is careful not to generalize, and acknowledges the work of those in the established church who stood up for truth and righteousness, yet the overall picture is too clear. Two historical churches: one founded on the ambitions of men and voraciously persecuting the other church, a very humble and organic movement of men and women who were willing to lay down their lives, even unto death, in submission to the headship of Christ. According to Broadbent, while many would agree that the Bible is our sufficient authority on matters of salvation, they would also believe that we are free to develop church as we feel is appropriate, so long as people get saved. This line of reasoning was made popular by DL Moody.

It has been said history is written by the conquerors. That is as true in the church as it is in the world. However a difference is that the Word of God distinguishes between spiritual and temporal conquerors. A man may gain the whole world and yet lose his soul. He may conquer in this world, yet he is not "a conqueror in Christ." On the other hand, in the church, the true spiritual conquerors are frequently losers in this world. They lose all worldly things, even their lives, for the sake of Christ. We must distinguish between the true church and the professing church, here. The true church is invisible, comprised solely of spiritual conquerors, or overcomers, in Christ. By contrast the professing church is institutional, a mixture of the true church and the world, with the consequence that much of the persecution suffered by Christ's saints in history has been inflicted by or under the auspices of the established, institutional church wielding the state's sword. The Pilgrim Church by E.H. Broadbent is a chronicle of separation from, dissent against, and aspirations to reformation of the institutional, sectarian churches. Many of the saints chronicled in these pages "loved not their lives unto death." They were burnt, they were boiled, they were torn asunder, all branded heretics by the ecclesiastical or civil authorities, or both. The book reads something like Fox's Book of Martyrs set in a context of dissenting-church history. Apostasy, a falling away from revealed truth, has been a problem in the church through the ages. Paul wrote to the church at Thessalonica, "The mystery of iniquity doth already work." The apostolic letters were written in part to address doctrinal problems existing even in the earliest days of the church, cf.

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