

FAITH IN THE AGE OF AI

Implications for the Future of the Christian Faith

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"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind." — Romans 12:2

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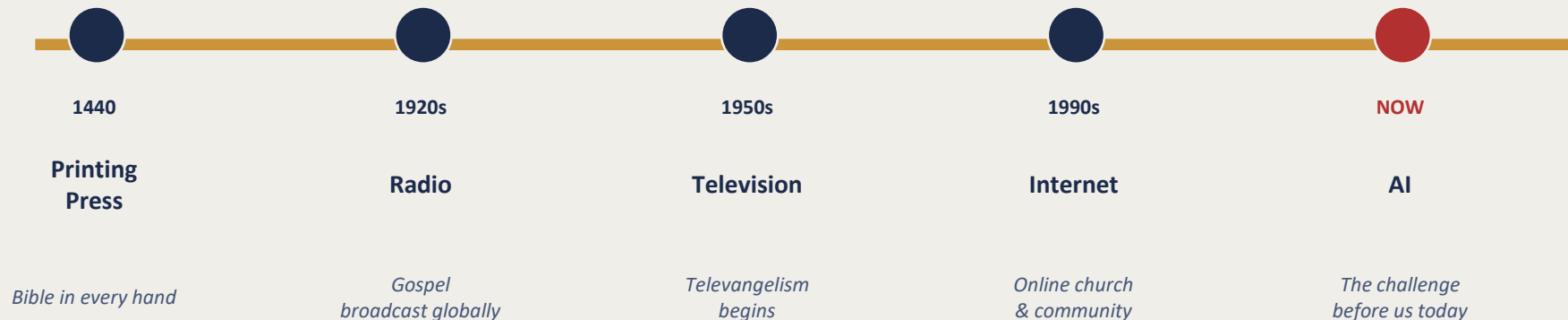
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Our Response

Practical action as Christian men

We've Been Here Before

Every generation of Christians has faced transformative technology. God's Word endures through all of it.



"The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever." — Isaiah 40:8

Artificial Intelligence: A Christian Lens



What AI IS

- Pattern recognition at massive scale
- Trained on human-generated text & data
- A sophisticated tool — like a very fast calculator
- Able to simulate language, emotion & creativity
- Built on human intelligence — which reflects God's image



What AI is NOT

- ✗ Made in the image of God (Imago Dei)
- ✗ Capable of genuine faith, prayer or worship
- ✗ Morally accountable before God
- ✗ Able to receive salvation or the Holy Spirit
- ✗ A replacement for human relationship or community

Imago Dei: The Image That Cannot Be Replicated



Genesis 1:27 -- So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them.

Spiritual Capacity

Humans can know God personally, pray, worship, and receive the Holy Spirit. AI cannot.

Moral Conscience

Humans bear moral responsibility. AI has no conscience, guilt, or redemption.

Relational Being

We are made for communion with God and each other. AI simulates — but does not genuinely love.

Creative Soul

Human creativity flows from bearing God's image. AI recombines; it does not create

⚠ Three Major Threats to Christian Faith



1. Corrupted Doctrine

- AI can generate convincing but theologically false sermons
- Deepfake pastors & AI preachers spreading heresy
- AI-written devotionals with subtle distortions
- ChatGPT as a "personal theologian" replacing Scripture
- Fake Bible translations and manipulated passages



2. Erosion of Community

- AI companions replacing real Christian fellowship
- AI 'pastoral care' bots replacing genuine counselling
- Church attendance declining as online AI fills the gap
- Men isolated in digital relationships — not community
- The irreplaceable need for embodied worship weakened



3. Persecution & Surveillance

- AI facial recognition used to identify Christians in closed nations
- Automated censorship of Christian content online
- AI used to generate anti-Christian propaganda at scale
- Social credit systems targeting faith communities
- Deep surveillance of church activities globally



VIDEO: When AI Becomes the Preacher



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"This AI Pastor Preached to My Church" — Vice News

Shows how AI-generated sermons are being used in churches — and why discernment is critical

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"AI Church — The Full Service" — Guardian Documentary

A viral AI-led church service in Germany, 2023, that attracted 300+ attendees

~3 min

"The Danger of AI Theology" — Got Questions / Alisa Childers

A thoughtful Christian response to AI-generated spiritual content

~6 min

Can You Trust Your AI Bible Study?

⚠ Real-World Example

A man asks ChatGPT: 'What does the Bible say about divorce?'

ChatGPT gives a confident, well-worded answer — but subtly blends multiple theological traditions, softens difficult texts, and reflects the cultural norms of its training data.

The man accepts it as Biblical truth.

There was no lie — but there was no Spirit either.

✓ Discernment Principles

- ✓ AI cannot be guided by the Holy Spirit
- ✓ Test all teaching against Scripture (Acts 17:11)
- ✓ Seek counsel from real pastors and elders
- ✓ AI reflects human bias — not divine authority
- ✓ Use AI as a research tool, not a spiritual authority
- ✓ Never let AI replace your personal time in the Word

"Be sober-minded; be watchful." — 1 Peter 5:8

✦ AI as a Tool for the Kingdom of God



The Great Commission

AI enables Gospel content to reach every language, culture and unreached people group — faster than any mission team in history.

7,000+



Bible Translation

Wycliffe Bible Translators & SIL International now use AI to accelerate translation of Scripture into minority languages.

1.5B



Discipleship at Scale

AI-powered apps can provide 24/7 discipleship resources, prayer prompts, and Scripture study guides to new believers worldwide.

YouVersion



Pastoral Support

AI tools help overstretched pastors draft sermons, counsel signposting and admin — freeing more time for genuine human ministry.

70%



VIDEO: AI & The Great Commission



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"AI Bible Translation — Wycliffe Bible Translators"

How AI is accelerating Scripture translation into minority languages around the world

"Using AI for Evangelism" — Frontiers / Pioneers Mission

Missionaries on the frontier using AI tools to reach closed communities with the Gospel

"How ChatGPT Is Changing Ministry" — RightNow Media

Balanced discussion of how Christian leaders are wisely using and guarding against AI

AI & World Mission: A Historic Moment

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations..." — Matthew 28:19

7,000+

Languages in the world
~3,000 still without any Scripture

4.2B

People considered unreached
by Gospel witness today

10×

Faster Bible translation
possible with AI assistance

100+

Countries where AI tools
are reaching closed nations

AI is a tool — but the Gospel is still carried by Spirit-filled men and women. Technology serves the mission; it never replaces it.

What AI Can NEVER Replace



Personal Prayer

A genuine conversation with the living God — known, heard, and answered. AI can prompt you to pray; it cannot pray with you.



The Cross & Redemption

The Gospel is the power of God for salvation. AI can explain it — but only the Holy Spirit can apply it to a human heart.



Biblical Community

The Church is the body of Christ — embodied, local, sacrificial. Digital or AI fellowship is a shadow, not the substance.



The Holy Spirit

Conviction, comfort, guidance, transformation — these are the Spirit's work in real human souls. No algorithm can replicate this.



Sacramental Life

Baptism, the Lord's Supper, ordination — these are physical, covenantal acts. They require presence, not a screen.



Witness & Testimony

Your story of encountering Christ is irreplaceable. A man changed by grace is more compelling than any AI-generated content.

Stewardship of Technology

The Biblical Framework

Genesis 1:28

We are called to steward creation — including technology

Colossians 3:17

Do all things in the name of the Lord Jesus

1 Corinthians 6:12

"All things are lawful, but not all are helpful"


Proverbs 4:23

Guard your heart — including what you consume digitally


Matthew 22:37

Love God with all your MIND — engage AI thoughtfully

Practical Principles


 AI is a servant, not a master

 Scripture must always be primary

 Real relationships over digital ones

 Let the Spirit guide your use

 Hold all technology with open hands

 Accountability — talk about your AI habits



AI will change everything.

The Gospel will not change.

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." — Hebrews 13:8

Be wise. Be discerning. Be present.
And above all — be men who know the living God.