



**CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
NINILCHIK

# SUNDAY SCHOOL

SERIES:

**New Testament Church History**

LESSON:

**“Charles Finney”**

The Second Great Awakening, Part Two

Sunday School Hymns

Hymn #650 – “I Love to Tell the Story”

Hymn #115 – “Love Lifted Me”

**November 28th, 2021**

# Sunday School, 11/28/21

## Series: *New Testament Church History*

**Lesson 67:** “Charles Finney: the Second Great Awakening, Part Two”

**Text:** **Luke 12:1-7**

### I. Life of Charles Grandison Finney

1792, Born on August 29th in Warren, CT

1794, Moved to western NY

1812-14, Attended the Academy at Warren

1814-16, Taught school in Mount Pleasant, NJ

1818-21, Apprenticed as law student in Adams, NY

1821, “Conversion”

1822-23, Studied theology under Rev. George Washington Gale

1823, Licensed to preach by St. Lawrence Presbytery

1824, Missionary work in Evan’s Mills & Antwerp, NY; ordained evangelist;  
appt. part-time pastor of Evan’s Mills Presb. Church; married Lydia Root  
Andrews

1827, Met Asahel Nettleton in Albany

1828, Met Asahel Nettleton in New York

1835, Teaching “theology” at Oberlin College, OH; *Lectures on Revival of  
Religion* published

1837, *Lectures to Professing Christians* published; appt. pastor of Oberlin  
Church

1846, First volume of *Lectures on Systematic Theology* published

1847, Second volume of *Lectures on Systematic Theology* published; Lydia  
Finney dies

1848, Marries Elizabeth Ford Atkinson

1851, appt. president of Oberlin College

1863, Elizabeth Finney dies

1865, Resigned presidency of Oberlin College; married Rebecca Allen Rayle

1866, Decline in health; begins dictating memoirs

1868, *Memoirs* complete

1872, Resigned pastorate of Oberlin Church

1875, Death in Oberlin on August 16th

## II. Quotes from Finney

“I found it impossible to agree with Mr. Gale on these points. I could not but regard and treat this whole question of imputation as a theological fiction, somewhat related to our legal fiction John Doe and Richard Roe.” *The Original Memoirs of Charles Finney*, Kindle eBook, loc. 935

“Several theologians have held that regeneration is the work of the Holy Spirit alone... but I might just as lawfully insist that it is the work of man alone.” *Lectures on Systematic Theology*, pg. 224

“Moral depravity cannot consist in any attribute of nature or constitution, nor in any lapsed or fallen state of nature.... Moral depravity, as I use the term, does not consist in, nor imply a sinful nature, in the sense that the human soul is sinful in itself. It is not a constitutional sinfulness.” *Lectures on Systematic Theology*, pg. 245

“The doctrine of imputed righteousness, or that Christ’s obedience to the Law was accounted as our obedience, is founded on a most false and nonsensical assumption.” *Lectures on Systematic Theology*, pg. 320

“It is not founded in Christ’s literally suffering the exact penalty of the law for them, and in this sense literally purchasing their justification and eternal salvation.” *Lectures on Systematic Theology*, pg. 373

Finney said that Christ “could do no more than justify himself. It can never be imputed to us... it was naturally impossible, then, for him to obey on our behalf.” Moreover, he claimed that this doctrine “of representing the atonement as the ground of the sinner’s justification has been a sad occasion of stumbling to many.” *Lectures on Systematic Theology*, pg. 732

Finney claimed that salvation “is not founded in Christ’s literally suffering the exact penalty of the Law for them, and in this sense literally purchasing their justification and eternal salvation.” (*Lectures on Systematic Theology*, pg. 747

“There is nothing in religion beyond the ordinary powers of nature. A revival is not a miracle, nor dependent on a miracle, in any sense. It is a purely philosophical result of the right use of the constituted means— as much so as any other effect produced by the application of means.... A revival is as naturally a result of the use of means as a crop is of the use of its appropriate means.” *Lectures on Revivals of Religion*, pgs. 4-5

# Church History Outline:

## Introduction

Matthew 16:1-28

## Acts of the Apostles

**Church Born**, chs. 1-4

**Church Grows**, chs. 5-12

persecution, chs. 8-12

Saul's conversion, ch. 9

James' death, ch.12

Peter's imprisonment, ch.12

**Church Expands**, chs. 13-28

Paul's 1st mission, chs. 13-14

Council of Jerusalem, ch. 15

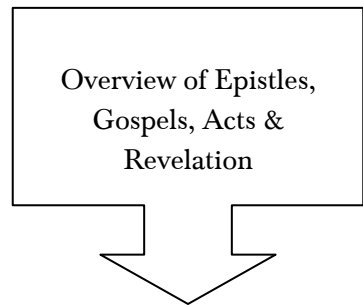
Paul's 2nd mission, chs. 16-18

Paul's 3rd mission, chs. 19-20

Paul's arrest, chs. 21-23

Paul in Caesarea, chs. 24-26

Paul's 4th mission, chs. 27-28



**Ante-Nicene Church**, 100-325 AD

**Nicene & Post-Nicene Church**, 325-590 AD

**Medieval Church**, 590-1049 AD

**Middle Ages Church**, 1049-1517 AD

**Reformed Church**, 1517 AD – present

**Missionary Church**, 1792 AD – present