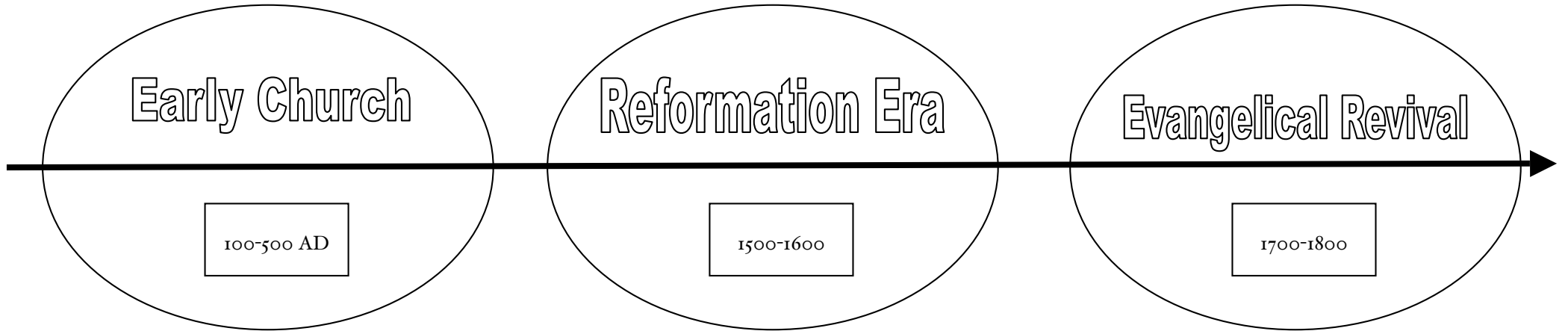


3 FORMATIVE PERIODS WITHIN CHRISTIAN HISTORY



Debate:
Doctrines of God and Christ

Distinctive:
Trinity: Christ **with** us

Defence:
Creeds (eg Apostles', Nicene)

Denominator:
Orthodox/Catholic

Dating:
Entering Christendom in West & East

Debate:
Doctrines of grace and church

Distinctive:
Justification: Christ **for** us

Defence:
Confessions (eg Augsburg, Heidelberg)

Denominator:
Lutheran/Reformed/Anabaptist

Dating:
Assuming Christendom in the West

Debate:
Doctrines of Spirit and mission

Distinctive:
Regeneration: Christ **in** us

Defence:
Choruses (eg And can it be?), and
Correspondence (eg Newton's letters)

Denominator:
Evangelical

Dating:
Exiting Christendom in the West

See Rhys S. Bezzant, 'Anglican, Reformed, Evangelical?' Pages 147-158 in *Proclaiming Christ: Ridley College Melbourne 1910-2010*. Edited by Peter J. H. Adam and Gina Denholm. Parkville: Ridley Melbourne, 2010.