

## The Function and Future of the Church

### Evangelical

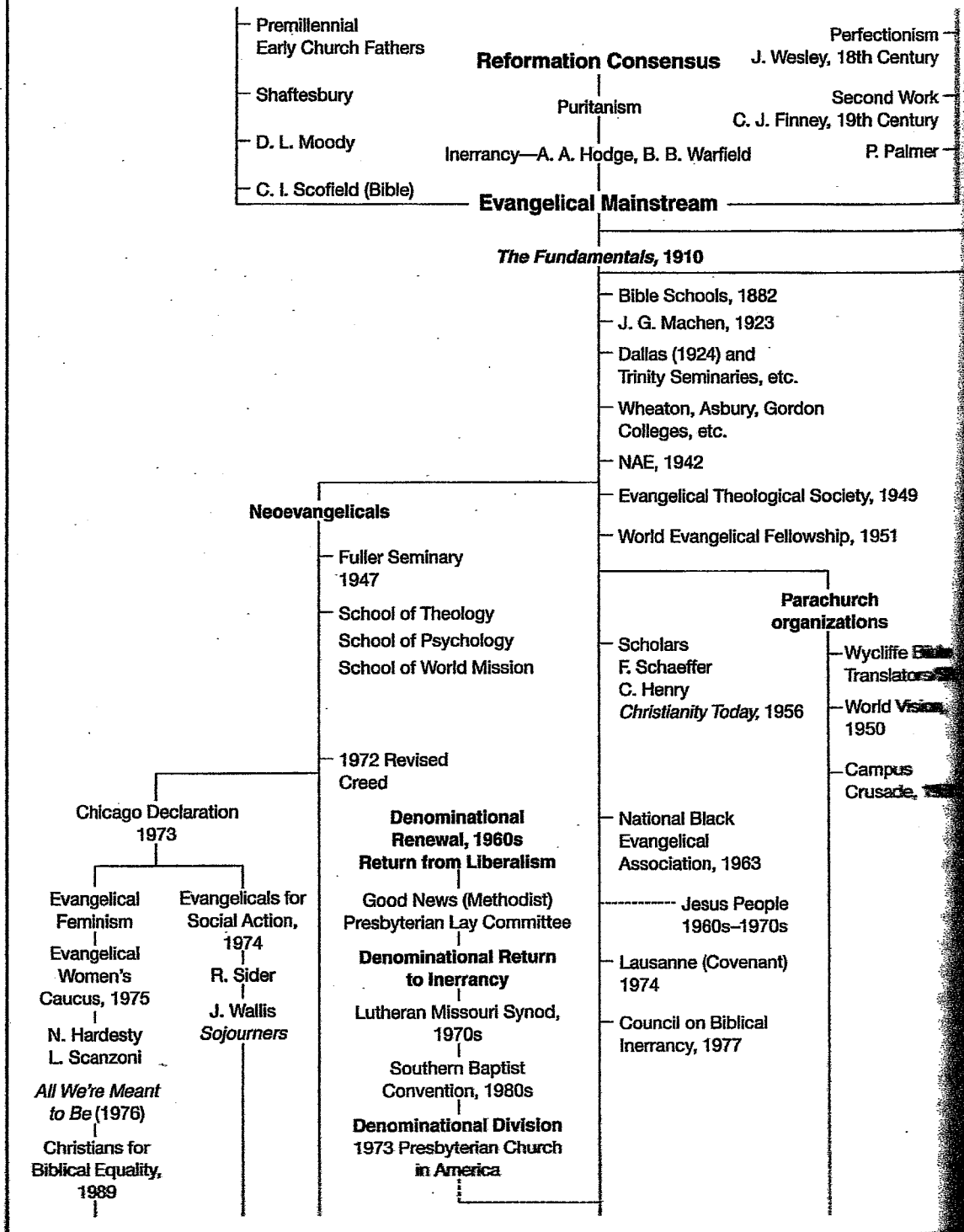
- Bible is God's Word
- Sin in individual by heredity
- Evangelism—proclamation of Gospel
- Justification
- Vertical—relate to God by Faith
- Salvation of eternal soul
- Saved to serve
- Church, Christ's bride
- Faith
- Individual salvation
- Amillennial or premillennial
- Cataclysmic supernatural end to age
- God is transcendent
- Transform individual by new birth
- Stress theology
- Other-world orientation
- Indirect social action through individuals
- Christ-centered
- Spiritual conviction
- Proximate solution to man's problems in time, final beyond history
- Millennium (Eden regained)
- Renovation

### Liberal

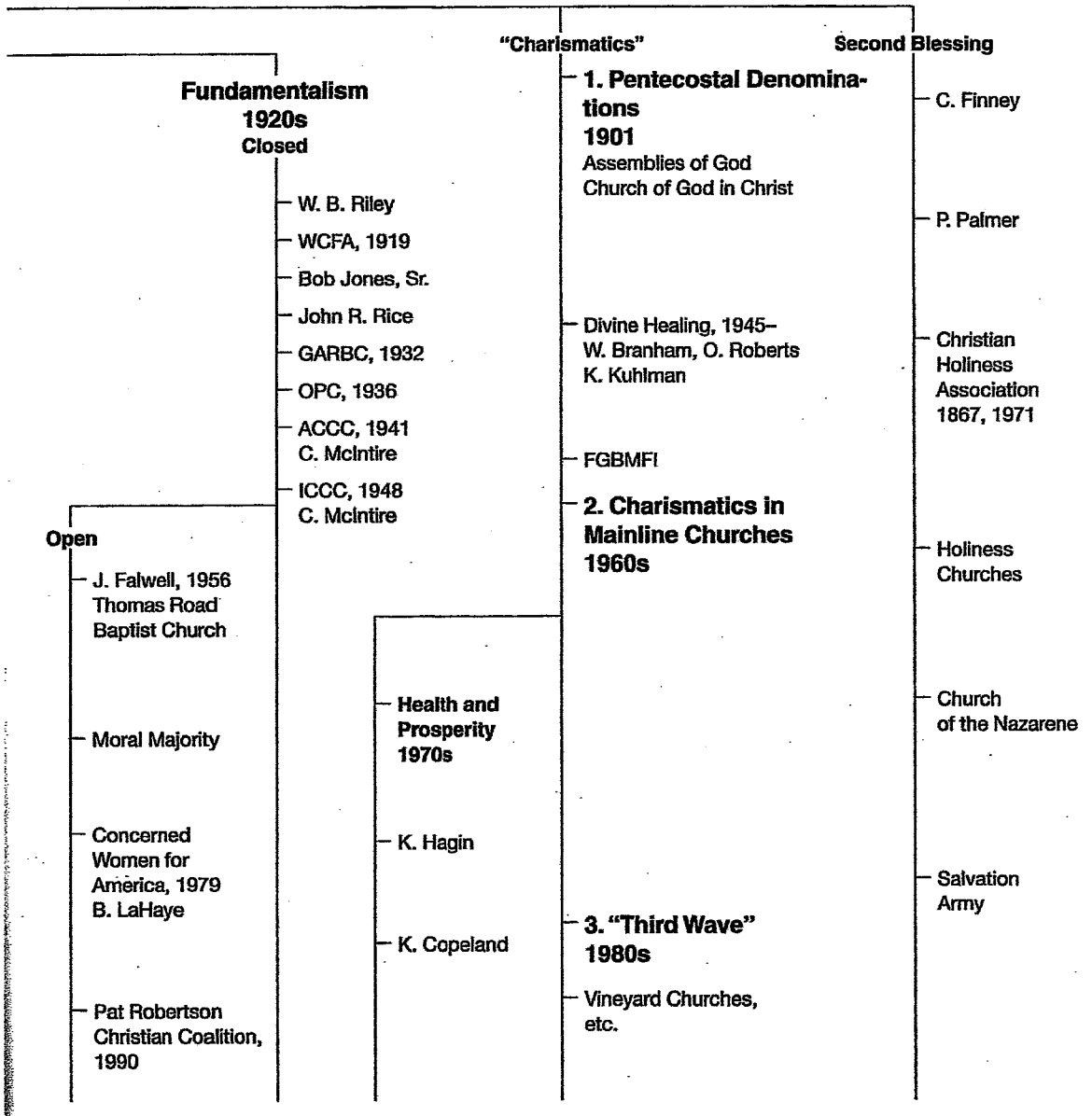
- Bible contains God's Word
- Social structures—sin in environment
- Social action to correct evils
- Justice
- Horizontal—love to man
- Service for temporal physical well-being
- Saved in and by service
- Kingdom on earth by man's efforts
- Works
- Reformation of society (corporate)
- Postmillennial
- Church will cleanse world of racism, war, injustice, and inequality
- God is immanent
- Transform society by education and legislation
- Stress social sciences
- This-worldly orientation
- Direct social action by church
- Man-centered
- Social conscience
- Final solutions in history often socialistic or Marxian
- Utopian order
- Reforms or revolution

The truth lies not in "either/or" but in "both/and." The task of the church is first evangelism (Matt. 28:18-20; Acts 1:8) to relate persons vertically to God by faith. These persons will then show love in action in society as they live and serve until their hope of Christ's second coming becomes fact (Eph. 2:10; 1 Cor. 3:11-12; Titus 3:8).

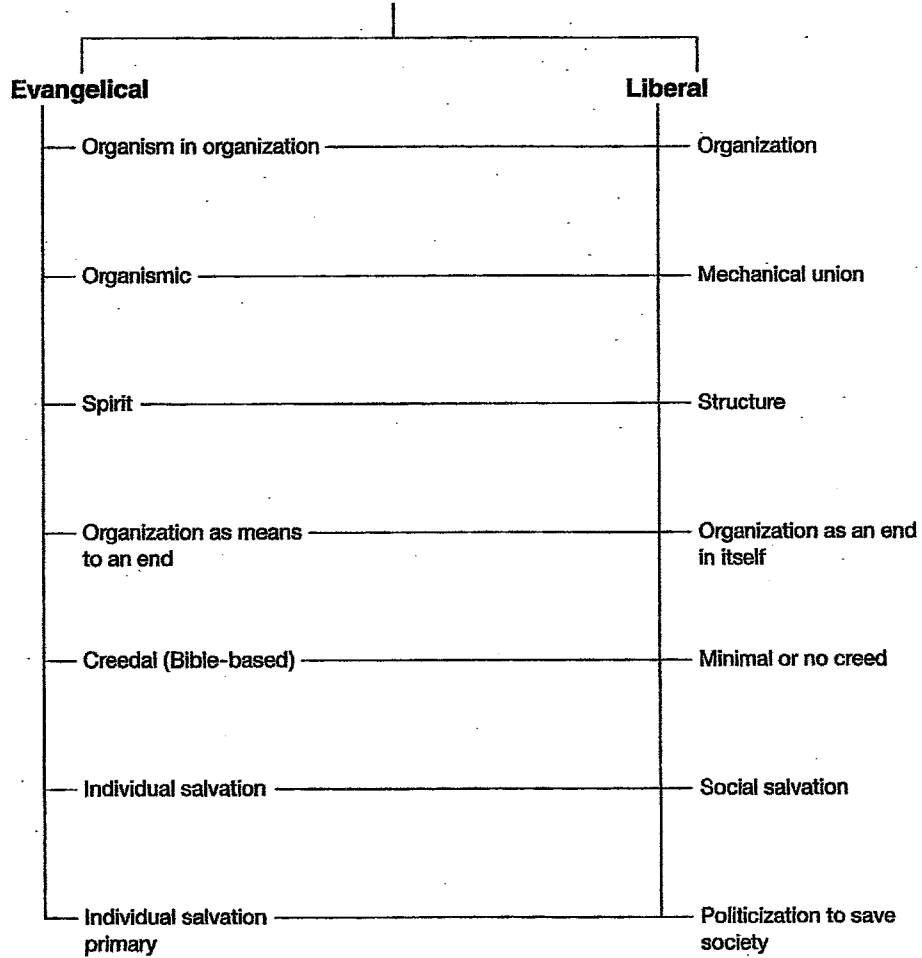
## Evangelical Unity in Diversity



**Evangelical Unity in Diversity (continued)**

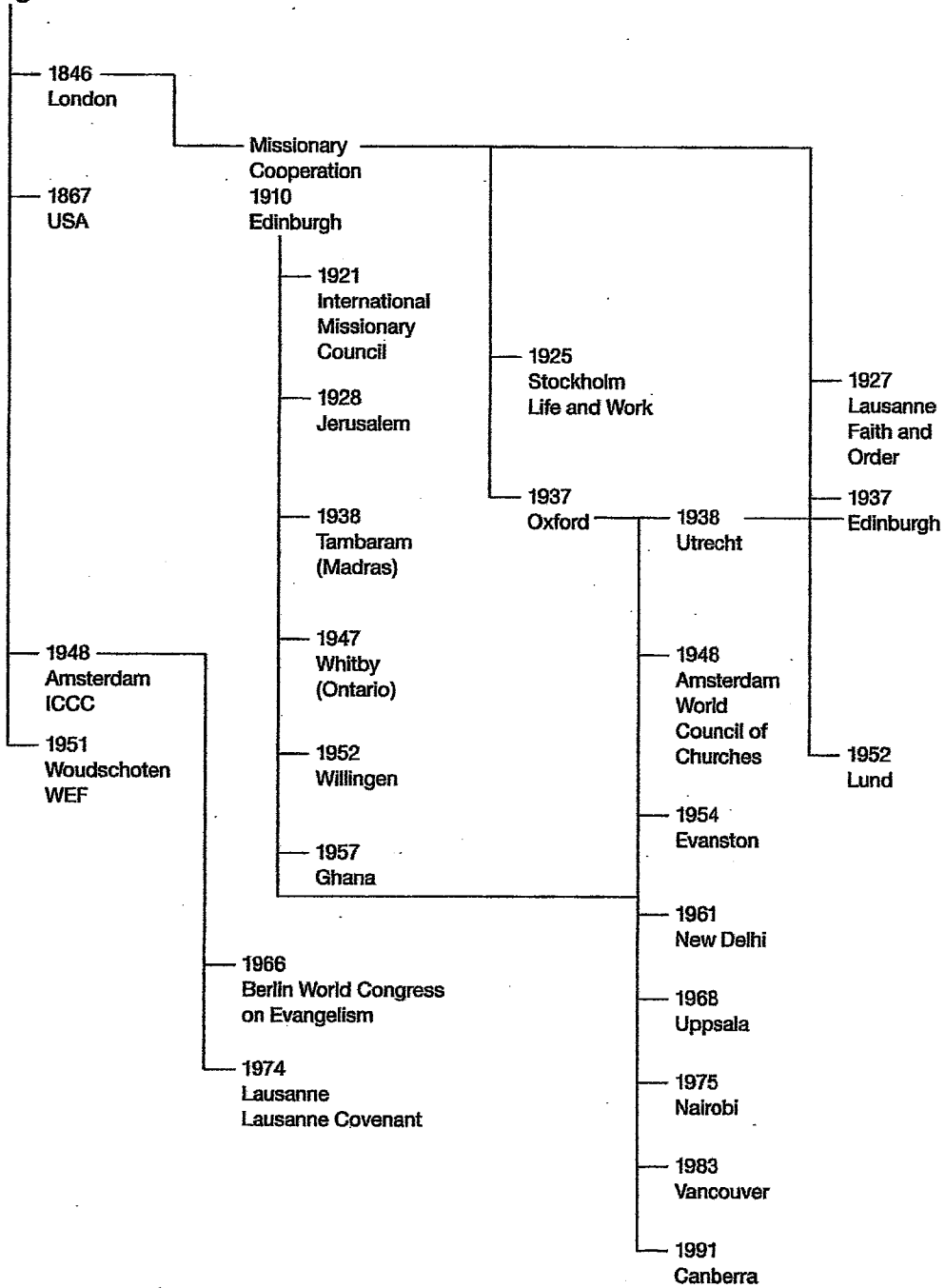


## Evangelical vs. Liberal Ecumenicity



# Global Ecumenical Development

## The Evangelical Alliance



# Church Growth

