

# **SS 231C - Church History**

## **SYLLABUS**

3 Hour Course

### **Description**

The course traces the history of the Christian church from its inception at Pentecost to the present. For purposes of study, the church is divided into the ancient, medieval, and modern church. Emphasis is given to the leaders, the theological developments, and major changes within the church.

### **Objectives**

By taking this course the student will:

1. Integrate history, theology, and Bible into a comprehensive Christian world and life view.
2. Be able to trace the history of the Church from its beginning to the present.
3. Evidence spiritual enrichment through an understanding of his/her evangelical heritage, especially through the lives and ministries of great Christians.
4. Demonstrate an understanding of the origin and development of both orthodoxy and theological heresy in the church.
5. Demonstrate a conviction of the triumph of the Church.
6. Display an understanding of contemporary trends within Christendom today.
7. Give evidence of the sovereign, merciful work of God throughout the history of the Church.
8. Give evidence of the ability to think logically and critically.
9. Display increased proficiency in reading and writing skills.

### **Materials**

The following books are required for this course. :

\*\* The Essential Bible: The Story of the Church  
Robert G. Clouse/Richard V. Pierard/Edwin M. Yamauchi  
Moody Press 2002  
ISBN: 0-8024-2481-3

\*\* This book is now out of print and will need to be purchased through Amazon or EBay, etc.

*A Pocket Style Manual*. 5th edition  
Hacker, Diana. Boston, MA: Bedford/ St. Martins.  
ISBN: 031266480X

## Learning Experiences

1. Reading and interacting with the textbook, as well as additional resources, by completing the guide questions.
2. Completing 2 book reports
3. Taking four exams.

## Grades

Grades will be assessed according to the following criteria:

Textbook Reading and Completing Guide Questions	20%
Book Reports	20%
Exams	60%

## Selected Bibliography

The following bibliography has been prepared to enhance further study of this subject. These sources may be used for book reports included in the class.

### Pre-Reformation

Aland, Kurt. *Saints and Sinners*.

Angus, S. *The Environment of Early Christianity*.

Bainton, Roland H. *Early and Medieval Christianity*.

\_\_\_\_\_. *The Medieval Church*.

Baldwin, Marshall W. (ed.). *Christianity Through the 13th Century*.

Balmer, Randall Herbert. *Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory: A journey into the Evangelical Subculture in America*.

\_\_\_\_\_. *A Perfect Babel of Confusion: Dutch Religion and English Culture in Middle Colonies*.

Barracough, Geoffrey. *The Medieval Papacy*.

Bauckman, Richar (ed.). *The Book of Acts in its Palestinian Setting*.

Beet, W. Ernest. *The Rise of the Papacy*.

Benko, Stephen. *The Catacombs and the Colosseum*.

Bettenson, Henry. *The Early Christian Fathers*.

Bonnechose, Emile. *Reformers Before the Reformation*.

Bonner, Gerald. *St. Augustine of Hippo*.

Brown, Peter. *The Rise of Western Christendom: Triumph and Diversity, A.D. 200-1000*.

Bruce, F.F. *The Spreading Flame*.

Cannon, William R. *History of Christianity in the Middle Ages*.

Chadwick, Henry. *The Early Church*.

Chadwick, Owen (ed.). *Western Asceticism*.

Daniell, David. *William Tyndale: A Biography*.

Davies, J.G. *The Early Christian Church*.

Dickinson, John. *Monastic Life in Medieval England*.

Dorries, Hermann. *Constantine the Great*.

Duckett, Eleanor S. *Gateway to the Middle Ages: Monasticism*.

\_\_\_\_\_. *The Wandering Saints of the Early Middle Ages.*  
 Eusebius. *Ecclesiastical History.*  
 Eusebius, Of Caesarea, Bishop of Caesarea. *Eusebius-The Church History: A New Translation with Commentary.*  
 Fairweather, Eugene R. (ed.). *A Scholastic Miscellany.*  
 Fremantle, Anne. *The Age of Faith.*  
 \_\_\_\_\_. *A Treasury of Early Christianity.*  
 Frend, W.H.C. *The Donatist Church.*  
 \_\_\_\_\_. *The Early Church.*  
 Gamble, Harry Y. *Book and Readers in the Early Church: A History of Early Christian Texts.*  
 Gillespie, Thomas W. *The First Theologians: A Study in Early Christian Prophecy.*  
 Gilmore, M.P. *The World of Humanism, 1453, 1517.*  
 Glover, T.R. *The Influence of Christ in the Ancient World.*  
 Goppelt, Leonhard. *Apostolic and Post-Apostolic Times.*  
 Grant, Robert M. *Gnosticism and Early Christianity.*  
 Green, Michael. *Evangelism in the Early Church.*  
 Gwatkin, H.M. *The Arian Controversy.*  
 Hall, Stuart George. *Doctrine and Practice in the Early Church.*  
 Hannan, J.C. *Christian Monasticism.*  
 Hatch, Edwin. *The Influence of Greek Ideas and Usages upon the Christian Church.*  
 Hyma, Albert. *The Brethren of the Common Life.*  
 \_\_\_\_\_. *The Christian Renaissance.*  
 Jones, A.H.M. *Constantine and the Conversion of Europe.*  
 Kelly, J.N.D. *Golden Mouth: The Story of John Chrysostom-Ascetic, Preacher, Bishop.*  
 King, N.Q. *The Emperor Theodosius and the Establishment of Christianity.*  
 Lane, Fox, Robin. *Pagans and Christians*  
 Lightfoot, J.B. (ed.). *The Apostolic Fathers.*  
 Ludeman, Gerd. *Heretics: The Other Side of Early Christianity.*  
 Maier, Paul L. *In the Fullness of Time: A Historian Looks at Christmas, Easter, and the Early Church.*  
 McGrath, Alister E. *"I believe:" Exploring the Apostles' Creed.*  
 Mollat, G. *The Popes at Avignon, 1305-1378.*  
 Momigliano, Amaldo (ed.). *The Conflict Between Paganism and Christianity in the Fourth Century.*  
 Orr, James. *The History and Literature of the Early Church.*  
 Oulton and Chadwick (eds.). *Alexandrian Christianity.*  
 Parker, G.H.W. *The Morning Star.*  
 Phillips, M.M. *Erasmus and the Renaissance.*  
 Richardson, Cyril C. (Ed.). *Early Christian Fathers.*  
 Robeck, Cecil M. *Prophecy in Carthage: Perpetua, Tertullian, and Cyprian.*  
 Roth, Cecil. *The Spanish Inquisition.*  
 Russell, J.B. *Dissent and Reform in the Early Middle Ages.*  
 Smith, John H. *Constantine the Great.*  
 \_\_\_\_\_. *The Great Schism.*  
 Smith, M.A. *From Christ to Constantine.*

Spinka, Matthew (ed.). *Advocates of Reform*.  
\_\_\_\_\_. *John Hus at the Council of Constance*.  
Stacey, John. *John Wyclif and Reform*.  
Stephens, W.R.W. *Hildebrand and His Times*.  
Stob, Ralph. *Christianity and Classical Civilization*.  
Storrs, R.S. *Bernard of Clairvaux*.  
Tierney, Brian. *The Crisis of Church and State, 1050-1300*.  
Uhlhorn, Gerhard. *Christian Charity in the Ancient Church*.  
\_\_\_\_\_. *Conflict of Christianity with Heathenism*.  
Ullmann, Walter. *The Growth of Papal Government in the Middle Ages*.  
Volz, Carl A. *The Church of the Middle Ages*.  
Walker, G.S.M. *The Growing Storm*.  
Williams, Robert. *A Guide to the Teachings of the Early Church Fathers*.  
Witherington, Ben. *Women in the Earliest Churches*.  
Workman, Herbert B. *The Evolution of the Monastic Ideal*.  
\_\_\_\_\_. *Persecution in the Early Church*.

### **Reformation and Post-Reformation**

Ames, William; Eusden, John D. (Trans. And Ed.). *The Marrow of Theology*.  
Atkinson, James. *The Great Light*.  
Bailey, Kenneth. *Southern White Protestantism in the 20th Century*.  
Bainton, Roland. *The Age of the Reformation*.  
\_\_\_\_\_. *Christian Unity and Religion in New England*.  
\_\_\_\_\_. *The Reformation of the 16th Century*.  
\_\_\_\_\_. *Women of the Reformation in Germany and Italy*.  
Baker, Frank. *John Wesley and the Church of England*.  
Balmer, Randall. *Blessed Assurance: A History of Evangelicalism in America*.  
Bangs, Carl. *Arminius*.  
Banks, William L. *The Black Church in the U.S.*  
Bauman, Michael, and Martin Klauber (eds.). *Historians of the Christian Tradition: Their Methodology and Influence on Western Thought*.  
Brauer, Jerald C. *Protestantism in America*.  
Burtchaell, James Tunstead. *The Dying of the Light: The Disengagement of Colleges and Universities from Their Christian Churches*.  
Cairns, Earle E. *Christianity in the United States*.  
\_\_\_\_\_. *Saints and Society*.  
Carpenter, Joel A. and Wilbert R. Shenk (eds.). *Earthen Vessels: American Evangelicals and Foreign Missions, 1880-1980*.  
Carwardine, Richard. *Transatlantic Revivalism: Popular Evangelicalism in Britain and America, 1790-1865*.  
Chadwick, Owen. *The Reformation*.  
Cragg, Gerald. *The Church and the Age of Reason, 1648-1789*.  
Dannenfeldt, Karl H. *The Church of the Renaissance and Reformation*.  
Dawson, Christopher. *The Dividing of Christendom*.  
Dickens, A.G. *The Counter Reformation*.  
\_\_\_\_\_. *Reformation and Society in 16th Century Europe*.

Dillon, Francis. *A Place for Habitation: The Pilgrim Fathers and Their Quest*.

Dorsett, Lyle. *Billy Sunday and the Redemption of Urban America*.

Dyck, Cornelius J. *An Introduction to Mennonite History*.

Earle, Alice M. *The Sabbath in Puritan New England*.

Ellis, John T. *American Catholicism*.

Estep, William R. *The Anabaptist Story*.

Ferguson, Everett (ed.). *Recent Studies in Early Christian: A Collection of Scholarly Essays*.

Ferm, Robert L. (ed.). *Issues in American Protestantism*.

Findlay, James F. *D.L. Moody: American Evangelist*.

Fletcher, William C. *The Moderns: Molders of Contemporary Theology*.

Frazier, E. Franklin. *The Negro Church in America*.

Gaustad, Edwin S. *Religious History of America*.

\_\_\_\_\_ *The Great Awakening in New England*.

\_\_\_\_\_ *Liberty of Conscience: Roger Williams in America*.

\_\_\_\_\_ *A Religious History of America*.

George, Timothy (Ed). *John Calvin and the Church: A Prism of Reform*

Gerrish, B.A. (ed.). *Reformers in Profile*.

Green, V.H.H. *Renaissance and Reformation*.

Hambrick-Stowe, Charles. *Charles G. Finney and the Spirit of American Evangelicalism*.

Handy, Robert T. *A Christian America*.

\_\_\_\_\_. *Religion in the American Experience*.

\_\_\_\_\_. (ed.). *The Social Gospel in America*.

Harbison, E.H. *The Christian Scholar in the Age of the Reformation*.

Hardman, Keith. *Issues in American Christianity: Primary Sources with Introductions*.

Hardon, John A. *The Protestant Churches in America*.

Hart, D.G. (ed). *Reckoning with the Past: Historical Essays on American Evangelicalism from the Institute for the Study of American Evangelicals*.

Hastings, Adrian. *A History of English Christianity, 1920-1990*.

Hatch, Nathan O. and Harry S. Stout, (eds.). *Jonathan Edwards and the American Experience*.

Hillerbrand, Hans J. (ed.). *The Reformation*.

\_\_\_\_\_. *The World of the Reformation*.

Hopkins, C.H. *The Rise of the Social Gospel in American Protestantism*.

Hudson, Winthrop S. *American Protestantism*.

Hurtsfield, Joel. (ed.). *The Reformation Crisis*.

Isichei, Elizabeth Allo. *A History of Christianity in Africa: From Antiquity to the Present*

Jensen, Anne. *God's Self-Confident Daughters: Early Christianity and the Liberation of Women*.

Jones, James W. *The Shattered Synthesis*.

Jones, Rufus. *The Quakers in the American Colonies*.

Kingdon and Linder (eds.). *Calvin and Calvinism: Sources of Democracy?*

Klassen, Peter. *Europe in the Reformation*.

Krahn, Cornelius. *Dutch Anabaptism*.

Levang, Joseph H. *Living Lutheran Christianity: A Historical Sketch of Lutheran Pietism*.

Levin, David (ed.). *Jonathan Edwards*.

Lippy, David (ed.). *Christianity Comes to the Americas, 1492-1776*

Littell, Franklin H. *The Anabaptist View of the Church*.  
 \_\_\_\_\_. *The Free Church*.

Loane, Marcus. *Makers of Religious Freedom*.

Luther, Martin. *The Bondage of the Will*. (Grace has an abridged version)

Lutzer, Erwin W. *Hitler's Cross*.

Manshreck, Clyde. *Melanchthon: The Quiet Reformer*.

Matthews, Donald G. *Religion in the Old South*.

McAllister, Lester G. *Journey in Faith: A History of the Christian Church*.

McGrath, Alister E. *Reformation Thought: An Introduction*  
 \_\_\_\_\_ *Historical Theology: An Introduction to the History of Christian Thought*.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ *Iustitia Dei: A History of the Christian Doctrine of Justification*.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ *The Intellectual Origins of the European Reformation*.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ *A Life of John Calvin: A Study in the Shaping of Western Culture*.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ *Luther's Theology of the Cross*.

Moffet, Samuel H. *A History of Christianity in Asia*.

Moore, James R. *The Post Darwinian Controversies: A Study in the Protestant Struggle to Come to Terms with Darwin in Great Britain and America. 1870-1900*.

Murray, Iain. *Revival and Revivalism: The Making and Marring of American Evangelicalism, 1750-1858*.

Nassif, Bradley, (ed.). *New Perspectives on Historical Theology: Essays in Memory of John Meyendorff*.

Noll, Mark A. (ed.). *Religion and American Politics: From the Colonial Period to the 1980's*.

Oberman, Heiko A. *The Reformation: Roots and Ramifications*.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ *The Dawn of the Reformation: Essays in Late Medieval and Early Reformation Thought*.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ *Luther, Man Between God and the Devil*.

Oden, Thomas C. (ed.). *John Wesley's Scriptural Christianity: A Plain Exposition of His Teaching on Christian Doctrine*.

Olin, John C. (ed.). *Christian Humanism and the Reformation: Desiderius Erasmus*.

Orr, J. Edwin. *The Eager Feet: Evangelical Awakenings, 1790-1830*.  
 \_\_\_\_\_. *The Fervent Prayer: The Worldwide Impact of the Great Awakening of 1858*.  
 \_\_\_\_\_. *The Light of the Nations*.

Ozment, Steven E. *The Reformation in the Cities*.

Powicke, Maurice. *The Reformation in England*.

Rack, Henry D. *Reasonable Enthusiast: John Wesley and the Rise of Methodism*.

Reeves, Thomas C. *The Empty Church: The Suicide of Liberal Christianity*.

Renwick A.M. *The Story of the Scottish Reformation*.

Rilliet, Jean. *Zwingli*.

Ritter, Gerhard. *Luther, His Life and Work*.

Sandeen, Ernest R. *The Roots of Fundamentalism*.

Scharpff, Paulus. *History. of Evangelism.*

Schultenover, David A. *A View from Rome: On the Eye of the Modernist Crisis.*

Schultze, Quentin J. *Televangelism and America Culture: The Business of Popular Religion.*

Scribner, R.W. *The German Reformation.*

Snyder, C. Arnold and Linda A. Huebert (ed.). *Profiles of Anabaptist Women: Sixteenth-Century Reforming Pioneers.*

Sperry, Willard L. *Religion in America.*

Spitz, Lewis W. (ed.). *The Protestant Reformation.*

\_\_\_\_\_. *The Reformation: Basic Interpretations.*

\_\_\_\_\_. *The Reformation: Material or Spiritual.*

Starkey, Marion. *The Devil in Massachusetts.*

Stauffer, Richard. *The Humanness of John Calvin.*

Stevenson, William. *The Story of the Reformation.*

Stupperich, Robert. *Melanchthon.*

Thompson, Bard. *Humanists and Reformers: A History of the Renaissance and Reformation.*

Vaughan, Alden T. (ed.). *The Puritan Tradition in America, 1620-1730.*

Verduin, L. *The Reformers and Their Stepchildren.*

Verheyden, A.L.E. *Anabaptism in Flanders, 1530-1650.*

Vidler, Alex. *The Church in an Age of Revolution.*

Weber, Timothy. *Living in the Shadow of the Second Coming: American Premillennialism, 1875-1925.*

Weisberger, Bernard A. *They Gathered at the River.*

Wells, David F. (ed.). *Dutch Reformed Theology.*

Wells, David (ed.) *The Princeton Theology.*

-----*Southern Reformed Theology.*

Wendel, Francois; Philip Mariet, trans. *Calvin: Origins and Development of His Religious Thought.*

Wenger, Robert E. "Social Thought in American Fundamentalism, 1918-1933" (dissertation)

White, James. *Christian Worship in North America: A Retrospective, 1955-1995*

Wilken, Robert Louis. *Remembering the Christian Past.*

Williams, George H. *The Radical Reformation.*

Wood, A. Skevington. *The Inextinguishable Blaze.*

Woodbridge, John D., et al. *The Gospel in America.*