



Lighthouse Bible Institute

Church History I (Early Church – 1300s)

Class Syllabus

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Course Description

As we focus this session on Church History, we will find the immense impact and spread of the Christian faith, its great victories, and terrible struggles. We will see a beautiful heritage from early believers that we can and should learn from today.

This is a three-credit course.

Course Objective

By the completion of this course, you should: Know key dates in Christian history before the Renaissance, key leaders through the same point in history, and the essential battles the Church had for the truth.

Course Materials

- Bennett, William J. *Tried by Fire the Story of Christianity's First Thousand Years*. Nashville, TN: Thomas Nelson, 2018.
- Ferguson, Sinclair B. *In the Year of Our Lord: Reflections on Twenty Centuries of Church History*. Orlando, FL: Reformation Trust, 2018.
- Laptop with Logos 10
- Class handouts will be provided by the class instructor. It is advised to use a three-ring binder for these handouts.

Additional Resources

- Maunder, Chris, and Henry Bettenson. *Documents of the Christian Church*. New York, NY: Oxford University Press Inc., 2011. \$22
- Noll, Mark A. *Turning Points: Decisive Moments in the History of Christianity*. Third Edition. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, 2012. (The fourth edition is currently cheaper on Amazon)

Required Course Costs

- \$10 plus books if you are not working toward certification.
- \$20 plus books if you are seeking certification.
- *Tried by Fire* \$13
- *In the Year of our Lord* \$15

Class Schedule

Week	Assignments	Total Points	Percent of Final Grade
1	Quiz (60) and Reading (30)	90	9%
2	Quiz (60) and Reading (30)	90	9%
3	Quiz (60) and Reading (30)	90	9%
4	Quiz (60) and Reading (30)	90	9%
5	Midterm Test	140	14%
6	Quiz (60) and Reading (30)	90	9%
7	Quiz (60) and Reading (30)	90	9%
8	Quiz (60) and Reading (30)	90	9%
9	Quiz (60) and Reading (30)	90	9%
10	Final Test	140	14%
	Total Points	1,000	100%

- All sessions for this course will be on Saturdays from 8:00am-9:15am.
- This is a ten week course starting on September 6th and running through November 15th

Class Grading/Assignments

- To pass the class, you must:
 - Have an average of 70% or better (C average or better).
- All assignments may be turned in up to Two weeks late.
 - Within the first week, there is up to a 10% penalty for late work.
 - In the second week, there is up to a 20% penalty for late work.
 - After two full weeks, the assignment will be graded as Zero.
 - It is your responsibility to seek out the work you miss in a timely fashion.

Course Outline

- All reading is to be done before class!
- The quizzes and tests will cover the assigned reading and new information from that day's teacher handout.

1. Apostolic and Early Church – September 6th

- a. Read Bennet Pages: 1-50
- b. Read Ferguson Pages: 11-29
- c. Quiz 1
- d. Reading acknowledgement

2. Apologists and Early Persecution – September 13th

- a. Read Bennet Pages: 51-91
- b. Read Ferguson Pages: 31-38
- c. Quiz 2
- d. Reading acknowledgement

3. Constantine and Nicaea – September 20th

- a. **Read Bennet Pages:** 93-133
- b. **Read Ferguson Pages:** 39-47
- c. Quiz 3
- d. Reading acknowledgement

4. Theology, Augustine, and the Fall of Rome – September 27th

- a. **Read Bennet Pages:** 157-233
- b. **Read Ferguson Pages:** 49-57
- c. Quiz 4
- d. Reading acknowledgement

No Classes on October 4th due to Fall Family Weekend!

5. Monasticism and Missions – October 11th

- a. **Read Bennet Pages:** 135-155, 235-261
- b. **Read Ferguson Pages:** 59-70, 83-92
- c. Midterm Test

6. Islam and the Christian Response – October 18th

- a. **Read Bennet Pages:** 265-301
- b. **Read Ferguson Pages:** 71-81
- c. Quiz 5
- d. Reading acknowledgement

7. Charlemagne and Carolingian Reform – October 25th

- a. **Read Bennet Pages:** 305-324
- b. **Read Ferguson Pages:** 93-104
- c. Quiz 6
- d. Reading acknowledgement

8. 10th Century Decline and Cluny Reform – November 1st

- a. **Read Bennet Pages:** 327-345
- b. **Read Ferguson Pages:** 105-112
- c. Quiz 7
- d. Reading acknowledgement

9. Schism and Gregorian Reform – November 8th

- a. **Read Bennet Pages:** 369-388
- b. **Read Ferguson Pages:** 113-125
- c. Quiz 8
- d. Reading acknowledgement

10. Crusades and Early Scholasticism – November 15th

- a. Read Bennet Pages:** n/a
- b. Read Ferguson Pages:** 127-145
- c. Watch this video on YouTube:** [Were the Crusades a Good Idea? | The Right Stuff](#)
- d. Final Test**