

Church History:

The Story of God's People in the World, trying not to be of the World

Course Syllabus

Course Objective:

To provide a cursory overview of the history of the church from the close of the Apostolic age until the modern church period, spanning approximately from the fall of Jerusalem to the Romans in the year 70 A.D. to the present day.

Course Texts:

[WICH] Beeke, Joel R. and Michael Haykin. *Why Should I be Interested in Church History?* In the *Cultivating, Biblical Godliness* Series. Grand Rapids: Reformation Heritage Books, 2017.

[CH101] Ferguson, Sinclair B., Joel R. Beeke, and Michael A. G. Haykin. *Church History 101: The Highlights of Twenty Centuries*. Grand Rapids: Reformation Heritage Books, 2016.

[CHPL] Shelley, Bruce. *Church History in Plain Language*. Nashville: Thomas Nelson, 2013.

Course Lectures/Readings:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Lecture Title</u>	<u>Readings</u>
28 May	Introduction	WICH
4 June	The Age of Catholic Christianity I <i>The Church: Catholicity and Canon</i>	CHPL 3-6 (CH101 1-3)
11 June	The Age of Catholic Christianity II <i>The Church: Leaders and Losers</i>	CHPL 7-8
18 June	The Age of the Christian Roman Empire I <i>From the City of Man to the City of God and Back Again</i>	CHPL 9, 13-15 (CH101 4-6)
25 June	The Age of the Christian Roman Empire II <i>Mysteries, Monks, and Missions</i>	CHPL 10-12, 16
2 July	The Christian Middle Ages I <u>The Rise of Christendom: From Gregory the Great?, to Charles-the-NOT-Great, to In-NO-cent III</u>	CHPL 17-19 (CH101 7-15)
9 July	The Christian Middle Ages II <i>From the Crusades to Curriculum to Corruption to Captivity</i>	CHPL 19, 21-22
16 July	Off Week	

23 July	The Age of the Reformation <i>Precursors: Things that Came before the Nail</i>	CHPL 20
30 July	The Age of the Reformation <i>From the "Theses" to the "Institutes"</i> <i>From Defiance to Toleration to Liberty</i>	CHPL 24, 26-27, 30-31 (CH101 16-17)
6 August	The Age of the Reformation <i>Reactions to the Reformation: Restoration and Retrenchment</i>	CHPL 25, 28-29
13 August	Historical Focus: English Separatism and the General Baptists The Organizers - Smyth and Helwys The Theologian - Grantham The Revivalist - Taylor The Missiologist - Pike	Handouts
20 August	Historical Focus: English Separatism and the Particular Baptists The Confessionalists - Kiffen, Knollys, and Keach The Theologians - Gill, Booth, and Fuller The Evangelicals - Beddome, Ryland, and Hall The Missiologists - Sutcliff, Pearce, and Carey The Statesman - Hall	Handouts
27 August	Biographical Side Trip: Charles Haddon Spurgeon	None
6 September	The Ages of Reason, Revival, and Progress I <i>From the Birth of Secularism to the Sending of the Spirit</i>	CHPL 32-35 (CH101 18-19)
13 September	The Ages of Reason, Revival, and Progress II <i>Meeting Setbacks in an Age of Progress: Missions, Slavery, Evolution, Socialism, and Liberalism just to Name a Few</i>	CHPL 36-41
20 September	The Ages of Ideologies, Expansion, and Relocation I <i>20th Century Ideologies in the World and in the Church</i>	CHPL 42-45 (CH101 20)
27 September	The Ages of Ideologies, Expansion, and Relocation II <i>Western Reconstruction and Southern Relocation</i>	CHPL 46-48, <i>Epilogue</i>