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CH 501 Church History I

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I. COURSE DESCRIPTION
A study of the development of the Christian Church from the Apostolic Period to the Modern Era, with emphasis upon the central historical movements and theological issues of the period, with attention given to their relevance for contemporary ministry. Emphasis will be placed upon important primary texts, as well as interpretive studies. Lectures, reading, and discussion will constitute the main substance of our learning.

II. GENERAL GOALS
Our chief concern is the twofold need of the Christian community, clergy and laity, to 1) understand our calling, and 2) to participate responsibly in the task of developing capable Christian leadership in the contemporary church.

III. PREREQUISITES
While no prior courses in the School of Theology are prerequisites for the entering student, it is important that he or she manifest an attitude of open inquiry under God’s leading, recognizing that the mind of Christ can be more fully discerned by an awareness of the shaping of His body in history. A knowledge of the classical languages, while not essential, is helpful in the study of the early period.

IV. TOPIC LISTING AND SEQUENCE

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F. Medieval Ascetic Movements
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   2. The Meaning of Atonement.
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VI. COURSE PROCEDURES

A. Tests will consist of three objective quizzes on Gonzalez, and two unit exams (objective and essay). A make-up test can be given only in emergency situations and with prior approval from the instructor. All make-up tests will be administered immediately after the final exam. Grades will be posted (by ID number on exam) after the test at AD407. Two hours will be scheduled for all students who wish to review their work on tests.

B. Students are responsible for class attendance and for complete reading of assigned texts.

C. Each student will have the option of examining a major problem, event, or issue of the period in a research paper from 12 to 15 pages in length. This paper will conform to proper thesis style and will reflect the use of primary and secondary sources. The paper will be due December 1 (with deduction for late papers).

D. Evaluation will be based upon the accumilaiton of points, as follows:

Quiz 1 .........................  30
Quiz 2 .........................  30
Quiz 3 .........................  30
Mid-Term ...................  70
Final ............................ 100
Class Participation .....  50
TOTAL .................. 310 points       (360 points with paper)

Upon completion of all requirements, grades will be determined as follows:

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VII. TEXTS FOR PURCHASE


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