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CH501
CHURCH HISTORY I
FALL 1998

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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

Period I The First Hundred Years

- A. The Fullness of Time
- B. Greco-Roman Period
- C. New Testament Church

Period II Development of the Church to the Early Middle Ages (600)

- A. Relationship between the Early Church and the State.
- B. The Apostolic Fathers and the Apologists Issues: The development of the ministry, the creeds, and the canon.
- C. Orthodoxy and Heresy in the Early Church Issues:
 - 1. The Use of Scripture and Tradition in East and West.
 - 2. Fixing the Doctrine of the Trinity and the Two natures of Christ in the Creed of the Church.
 - 3. "Original Sin" and "The Church, Visible and Invisible."
- D. The Imperial State Church
- E. The Development of Monasticism
- F. The Confessions of Augustine

Period III The Middle Ages Through the Renaissance

- A. The Rise of the Papacy
- B. The Church Struggles for Dominance in Western Civilization
- C. The Crusades
- D. Schism between East and West
- E. Decline of the Papacy
- F. Medieval Ascetic Movements
- G. Scholasticism and Mysticism in the Middle Ages
 - Issues:
 - 1. The Roles of Faith and Reason in Knowing God.
 - 2. The Meaning of Atonement.
 - 3. Salvation through Sacramental Grace.
 - 4. An Examination of Aquinas' Summa Theologica.
- H. The Decline of Scholasticism
 - 1. Protestant Movements in Late Medieval Theology.
 - 2. Efforts toward the Reform of the Church.
 - 3. The Renaissance.

V. READING AND EXAM SCHEDULE

DATE	SUBJECT	GONZALEZ VOL I	KERR	BETTENSON
September 8	The First Hundred Years	2 - 5		
September 15	Martyrs and Apologists	6 - 7	I (=Section 1)	I, 1, 1-6 (=Part One Section 1, pp. 1-6)
September 17	QUIZ 1			
September 22	Heresy and The Formation of Orthodoxy	8 - 9	3 - 5	I, 3 & 4 (29-33, 35-38)
September 29	Pastoral Care, Worship, and Early Church Life	10 - 12		I, 1, 7 -23
October 6	QUIZ 2			
October 6	Constantine and The Response of the Christian Community	13 -16		
October 13	Arius and Nicea	17 - 21	8 (creeds 1, 2, and 4)	I, 4, 33 - 35, 39 - 44
October 20	MID-TERM			
October 22	Augustine and The End of an Era	22 - 25	6	I, 6
October 27	Chalcedon and the Shaping of Eastern Theology	26 - 27	8 (creed 3)	
November 3	Charlemagne and Roman Catholic Ascendancy	28 - 29		I, 5 and II, 12
November 5	QUIZ 3			
November 10	Crusaders and Scholastics	30 - 31	9, 10, 12, 14	II, 2
November 17	Decline and Its Allies; Pre-Reformers and Mystics	32 - 33	11 - 13	
December 1	Nominalism and Humanism	34	16 - 19	
December 8	The Dawn of the Western Hemisphere	35 - 36		
December 15	FINAL EXAM WEEK			

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 accumulation 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:

279 - 310	=	A	(90 -100%)
248 - 278	=	B	(80 - 90%)
217 - 247	=	C	(70 - 80 %)
186 - 216	=	D	(60 - 70%)
below 185	=	F	(below 59%)

VII. TEXTS FOR PURCHASE

Bettenson, Henry. Documents of the Christian Church. (Oxford paperback).

Gonzalez, Justo. The Story of Christianity, Vol. I. (Abingdon paper ed.)

Kerr, Hugh T., ed. Readings in Christian Thought. (Abingdon paper ed.)

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