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4HT502 The History of Christianity I
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Study of major developments in the structure, thought and expansion of the Church from its beginnings to Martin Luther, with special focus on some of the key leaders who were especially instrumental in affecting the course of church history. Also stressed are the dynamics of the periods of marked growth and marked declension.

Course Objectives

1. The student will survey the broad sweep of the historical development of the church toward gaining an understanding of the historical, cultural and theological contexts in which the church has ministered and expanded.
2. The student will analyze the life, thought and work of two significant figures in church history in order to discover secrets of effectiveness.

Required Textbook

Latourette, Kenneth Scott. A History of Christianity. Revised edition. Vol. I. New York: Harper & Row, 1975.

Course Requirements

A Reading

1. The following is required reading: Latourette, Kenneth Scott. A History of Christianity. Revised edition. Vol. I.

Those who have recently read Latourette may consult with the instructor to make approved substitutions.

2. An additional maximum of 400 pages is required. Reading may be counted which is done in connection with the required papers.

3. Reading levels are as follows: A -- 1100 pages; B -- 900 pages; C -- 700 pages; D -- 500 pages. A report on reading is due on 5/5. (Please total your pages and be sure to sign your report.) This constitutes a statement that you have read during the time period the author, book, pages indicated.

B Biographical Studies (Due 5/5)

Students will prepare two 12-page papers both consisting of a biographical study of a leading figure in church history. To be included with the study of life, work and thought are clues and insights relating to the person's greatness and power of influence. Full documentation and bibliography are to be given. Also required is the student's personal response to the figures under study.

Grading/Penalties

Computation of Grade

A	Reading	20%
B	Biographical studies	40% each

NOTE: Penalty for late work will be one point, on the scale of 100, per day.

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