

THE HISTORY OF CHRISTIANITY I

(2HT502)

Reformed Theological Seminary/Orlando

Winter 2008

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OFFICE HOURS: Make appointment with Chief of Staff/President's Office

CLASS DAY: Monday to Friday—14-18 January 2008 (9 am - 4 pm)

TEXTBOOKS: Students will be required to read all of the following books:

Rodney Stark, *The Rise of Christianity: How the Obscure, Marginal Jesus Movement Became the Dominant Religious Force in the Western World in a Few Centuries* (San Francisco, Harper Collins, 1997). **ALL**

J. Patout Burns, ed. trans. *Theological Anthropology. Sources of Early Christian Thought* (Fortress, 1981) -- Pelagian Controversy. **ALL**

Richard Norris, Jr., ed. trans. *The Christological Controversy. Sources of Early Christian Thought* (Fortress, 1980) --Arian Controversy. **ALL**

Eusebius, *The History of the Church* (Penguin, 1989)—first four centuries of early church by the first Church historian. **ALL**

Everett Ferguson, *Church History: From Christ to Pre-Reformation* (Zondervan, 2005). **ALL**

OBJECTIVES: This is a survey course to introduce the student to the history of the Christian church in the early and medieval periods (100 -- 1500 A.D.) The course objective is to thoroughly acquaint the student with the historical and theological development of key figures, movements and doctrines. Special emphasis will be on reading the primary sources.

COURSE
REQUIREMENTS:

EXAM: A **Take Home Final Exam** will be distributed during the last class on **18 January**. The exam is due on **1 February**. The final exam is 80% of your final grade.

READING REPORT: On the Final Exam, each student must indicate whether they have completed all the assigned reading. The reading Report is 20% of your final grade.

I do not like MAKE-UP EXAMS.

ACADEMIC
HONESTY:

Any form of cheating will automatically result in failure of the course. Students may NOT consult exams or class notes from previous years.

RECOMMENDED READING FOR ENTHUSIASTS

O'Donnell, *Augustine: A New Biography*

Roger Olson, *The Story of Christian Theology* (IVP, 1999).

_____, *The Mosaic of Christian Beliefs: Twenty Centuries of Unity and Diversity* (InterVarsity)

Peter Brown, *The Cult of the Saints* (University of Chicago).

Marylyn Dunn, *The Emergence of Monasticism: From the Desert Fathers to the Early Middle Ages* (Blackwell)

Timothy Ware, *The Orthodox Church* (Penguin, latest edition)

John Meyendorff, *Byzantine Theology* (Fordham University Press)

Norman Cohn, *The Pursuit of the Millennium: Revolutionary Millenarians and Mystical Anarchists of the Middle Ages*, (Oxford, 1970, revised edition)

Peter Kreeft, ed. *The Summa of the Summa: Essential Passages of Aquinas* (Ignatius Press).

John A.F. Thomson, *The Western Church in the Middle Ages* (Oxford, 1998).

Jean Richard, *The Crusades, c. 1071-c. 1291* (Oxford, 1999).

Adrian House, *Francis of Assisi* (Paulist, 2001).

Charles Carpenter, *Theology as the Road to Holiness in St. Bonaventure* (Paulist Press).

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Henry Bettenson, ed. and trans. The Later Christian Fathers (Oxford, 1970).

Alexander Roberts and J. Donaldson, eds. The Ante-Nicene Fathers (Edinburgh: T. & T. Clark), 10 vols.

Philip Schaff, ed. The Nicene and Post-Nicene Fathers (Edinburgh: T. & T. Clark), 29 vols.

S.J. Case, et al, A Bibliographical Guide to the History of Christianity (New York).

O. Chadwick, The History of the Church: A Select Bibliography (London, 1962).

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B.B. Price, Medieval Thought: An Introduction (Blackwell).

R.J. Kepple, Reference Works for Theological Research.

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J. E. Bradley and R.A. Muller, Church History: An Introduction to Research, Reference Works, and Methods (Eerdmans).

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The New Catholic Encyclopedia 15 vols. (1967)

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The Encyclopedia of Religious Knowledge

Religion Index One: Periodicals

Index to Book Reviews in Religion

Religious and Theological Abstracts

The Cambridge Ancient History

II. HISTORICAL/DOCTRINAL SURVEYS:

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Philip Schaff, The Creeds of Christendom 3 vols.

Hubert Cunliffe/-Jones, A History of Christian Doctrine (Edinburgh: T. & T. Clark, 1978).

J.N.D. Kelly, Early Christian Doctrines (Harper and Row, latest edition).

Robert Wilken, Remembering the Past.

J. Pelikan, The Christian Tradition: A History of the Development of Doctrine 5 vols. (Chicago).

The Pelican History of the Church, 6 vols.

1. Henry Chadwick, The Early Church.
2. R.W. Southern, Western Society and the Church in the Middle Ages.
3. Owen Chadwick, The Reformation.

Reinhold Seeberg, The History of Doctrines (Grand Rapids: Baker).

Louis Berkhof, The History of Christian Doctrines (Grand Rapids: Baker).

Burns, J.P., ed. and trans. Theological Anthropology (Fortress, 1981).

Cunningham, A. ed. and trans. The Early Church and State (Fortress, 1982).

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W. Placher, Readings in the History of Christian Theology: From the Beginnings to the Eve of the Reformation, vol. 1, (Westminster).

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T.D. McGonigle and J.F. Quigley, eds. A History of the Christian Tradition: From Its Jewish Origins to the Reformation vol. 1 (Paulist Press).

T.D. McGonigle and J.F. Quigley, eds. A History of the Christian Tradition: From the Reformation to the Present vol. 2 (Paulist Press).

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III. JOURNALS

Journal of Early Christian Studies

Church History

Journal of Ecclesiastical History

Medieval Studies

Medium Aevum

Speculum

Traditio

Vivarium

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