I. PURPOSE OF THE COURSE

The purpose of this course is to provide a general introduction to Christian History from the Reformation to the dawn of the Twentieth Century. Special emphasis will be given to significant figures and the historical development of theological doctrines as articulated by the Christian Church. Additionally, attention will be given to the contemporary relevance of historical theology.

II. REQUIRED BOOKS

III. COURSE SCHEDULE

February 16, 17 – Introduction to Church History, the Forerunners of the Reformation (Medieval Continuity), the Renaissance and the Early Reformation

March 16, 17 – The German, Swiss and Radical Reformation

April 27, 28 – The English Reformation, Catholic Counter-Reformation, post-Reformation

May 11, 12 – Colonial North America to the Nineteenth Century

IV. EXAM AND ASSIGNMENT

There will be a 3 hour take home final examination covering all the material (lectures and readings). It will not be open note or open book. Please see the RTS proctoring requirements.

In addition one 10-12 page research paper comparing one historical figure from the Reformation with an individual from the Modern Church era.

Examples:
1. Compare Martin Luther and Charles Finney on free will.
2. Compare Turretin and Charles Spurgeon on predestination.
3. Compare John Owen and Karl Barth on the atonement.

V. ASSESSMENT

Final Exam: 50% of grade
Paper: 50% of grade