

Birmingham Theological Seminary
HT4528 Early & Medieval Church History
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Class Hours: 2

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course will trace the development, beginnings, and progress, of the early church, the Roman Empire, the church in the Middle Ages and the Renaissance. This task will include evaluating the historical, social, intellectual, and doctrinal aspects/controversies of this era of the church and its affects today.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

1. The student will be able to trace chronologically the development of the early church to Medieval times.
2. The student will be able to articulate an overview of this era of history
3. The student will recognize and discuss the critical doctrinal issues shaping the church of this era.

COURSE TEXTS

Required Texts:

- *History of Christianity*, by Latourette
- *Church History in Plain Language*, by Shelley
- Holy Bible

Collateral Texts:

- *Volumes II-IV History of the Christian Church*, by Schaff
- *A Manual for Writers of Term Papers, Theses, and Dissertations*, by Turabian
- *Quality Research Papers*, by Vyhmeister
- How to Read a Book, by Adler and Van Doren
- *Logos Bible Software*
- *StyleEase for Chicago and Turabian style*, CD

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

- Listen to or watch all lectures

- Submit a 200 word essay of your personal learning objectives, what you expect to learn and how this course will enhance your Christian service.
- Write research paper meeting the following requirements:
 - All papers must be formatted in accordance with Turabian/Chicago standards, including title/cover page. BTS standards are Times New Roman script, #12 Font and double-spaced. Any paper not conforming to these standards will automatically be dropped one letter grade. The paper must include the following:
 - Title/cover page
 - An introduction
 - A thesis statement
 - Summary of investigation – main ideas – well reasoned presentation of subject matter, with solid exegetical support for your position.
 - A conclusion, synthesize your findings and personal insights. Evaluate your findings with respect to your own theological and philosophical perspectives
 - Minimum of two footnotes per page
 - A bibliography with a minimum of seven sources cited, two of which must come from recognized Theological Journals.
 - Cited and formatted according to Turabian standards
 - This research paper will be about any theological issue, meaningful trends, events with long term consequences (the consequences then become part of your answer), of any critical, defining movements of the era. You must connect the event to the later history that marks them as a watershed event affecting history far beyond their time period. Do not merely recount history or give biographies but make a meaningful selection of your subject matter and then the subsequent impact of the described event on history.
- Take Exams

GRADING

1. Reading (20%)
2. Paper (30%)
3. Exams (50%)

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