

**Note:**

**Course content may be changed, term to term, without notice. The information below is provided as a guide for course selection and is not binding in any form, and should not be used to purchase course materials.**

## ***COURSE SYLLABUS***

---

### **CHHI 105**

#### **HISTORY OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH I**

#### **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

A survey of the first fourteen centuries of the Christian Church including the persecutions, the rise of heresy, the development of Roman Catholicism during the Middle Ages, and the groups which dissented against Roman Catholicism.

#### **RATIONALE**

A study of the status of the Christian Church during its first fourteen centuries is essential for those who will minister in that institution in order to understand their heritage and build upon it. This course is designed to give the student an awareness of the unique aspects of the life of the Christian Church in that period.

#### **I. PREREQUISITES**

None

#### **II. REQUIRED RESOURCE PURCHASES**

Click on the following link to view the required resources for the term in which you are registered: <http://bookstore.mbsdirect.net/liberty.htm>

#### **III. ADDITIONAL MATERIALS FOR LEARNING**

- A. Internet access, Microsoft Word
- B. VCR/TV
- C. Video lessons (25)
- D. Textbook
- E. Bible

#### **IV. MEASURABLE LEARNING OUTCOMES**

- A. The students will become familiar with the major events and great turning points in this period of Christian history.
- B. The students will survey the weaknesses and strengths of various Christian leaders and movements in order to avoid the former and capitalize on the latter in their own ministry.
- C. The students will become enthusiastic for the Lord's work by examining the service rendered in His name by notable Christians during this period of Christian history.

- D. The students' ability to read and think critically will be developed.
- E. The students' research and writing skills will be sharpened.

Specific Cognitive Objectives

1. The students will become familiar enough with the history of the Christian church to be able successfully to answer general objective questions on exams dealing with events, personalities, and dates covered in the text and class lectures.
2. The students will be able to identify clearly and date on exams the major events and personalities in Christian history as presented in the text and class lectures.
3. The students will be able to discuss on exams the major movements which have been influential in changing the course of Christian history, such as the persecutions, the rise of heresy, and the rise of Roman Catholicism.

**V. COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND ASSIGNMENTS**

- A. Objective Tests (4)
- B. Research Paper

**VI. COURSE GRADING AND POLICIES**

A. Points

Test 1	(Lessons 1–8)	200
Test 2	(Lessons 9–15)	200
Test 3	(Lessons 16–25)	200
Test 4 (Comprehensive)	(Lessons 1–25)	200
Research Paper		200
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1000</b>

B. Scale

A = 900–1000 B = 800–899 C = 700–799 D = 600–699 F = 0–599

C. Disability Assistance

Students with a documented disability may contact Liberty University Online's Office of Disability Academic Support (ODAS) at [LUOODAS@liberty.edu](mailto:LUOODAS@liberty.edu) to make arrangements for academic accommodations.

## VII. BIBLIOGRAPHY

### A. General Histories

Brauer, Gerald C. (ed.). *The Westminster Dictionary of the Christian Church*. Philadelphia: Westminster, 1971.

Bruce, F. F. (ed.). *The Advance of Christianity Through the Centuries*. 8 vols. Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 1968.

Chadwick, Owen (ed.). *The Pelican History of the Church*. 6 vols. Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 1967.

Douglas, James, D. (ed.). *The New International Dictionary of the Christian Church*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing House, 1978.

Dowley, Tim (ed.). *Eerdmans' Handbook to the History of Christianity*. Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 1977.

Latourette, Kenneth S. *A History of the Expansion of Christianity*. 7 vols. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing House, 1970.

Newman, Albert H. *A Manual of Church History*, 2 vols., Philadelphia: American Baptist Publication Society, 1933.

Schaff, Philip. *History of the Christian Church*. 8 vols. Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 1960.

Walker, Williston. *A History of the Christian Church*. 3rd ed. New York: Scribner, 1970.

### B. Sourcebooks

Ayer, Joseph C. *A Source Book for Ancient Church History*. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 1941.

Baillie, John, McNeill, John T., and Van Dusen, Henry P. (eds.). *Library of Christian Classics*. 26 vols. Philadelphia: Westminster Press, 1953–1966.

Bettenson, Henry (ed.). *Documents of the Christian Church*. 2nd ed. London, New York: Oxford University Press, 1963.

Braght, Thieleman J. van. *The Bloody Theater, or Martyr's Mirror*. Scottsdale, PA: Herald Press, 1979.

Freemantle, Anne J. (ed.). *The Papal Encyclicals*. New York: New American Library, 1956.

Leith, John H. *Creeds of the Churches*. Garden City: Anchor Books, 1963.

Littell, Franklin H. and E. Hausman. *The Macmillan Atlas History of Christianity*. New York: Macmillan, 1976.

Roberts, Alexander, Donaldson, Sir James, and Coxe, A. Cleveland (eds.). *The Ante-Nicene Fathers*. 10 vols. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1978.

Schaff, Philip (ed.). *Creeds of Christendom*. 3 vols. 6th ed. New York: Harper,

1887.

Schaff, Philip, and Wace, Henry. *Nicene and Post-Nicene Fathers*. 14 vols. Peabody, Mass.: Hendrickson Publishers, 1994, 1890.

C. Early Church

Faulkner, John A. *Cyprian: The Churchman*. Cincinnati: Abingdon Press, 1906.

Grant, Robert M. *From Augustus to Constantine*. New York: Harper & Row, 1970.

Gwatkin, Henry M. *Early Church History to A.D. 313*. 2 vols. London: Macmillan, 1909.

D. Medieval Period

Bloch, Mark. *Feudal Society*. 2 vols. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1961.

Cannon, William R. *History of Christianity in the Middle Ages*. New York: Abington Press, 1960.

Flick, Alexander C. *The Decline of the Medieval Church*. 2 vols. London: K. Paul, Trench, Trubner, 1930.

Huizinga, Johan. *The Waning of the Middle Ages*. 3 vols. London: E. Arnold & Co., 1924.

Lea, Henry C. *Inquisition of the Middle Ages*. 3 vols. New York: Russell & Russell, 1958.

Previte-Orton, Charles W. *The Shorter Cambridge Medieval History*. 2 vols. Cambridge, England: University Press, 1952.

Runciman, Stephen. *History of the Crusades*. 3 vols. Cambridge, England: University Press, 1951–54.

E. Pre-Reformation

Artz, Frederick B. *Renaissance Humanism, 1300–1500*. Kent, OH: Kent State University Press, 1966.

Smith, H. Maynard *Pre-Reformation England*. London: MacMillan, 1938.

Spinka, Matthew (ed.) *Advocates of Reform*. Philadelphia: Westminster Press, 1953.

\_\_\_\_\_. *John Huss and the Czech Reform*. Hamden, Conn: Archon Books, 1941.

Workman, Herbert B. *John Wyclif*. 2 vols. Hamden, CT: Archon Books, 1966, 1926.

## ***COURSE SCHEDULE***

### **CHHI 105**

Textbook: Cairns, Earle E., *Christianity through the Centuries* (1996).

<b>WEEK/ MODULE</b>	<b>READING &amp; STUDY</b>	<b>ASSIGNMENTS</b>	<b>POINTS</b>
<b>1</b>	Cairns: Intro. & chs. 1-5 4 lecture notes	Course Requirements Checklist Choose Research Paper Topic	0 0
<b>2</b>	Cairns: chs. 6-9 4 lecture notes	Test 1	200
<b>3</b>	Cairns: chs. 10-11 3 lecture notes	<i>None</i>	0
<b>4</b>	Cairns: chs. 12-14 & 18 4 lecture notes	Test 2	200
<b>5</b>	Cairns: chs. 19-22 2 lecture notes	<i>None</i>	0
<b>6</b>	Cairns: ch. 23 4 lecture notes	<i>None</i>	0
<b>7</b>	Cairns: chs. 24-25, pp. 221-225, 244-247 4 lecture notes	Test 3	200
<b>8</b>	<i>None</i>	Comprehensive Test 4 Research Paper	200 200
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>1000</b>

DB = Discussion Board

**NOTE:** Each course week (except week 1) begins on Tuesday morning at 12:00 a.m. (ET) and ends on Monday night at 11:59 p.m. (ET). The final week ends at 11:59 p.m. (ET) on Friday.