



Between The Testaments

Course Syllabus

Georgia School of Preaching and Biblical Studies
Ellijay, Georgia Campus - Fall 2018

Church History (Credit 2 Hours)

Credit: 3 Semester Hours

Dates: September 10-October 22 (Sep. 10, 17, 24; Oct 1, 8, 15, 22)

Course Description:

This course will study first, God's Abrahamic covenant-promise as a means of understanding God's redemptive plan, his kingdom and the Messiah; second, the inauguration of the Messiah's kingdom, its principles and practices in the first century; and third, a study of the history of "Christendom" through the first four centuries of its existence. The third part of the study will emphasize some of the key doctrines and controversies —and some of the individuals who held them — that were at variance with Scripture. Principles at play in these centuries affected the much later development of both "reformation" and "restoration" history.

Requirements (Credit): Interim texts, final exam, research paper

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Text:

- Church History, Volume One: From Christ to the Pre-Reformation: The Rise and Growth of the Church in Its Cultural, Intellectual, and Political Context (2nd Edition)
- WVBS Church History Course Notes
- Class website: <http://TheBible.net/gsop/churchhistory1>

Course Objective and Assessment of Student Learning Outcomes

Course Objective: Upon completion of this course, the student will have a thorough knowledge of:

- God's eternal plan for redemption by the blood of Christ.
- God's eternal plan for his kingdom
- the kingdom realized: in precept and practice in the first century
- the kingdom changed: in precept and practice in subsequent centuries

Suggested Course Textbooks

- Church History in Plain Language: Fourth Edition (Bruce Shelley)
- Church History 101: The Highlights of Twenty Centuries (Sinclair B. Ferguson, Joel R. Beeke)
- Chronological and Background Charts of Church History (Robert C. Walton)

Course Assignments and Requirements

Grading Summary

- Interim Tests	40% of Final Course Grade
- Final Exam	30% of Final Course Grade
- Research Paper	30% of Final Course Grade

Class Project

Research Paper

- six pages in length.
- MLA format.
- Due Date: To be determined
- Possible topics:
 - Key doctrines after the first century
 - Key individual after the first century

Class Sessions / Dates

- Session One	- September 10, 2018	- Introduction: God's Eternal Plan
- Session Two	- September 17, 2018	- Ferguson - Chapters 1-2
- Session Three	- September 24, 2018	- Ferguson - Chapters 3-4
- Session Four	- October 1, 2018	- Ferguson - Chapters 5-6
- Session Five	- October 8, 2018	- Ferguson - Chapters 7-8
- Session Six	- October 15, 2018	- Ferguson - Chapters 9-10
- Session Seven	- October 22, 2018	- Ferguson - Chapters 11-12

Explanations

Credit students will be granted three (3) excused absences. An excused absence is one that the instructor is informed about ahead of time (if possible), or is a genuine reason for missing class. "I wanted to go to the movies with my sweetie," is not an excused absence. For each absence exceeding the three absence limit, the student's final course grade will be adjusted downward by 5% per absence. Credit students will be accountable on Sector Exams for material covered in missed class sessions.

Grading Scale:

- A - 91-100
- B - 81-90
- C - 71-80
- D - 61-70
- F - < 61