

MODERN CHURCH HISTORY

Course Requirements

Fall 2020

COURSE OBJECTIVES

Covering the period from the end of the Reformation era (ca. the Thirty Years War, 1618-1648) to the present day, this course will cover

1. The impact of significant trends upon theology and the church, such as
 - a. the Enlightenment and Age of Reason
 - b. the Great Awakening leading to the modern missionary movement
 - c. challenges from Darwinism, higher criticism, and the ecumenical movement
2. The key leaders and events of this period which made a mark on the modern church

COURSE OUTCOMES

1. The student will be able to relate the historical framework out of which emerged friends and foes of today's church
2. The student will master major dynamics that have shaped the modern western church
3. The student will be able to distinguish the traits of modern churches within the stream of historical Christianity as opposed to traits of modernist or faddish churches

EXAMINATIONS

Mid-term — October 19

Final — December 7

READINGS

BY THE MID-TERM

—Cairns, *Christianity Through the Centuries*, chpts. 29-33

—Bettenson, *Documents of the Christian Church*: Sct X:4-12; Sct XI: All; Sct XII: 1-2

—Whitefield's "Letter to John Wesley on Grace" [class handout]

—Keep a log of 3 hours reading in works **BY** one or more of the following:

F. Turretin	R. Baxter	J. Bunyon	George Whitefield
J. Owen	J. Locke	J. Milton	John Wesley
D. Brainerd	J. Edwards	C. Mather	

—Keep a log of 3 hours **ABOUT** one or more of the following:

Jansenism	Huguenots	Westminster Assembly	
Cromwell	Puritans/Pilgrims	Quakers	
English Bible Translations	Synod of Dordt	Covenanters/Killing Times	
Glorious Revolution	Moravians/Pietism	Great Awakening	Wesleys

BY FINAL EXAM

—Cairns, chpts. 34-39f.

—Bettenson: Sct XIII: All; Sct XIV: 2,4,7; Sct XVI: 5-6

—**READ EITHER #1 or #2:**

1. Historical Theology reading: Choose Either *The History of Christian Theology*, (Vol. 1), Paul Avis, ed., pp. 150-352, **OR** *Historical Theology*, G. Bromiley, Part III, **OR**

2. Elective readings A & B:

A. Keep a log of 3 hours reading in works **BY** one or more of the following:

C. Finney	T. Chalmers	R. Ingersoll	T. Boston
A. Bonar	J. Wellhausen	C. Darwin	S. Kierkegaard
J.C. Ryle	C.H. Spurgeon	K. Barth	Bonhoeffer

B. Keep a log of 3 hours **ABOUT** one or more of the following:

Pietism	1800s Missions	Wm. Carey	WCC/ICCC
J.H. Newman	Charles Finney	Darwinism	C.H. Spurgeon
Social Gospel	Modernism/Fundamentalism	Billy Graham	
Vatican II	Emerging Church	Your character/event/movement of interest	

PAPERS

1. November 2 — A five page Book Review on the non-biographical, modern church era book of your choice; clear the title with the instructor. This book may not be counted as fulfilling the requirements for time-logged reading due at exam time.

2. December 6 — A five page Biography on the character of your choice. Time permitting, a short oral report may be offered to the class on this person.

GRADING

Exams: 56%

Reading: 25%

2 Papers: 14%

Attendance: 5%