

Bible Curriculum Guide Church History

L Course Description

This one-year course is a thorough introduction to Christian history. Gleaning from biographical material as well as historical events, the student will survey church history from "the age of Jesus and the apostles" to "the present church age." Each "age" studied will deal with a particular issue, showing the student the contemporary significance of church history: Many of today's issues are not unique. They are linked with the past.

II Course Goals and Objectives

Each chapter of each "age" deals with a particular issue, raising a question that is answered in the assigned reading. In order to answer the questions raised, the student will:

1. Read about each "age" of the church
2. Identify key people and events
3. Explain how key people and events affected the course of church history
4. List and describe significant people and events
5. Analyze events and how they affected the time periods
6. Observe the "big picture" of church history on a timeline
7. Evaluate how particular people or groups of people related to the gospel

III. Course Outline

First Semester:

1. The Jesus Movement
2. The Gospel to the Gentiles
3. Catholic Christianity
4. The Persecution of Christians
5. The Rise of Orthodoxy
6. The Formation of the Bible
7. The Power of Bishops
8. The Alexandrians
9. The Conversion of the Empire
10. The Doctrine of the Trinity
11. Christ in the Creeds
12. The Beginnings of Monasticism
13. Augustine
14. The Beginnings of the Papacy

15. Eastern Orthodoxy
16. Mission to the Barbarians
17. Gregory the Great
18. Charlemagne and Christendom
19. The Papacy and the Crusader
20. Scholasticism
21. The Apostolic Life-Style
22. The Decline of the Papacy
23. Wycliffe and Hus

Second Semester:

24. Martin Luther and Protestantism
25. The Anabaptists
26. John Calvin
27. The Church of England
28. The Catholic Reformation
29. America and Asia
30. Puritanism
31. Denominations
32. The Cult of Reason
33. Pascal and the Pietists
34. Wesley and Methodism
35. The Great Awakening
36. Catholicism in the Age of Progress
37. Nineteenth-Century England
38. Protestant Missions
39. A Christian America
40. Protestant Liberalism
41. The Social Crisis
42. Twentieth-Century Ideologies
43. American Evangelicals
44. The Ecumenical Movement
45. Roman Catholicism: Vatican II
46. Christianity in the Third World
47. Christianity in America's Me Generation
48. Christianity on the World Scene

IV. Instructional Material

1. *Church History in Plain Language*, Bruce L. Shelley, Thomas Nelson Publishers, 1995.
2. Christian History Connection Website

V. Teaching Methods

1. Reading Assignments
2. Notebook of material significant to the student

VI. Method of Evaluation

1. Completion of assignments

VII. Grading

A - Student completed assignments

B - Student completed 80% of assignments

C - Student completed 70% of assignments