

**ASSEMBLIES OF GOD THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY**  
**HISI 507 History of the Church since the Reformation**

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**Independent Studies Program**

**COURSE SYLLABUS**

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This course is designed to provide the student with a basic introduction to the development of the Christian Church since the time of the Protestant Reformation.

**OBJECTIVES**

Upon the completion of this course on the last five centuries of Christian history and theology, the student should be able:

1. To discuss the historical development of Christian doctrine since 1500.
2. To analyze the interaction of theology with history, hermeneutics, science, philosophy, and missions.
3. To discuss the contributions of key individuals, movements, and issues during the last five hundred years in the global development of Christianity.

**TEXTBOOKS**

**Required Textbooks:**

Latourette, Kenneth Scott. *A History of Christianity, Volume II: Reformation to the Present*. Revised edition with a new format and supplemental bibliographies by Ralph D. Winter. New York: Harper and Row Publishers, 1975.

At the time of the Final Examination, each student will be asked to indicate what percentage of the required textbook he/she has read.

**Optional Textbook:**

Shelley, Bruce. *Church History in Plain Language*. Waco, TX: Word Books, 1982.

**Optional Videotapes:**

*Where Luther Walked* is available for purchase from Gateway Films, (800) 523-0226. Hosted by Professor Roland Bainton, the author of *Here I Stand*, this documentary is filmed at actual locations in Luther's life and recounts major events in the reformer's life.

*God's Outlaw*, the story of William Tyndale, is also available for purchase from Gateway Films, (800) 523-0226.

## **BASIC OUTLINE**

Refer to the List of Lessons section of this syllabus.

## **METHODOLOGY**

The Independent Studies Program provides the opportunity to study selected subjects at a distance without attending classes. Individuals taking an independent studies course use:

- a set of required textbooks,
- a lecture series on cassette tapes,
- a study guide and a set of specific course assignments.

## **COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

Follow the study guide by listening to the lectures, doing the readings and responding for your own use to its questions and exercises; complete the reading of both textbooks; take the examinations; complete an interactivity assignment and write a research paper.

### **Examinations:**

Two examinations will be given during the course which will involve responding in short essay form to four out of six of the study guide "Focus" questions and in long essay form to two out of three study guide "Develop" exercises in the covered lessons:

**Midterm:** Covering lectures and readings from Lesson 1 through Lesson 12.

**Final:** Covering lectures and readings from Lesson 13 through Lesson 24.

### **Research Paper:**

Preparation of a **fifteen-page (15 pages of written text)** research paper (exclusive of endnotes and bibliography).

See Dr. Gary McGee's Guidelines for writing and format tips. *All papers for ISP assignments must be formatted according to Turabian 6<sup>th</sup> edition.*

### **Interactivity Assignment:**

To fulfill the interactivity assignment for your course, do the following:

1. Register with the online forum at [www.ITScourses.org](http://www.ITScourses.org) to receive your user name and password.

2. Post an original answer to each interactivity question for your course (2 questions – 75 word minimum each).
3. Reply to one answer given to each question (75 word minimum).
4. Submit to AGTS a document containing:
  - a. The questions of the forum,
  - b. Your original answers to the questions,
  - c. Your replies to other students' answers, and
  - d. The students' answers to which you replied.

NOTE: Since the questions often synthesize the course, you should complete this assignment at the end of your course work.

### **Grading:**

Your final grade for the course will be computed on the following basis:

Interactivity Assignment:	5%
Midterm examination:	30%
Final examination:	30%
Research paper:	25%
Reading report:	10%

### **GRADING PROCEDURE**

All course requirements are to be sent to:

AGTS  
Office of Continuing Education  
1435 N Glenstone  
Springfield, MO 65802

### **SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY**

Refer to the Reading Guide section of this syllabus.

### **SPECIFIC DATA**

Please refer to the catalog for specific data regarding all Independent Studies Program (ISP) policies. All questions regarding ISP courses should be referred to the Office of Continuing Education at the contact information below:

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## **List of Lessons**

### **Church History Since the Reformation**

- Lesson 1: **Reformation Patterns**  
*An examination of the historical and theological context for the study of the Reformation.*
- Lesson 2: **The Lutheran Tradition**  
*Martin Luther's life, teaching, and legacy of reform.*
- Lesson 3: **The Reformed Tradition**  
*The lives and teachings of Ulrich Zwingli, John Calvin, and John Knox, and the spread of Reformed Presbyterian Christianity.*
- Lesson 4: **The Anabaptist Tradition**  
*How the Anabaptists were born, persevered through intense persecution, and expanded across Europe.*
- Lesson 5: **The Anglican Tradition**  
*Reformation thought steadily influences the English church from the time of Henry VIII to Charles II.*
- Lesson 6: **The Catholic Reformation**  
*The Catholic response to the Protestant Reformation: articulation of doctrine, reform of abuses, and the emergence of the Pope as the highest Church authority.*
- Lesson 7: **The Age of Puritanism**  
*Puritan establishment in America, and the vision of a new government and church.*
- Lesson 8: **The Age of Puritanism, Part 2**  
*Difficulties face the second generation of American Puritans, giving rise to the Baptists and Quaker traditions.*
- Lesson 9: **Eighteenth Century Renewal Movements**  
*The renewal of Lutheranism in Pietism, Anglicanism in Methodism, and American Puritanism in Revivalism.*

- Lesson 10: **Jonathan Edwards and the American Revival Tradition**  
*Revival sweeps through the colonies as the evangelists of the 1st Great Awakening call people to regeneration and obedient living.*
- Lesson 11: **Charles G. Finney and the Rise of Classic Evangelicalism**  
*Finney's life, ministry, and role in shaping the American Evangelical movement.*
- Lesson 12: **The Adventist Tradition**  
*The rise of Adventism and its struggle to persevere in spite of the "Great Disappointment."*
- Lesson 13: **The Missionary Explosion of the 19th Century**  
*The task of world evangelization sparks the rise of mission societies, and the taking of the gospel to the world is established as a new priority and direction for the church.*
- Lesson 14: **Black Christianity**  
*The church's struggle with slavery and the establishment of the Black Church in America.*
- Lesson 15: **The Rise of Modern Pentecostalism**  
*The development of Pentecostalism from its roots in the Holiness movement to its eventual inclusion as a mainline Protestant denomination.*
- Lesson 16: **The Rise of Fundamentalism**  
*Fundamentalism's basis in Dispensational theology and its growth through criticism and challenge.*
- Lesson 17: **Fundamentalists and Modernists in a Time of Transition**  
*The polarization of Protestantism into Fundamentalist and Modernist camps.*
- Lesson 18: **The Fundamentalist / Modernist Controversies of the 1920's**  
*The two groups struggle for control of education, denominations, and behavioral standards, resulting in spiritual collapse and disillusionment within the church.*
- Lesson 19: **Modern Catholicism**  
*An overview of the councils which defined Catholic doctrine as it is today, and a look at the ongoing issues facing the Catholic church.*
- Lesson 20: **The Ecumenical Revolution**

*The development of ecumenical mission, action, and doctrine through the International Missionary Council and the World Council of Churches.*

- Lesson 21: **The Church and Theological Reconstruction**  
*The collapse of modernist liberalism during the Great Depression and the rise of Neo-Orthodoxy and Neo-Evangelicalism.*
- Lesson 22: **Christian Higher Education in America**  
*The development of Christian higher education from Colonial times to the present.*
- Lesson 23: **The Charismatic Movement**  
*The establishment of Charismatic denominations and their past, present, and future concerns and challenges.*
- Lesson 24: **The Future of Evangelicalism**  
*The struggles Evangelicalism has faced in the past, the characteristics of it today, and the tasks facing it in the future.*

## A Reading Guide

### Church History Since the Reformation

#### Recommended Reading for Each Lesson

Lesson 1      **Reformation Patterns**

Lesson 2      **The Lutheran Tradition**

Lesson 3      **The Reformed Tradition**

Cragg, Gerald R. *The Church and the Age of Reason: 1648-1789*.  
Baltimore: Penguin Books, 1970.

Latourette, Kenneth Scott. *Christianity in a Revolutionary Age*. 5 volumes.  
Grand Rapids: Zondervan Publishing House, 1969.

Nichols, James Hastings. *History of Christianity 1650-1950*. New York:  
The Ronald Press, 1956.

Shelley, Bruce L. *Church History in Plain Language*. Waco, TX: Word  
Books, 1982.

Vidler, Alec R. *The Church in an Age of Revolution: 1789 to the Present*.  
Baltimore: Penguin Books, 1968.

Lesson 4      **The Anabaptist Tradition**

Durnbaugh, Donald F. *The Believers' Church: The History and Character  
of Radical Protestantism*. London: Collier-MacMillan Limited,  
1968.

Estep, Jr., W. R. *The Anabaptist Story*. Nashville, TN: Broadman Press,  
1963.

Littell, Franklin H. *The Origins of Sectarian Protestantism*. New York:  
MacMillan, 1972.

Williams, George H. *The Radical Reformation*. Philadelphia: Westminster  
Press, 1962.

Lesson 5      **The Anglican Tradition**

Grimm, Harold J. *The Reformation Era*. New York: MacMillan, 1954, pp. 460-505.

Powicke, Sir Maurice. *The Reformation in England*. London: Oxford University Press, 1961.

Spitz, Lewis. *The Protestant Reformation*. Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Prentice-Hall, Inc., 1966, pp. 148-176.

Stevenson, William. *The Story of the Reformation*. Richmond, VA: John Knox Press, 1959, pp. 131-176.

Lesson 6      **The Catholic Reformation**

Lesson 7      **The Age of Puritanism**

Lesson 8      **The Age of Puritanism, Part 2**

Friedmann, Robert. *Mennonite Piety through the Centuries*. Goshen, IN: Mennonite Historical Society, 1949.

Haroutunian, Joseph. *Piety versus Moralism*. New York: Henry Holt, 1932.

Lovelace, Richard. *Dynamics of Spiritual Life: An Evangelical Theology of Renewal*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1979.

Spener, P. J. *Pia Desideria*. Philadelphia: Fortress Press, 1964.

Stoeffler, F. Ernest. *Continental Pietism and Early American Christianity*. Grand Rapids: William B. Eerdmans, 1976.

Tanis, James. *Dutch Calvinistic Pietism in the Middle Colonies*. The Hague: Martinus Nijhoff, 1968.

Wakefield, G. S. *Puritan Devotion*. London: Epworth Press, 1957.

Lesson 9      **Eighteenth Century Renewal Movements**

Cragg, Gerald R. *From Puritanism to the Age of Reason*. Cambridge: University Press, 1950.

Haller, William. *The Rise of Puritanism*. New York: Columbia University Press, 1938.

Prall, Stuart E., ed. *The Puritan Revolution: A Documentary History*. Garden City, NY: Doubleday, Anchor Books, 1968.

Simpson, Alan. *Puritanism in Old and New England*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1966.

Trinterud, Leonard J., ed. *Elizabethan Puritanism*. New York: Oxford University Press, 1971.

Lesson 10     **Jonathan Edwards and the American Revival Tradition**

Lesson 11     **Charles G. Finney and the Rise of Classic Evangelicalism**

Lesson 12     **The Adventist Tradition**

Bestor, Jr., Arthur E. *Backwoods Utopias: The Sectarian and Owenite Phases of Communitarian Socialism in America, 1663-1829*. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 1963.

Braden, Charles S. *Spirits in Rebellion: The Rise and Development of New Thought*. Dallas, TX: Southern Methodist University Press, 1963.

Holloway, Mark. *Heavens on Earth: Utopian Communities in America 1680-1880*. Second Edition. New York: Dover Publications, 1966.

Martin, Walter R. *The Truth about Seventh-Day Adventism*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan Publishing House, 1960.

Nichol, Francis D. *The Midnight Cry: A Defense of the Character and Conduct of William Miller and the Millerites*. Washington, D.C.: Review & Herald Publishing Association, 1944.

Spaulding, W. W. *A History of Seventh-Day Adventists*. 2 volumes. Washington, D.C.: Review & Herald Publishing Association, 1949.

Lesson 13     **The Missionary Explosion of the 19th Century**

Beaver, R. Pierce. *All Loves Excelling*. Grand Rapids: William B. Eerdmans, 1968.

- Chaney, Charles L. *The Birth of Missions in America*. South Pasadena, CA: William Carey Library, 1976.
- Elsbree, Oliver W. *The Rise of the Missionary Spirit in America, 1790-1815*. Philadelphia: Porcupine Press, 1978.
- Fairbanks, John. *The Missionary Enterprise in China and America*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 1974.
- Fife, Eric S. and Arthur F. Glasser. *Missions in Crisis*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1961.
- Latourette, Kenneth Scott. *A History of the Expansion of Christianity*. 7 volumes. New York: Harper & Row, 1953.
- \_\_\_\_\_. *The American Mind*. Indianapolis: National Foundation Press, 1949.

#### Lesson 14     **Black Christianity**

- Allen, Richard. *The Life Experience and Gospel Labors of the Right Reverend Richard Allen*. Nashville, TN: Abingdon Press, 1960.
- Banks, William L. *The Black Church in the United States*. Chicago: Moody Press, 1972.
- Cone, James H. *The Spirituals and the Blues: An Interpretation*. New York: The Seabury Press, 1972.
- George, Carol V. R. *Segregated Sabbaths: Richard Allen and the Rise of Independent Black Churches, 1760-1841*. New York: Oxford University Press, 1973.
- Massey, Floyd, and Samuel Berry McKinney. *Church Administration in the Black Perspective*. Valley Forge, PA: Judson Press, 1976.
- Mitchell, Henry H. *Black Belief*. New York: Harper & Row, 1975.

#### **Lesson 14 - Black Christianity (continued)**

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- Payne, Daniel A. *History of the African Methodist Episcopal Church*. New York: Johnson Reprint Corp., 1968.

Pelt, O. D., and Ralph Lee Smith. *The Story of the National Baptists*. New York: Vantage Press, 1960.

Phillips, C.H. *The History of the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church in America*. New York: Arno Press, 1972.

Sernett, Milton C. *Black Religion and American Evangelicalism: White Protestants, Plantation Missions and the Flowering of Negro Christianity, 1787-1865*. Metuchen, N.Y.: The Scarecrow Press, and the American Theological Library Association, 1975.

Walls, William J. *The African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church*. Charlotte, NC: The A.M.E. Zion Publishing House, 1974.

Washington, Jr., Joseph R. *Black Religion: The Negro and Christianity in the United States*. Boston: Beacon Press, 1964.

Young, Henry J. *Major Black Religious Leaders, 1755-1940*. Nashville, TN: Abingdon Press, 1977.

#### Lesson 15      **The Rise of Modern Pentecostalism**

Flew, Newton R. *The Idea of Perfection in Christian Theology*. London: Oxford University Press, 1934.

Outler, Albert C. ed. *John Wesley*. New York: Oxford University Press, 1964.

Peters, John Leland. *Christian Perfection and American Methodism*. New York: Abingdon Press, 1956.

Pudney, John. *John Wesley and His World*. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 1978.

Smith, Timothy L. *Called Unto Holiness*. Kansas City: Nazarene Publishing House, 1962.

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Wood, A. Skevington. *The Inextinguishable Blaze*. Grand Rapids: William B. Eerdmans, 1960.

#### Lesson 16      **The Rise of Fundamentalism**

#### Lesson 17      **Fundamentalists and Modernists in a Time of Transition**

**The Fundamentalist / Modernist Controversies of the 1920's**

- Barr, James. *Fundamentalism*. Philadelphia: Westminster Press, 1978.
- Bloesch, Donald G. *The Evangelical Renaissance*. Grand Rapids: William B. Eerdmans, 1973.
- Carter, Paul A. *The Decline and Revival of the Social Gospel*. Hamden, CT: Archon Books, 1971.
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- Niebuhr, H. Richard. *The Kingdom of God in America*. New York: Harper and Brothers, 1937.
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Berkouwer, G. C. *The Second Vatican Council and New Catholicism*. Grand Rapids: William B. Eerdmans, 1965.

Dolan, John P. *Catholicism: An Historical Survey*. Woodbury, NY: Barron's Educational Series, 1968.

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Ranaghan, Kevin and Dorothy. *Catholic Pentecostals*. New York: Paulist Press, Deus Books, 1969.

Lesson 20     **The Ecumenical Revolution**

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Hardon, John A. *Christianity in the Twentieth Century*. Garden City, NJ: Doubleday, 1963.

Marty, Martin E. *Church Unity and Church Mission*. Grand Rapids: William B. Eerdmans, 1964.

Lesson 21 **The Church and Theological Reconstruction**

Lesson 22 **Christian Higher Education in America**

Handy, Robert. "Trends in Canadian and American Theological Education." *Theological Education* (1982).

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Lesson 23 **The Charismatic Movement**

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Hamrnar, George. *Christian Realism in American Theology*. Uppsala: Appelberg, 1940.

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Nash, Arnold S., ed. *Protestant Thought in the Twentieth Century*. New York: MacMillan, 1951.

Richardson, Herbert W. *Toward an American Theology*. New York: Harper & Row, 1967.

Lesson 24 **The Future of Evangelicalism**

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