

## ASSEMBLIES OF GOD THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

### HIS 552 World Christian Movement II

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#### COURSE DESCRIPTION

A continuation of the integrated study of the world Christian movement in its advance around the globe from 1500 to the present time.

#### COURSE OBJECTIVES

Upon the completion of this course on the last five centuries of Christian history and theology, each 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

Jenkins, Philip. *The Next Christendom: The Coming of Global Christianity*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2002.

Miller, Glenn T. *The Modern Church: From the Dawn of the Reformation to the Eve of the Third Millennium*. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1997.

Olson, Roger E. *The Story of Christian Theology: Twenty Centuries of Tradition & Reform*. Downers Grove, Ill.: InterVarsity Press, 1999.

Placher, William C., ed. *Readings in the History of Christian Theology, Vol. 2: From the Reformation to the Present*. Philadelphia: Westminster Press, 1988.

#### METHODOLOGY

Lectures, readings, debates, films, essay, two examinations, quizzes

#### REQUIREMENTS

1. Consistent attendance; more than three absences will penalize the final course grade.
2. Mid-term and final (unit) examinations. Students with a reading challenge may ask the instructor for additional time to complete examinations (and quizzes).
3. Completion of six unannounced quizzes over assigned readings.
4. Completion of all assigned readings on the days designated in the course schedule below.
5. Completion of five focus papers on selected readings in Placher (readings in 1-4, 6-7 may be utilized).

6. Completion of a book review of *The Next Christendom* by Philip Jenkins. DUE: APRIL 2, 2004.
7. Cautions:
  - A. Late work will be penalized.
  - B. A grade of incomplete will be given only in the event of extreme circumstances.

### GRADING

Mid-term examination	25%
Final examination	25%
Quizzes	20%
Focus papers	15%
Book review	15%

### COURSE OUTLINE AND ASSIGNMENT AND EXAMINATION SCHEDULE

KEY: M—Miller; O—Olson; P—Placher

Jan 7	Introduction to the course Christianity on the eve of the Reformation
Jan 9	Film: "The Vatican Revealed"
Jan 14	Attempts at reform and the rise of Christian humanism M-1; O-23
Jan 16	Luther's theology O-24
Jan 21	Zwingli and the Reformation in Zurich M-2; O-25
Jan 23	Radical Reformation O-26; P-Chapter 1
Jan 28	<b>DEBATE</b> : Luther vs. Zwingli on the Lord's Supper
Jan 30	Theology of John Calvin P-chapter 3
Feb 4	English Reformation M-3, 5; O-27
Feb 6	Catholic Reformation and Council of Trent M-4; P-Chapter 2

- Feb 11 Missions and the dilemma of discovery
- Feb 13 Protestant scholasticism  
O-28
- Feb 18 New awakenings in piety  
M-6, 8; O-29, 30
- Feb 20 **DEBATE:** Zinzendorf vs. Wesley on the nature of sanctification  
M-9, 10, 11, 12
- Feb 25 **MID-TERM (UNIT) EXAMINATION**
- Feb 27 Copernican and Darwinian paradigm shifts and the beginnings of “modernity”  
P-Chapter 4
- Mar 1-5 Spring Break (no classes)
- Mar 10 The Enlightenment and Christianity  
M-16, 18; O-31
- Mar 12 Schleiermacher and “Romanticism”  
M-19, 20; O-32; P-Chapter 6
- Mar 17 19<sup>th</sup>-century Protestant missions
- Mar 19 **DEBATE:** Edwards vs. Finney on the nature of revival  
M-13, 14, 15, 17
- Mar 24 Kierkegaard vs. the “Great Synthesis”  
O-33, 34
- Mar 26 Christianity becomes a world religion  
M-21
- Mar 31 Roman Catholic Church in the 19<sup>th</sup> and early-20<sup>th</sup> centuries  
M-22
- Apr 2 Modern missions and the Ecumenical Movement  
M-26  
**Book review due.**
- Apr 7 **DEBATE:** Harnack vs. Barth on Jesus Christ  
M-24, 25; P-Chapter 7

Apr 9           Fundamentalism, evangelicalism, and Pentecostalism  
M-23

Apr 14           **DEBATE:** Kraemer vs. Buck on salvific revelation in the non-Christian religions  
M-27; P-Chapter 8

Apr 16           Vatican Council II  
O-35, Conclusion

Apr 19-23       **EXAM WEEK**

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SPECIFIC DATA

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