

The Church to the Reformation Hamilton Campus

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CH501/GCTS
Mondays, 1:15-4:15 p.m.

Course Description: The Church to the Reformation is a basic introduction to the history of the Christian Church from its founding at Pentecost to the beginning of the Protestant Reformation.

Course Objectives: The Church to the Reformation is designed to provide students with a working knowledge of the major themes, issues and personalities of Church History; to help them make use of the rich resources of Church History in their practice of ministry; and to encourage them to seek for spiritual renewal in their own lives, in the church and in society.

Textbooks: Justo L. Gonzalez, *The Story of Christianity, Vol. I: The Early Church to the Dawn of the Reformation* (San Francisco: Harper & Row, 1984); and Cyril C. Richardson, *Early Christian Fathers* (Philadelphia: Westminster John Knox, 2006).

Course Requirements: Students who are taking the course for credit will be asked to attend the lectures regularly, take two examinations, complete 2000 pages of reading (including the two textbooks), and write one 12-15 page research paper.

Examinations: Two take-home examinations will be given during the course:

Midterm: Monday, October 25: A closed-book, essay examination covering lectures and readings from September 13 through October 25. Completed examination must be returned by the time of the class meeting on November 1.

Final: Monday, December 6: A closed-book, essay examination covering lectures and readings from November 1 through December 6. Completed examination must be returned to Dr. Rosell's seminary postbox by no later than 4:00 p.m., Monday, December 13.

Preparation for the examinations: Many students have found that the most effective way of preparing for the examinations is to focus their study around the major themes, issues and personalities raised by the instructor in the lectures. While students are encouraged to draw upon the required and recommended readings, their study in other courses and the research they are doing for their papers, the essay questions in both the midterm and final exams (for the most part) will invite them to engage the themes, issues and personalities they have encountered in the lectures.

Note of the examinations: Students will be asked to write a total of three essays for each of the exams (selecting one question of two possibilities in three categories). No books

(other than an unmarked Bible and/or a dictionary) may be used during the exams. Students may take up to three hours to write the exam. Although bluebooks will be provided, each student has the option of deciding for himself/herself whether they prefer to write their examinations by hand or to type them on either a typewriter or computer.

Grading of the exams: Your examinations will be evaluated on the basis of three primary criteria: (1) the depth and accuracy of your historical knowledge; (2) the quality, clarity and organization of the analysis/argument you present; and (3) the level of professional skill, creativity and pastoral sensitivity reflected in the way you apply your historical insights to the practice of ministry.

Required reading: Students taking the course for credit are required to read a total of 2000 pages for the course, including a careful reading of Justo Gonzalez, *The Story of Christianity*, Vol. I: *The Early Church to the Dawn of the Reformation* (a total of 412 pages) and Cyril C. Richardson, *Early Christian Fathers* (a total of 397 pages). The remaining 1191 pages of required reading can include the materials that are used for the research paper and/or additional reading from the "Recommended Reading" sections of the course syllabus. Students will be asked to submit a report of their reading by 4:00 p.m. Monday, December 13, 2010. A form for this purpose is provided.

Grading of the reading will be as follows: 100%=A; 95-99%=A-; 90-94%=B+; 85-89%=B; 80--84%=B-; 75-79%=C+; 70-74%=C; 65-69%=C-; 60-64%=D+; 55-59%=D; 50-54%=D-; Below 50%=F. No credit is given for skimming.

Research Paper: Each student taking the course for credit is required to write one 12-15 page paper. Completed papers should be typed and in correct form (for example, double-spaced, using twelve-point font, footnoted where appropriate, with bibliography, etc.). Those who have not had as much experience in writing research papers may want to consult a reliable style manual like Kate L. Turabian, *A Manual for Writers of Term Papers, Theses, and Dissertations*, 6th edition (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1996). Students may also find it helpful to consult William Kelleher Storey, *Writing History: A Guide for Students* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2003).

Due date: Research papers are due by no later than 4:00 p.m. on Monday, December 13, 2010.

Selection of topic: Students are free to select, research and present whatever topic they wish to explore provided (1) that their topic is basically historical in nature; (2) that the topic falls within the period from the beginning of the Christian church at Pentecost to approximately 1500 a.d.; and (3) that the written presentation conforms to one of the recognized manuals of style (for example, Turabian). **You do not need the instructor's approval for your choice of topic.**

The task of research: Those who need help on their papers should feel free to contact Brendan Payne, our Byington for the course. Remember, however, that an important part of writing a research paper is the sometimes difficult task of locating and selecting the sources you want to use. This will probably involve

several hours of hard work in an archive or library. **Don't expect others to do this work for you -- this is a part of your assignment.** Ideas for paper topics can be found in the textbooks as well as the class lectures. Specific issues of *Christian History & Biography* magazine (available in our library and on the *Christianity Today* website) are also helpful in selecting topics and locating resources.

Grading of the papers: Your research papers will be evaluated on the basis of three primary criteria: (1) the depth of the research in both primary and secondary materials; (2) the quality of the analysis/argument you present; and (3) the clarity, accuracy and beauty of the writing. Attention to these matters will not only help you on this paper assignment but it will also aid you in developing the kinds of skills you will be using in those various ministries to which God has called each one of you.

Cheating and plagiarism: Please exercise special care in the use of sources. Institutional guidelines can be found in your *Student Handbook* under "Violations of Academic Integrity." As followers of Christ, we need to maintain the very highest standards of professional conduct.

Late work and extensions: Late work (unless it has been permitted by the Registration Office through an official written extension form) will be **penalized one full letter grade for each week (or any portion of a week) that the work is late.** Normally, the Registration Office only grants an extension in cases of serious illness and/or a death in the immediate family. Since most students have very busy schedules, **it would not be fair for any instructor to grant one individual student a benefit that was not extended to all.** In practical terms, this means that you will need to plan your semester carefully so as to complete all required work in a timely manner. **Do not ask the instructor for an extension.**

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

Midterm Examination:	30%
Final Examination:	30%
Research Paper:	30%
Reading Report:	10%

Grading scale: The seminary has adopted an official numerical equivalence for the letter grades that students are assigned. Published annually, these are as follows: A+=4.0; A=4.0; A-=3.7; B+=3.3; B=3.0; B-=2.7; C+=2.3; C=2.0; C-=1.7; D+=1.3; D=1.0; D-=0.7; F=0.0. "A" means "conspicuous excellence;" "B" means "exceeding the minimum;" "C" means "satisfactory" work; "D" means "passing" but "unsatisfactory;" and "F" means "course has been failed."

Computation of course grade: Based on the above percentages and numerical equivalences, your grade for this course will be computed on the following scale:

Final Point Total	Final Grade
3.85 to 4.0	A
3.65 to 3.84	A-
3.3 to 3.64	B+
3.0 to 3.29	B
2.7 to 2.99	B-
2.3 to 2.69	C+
2.0 to 2.29	C
1.7 to 1.99	C-
1.3 to 1.69	D+
1.0 to 1.29	D
0.7 to 0.99	D-
0.0 to 0.69	F

In order to achieve a particular grade, the student must fall exactly within the above scale. No rounding-off is allowed.

Personal consultations: The instructor is usually available in the classroom before and after each class session. Regular office hours are posted outside his seminary office (AC345). He can also be reached by phone (978-646-4139) or by e-mail <grosell@gcts.edu>

Readings and Prayer: For some years now it has been my practice to open each class session with a brief reading and prayer. The readings for this term are taken from the parables of William E. Barton, who was before his death a Congregational minister in the Chicago area. The stories are available in Garth M. Rosell and Stan Flewelling, eds., *Parables of a Country Parson* (Peabody, MA: Hendrickson Publishers, 1998).

General Surveys of Church History: We are fortunate to have a number of fine surveys of Church History available to us, both ancient and modern. Some of these are listed below for those students who may want to supplement their basic reading.

- Everett Ferguson, *Church History: From Christ to Pre-reformation*, Vol. I (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2005).
- Jaroslav Pelikan, *The Christian Tradition: A History of the Development of Doctrine*, 5 vols. (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1971-).
- Philip Schaff, *History of the Christian Church*, 8 vols. (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 1988).
- Adrian Hastings, ed., *A World History of Christianity* (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 1999).
- Williston Walker, *A History of the Christian Church*, 4th ed. (New York: Scribner's, 1985).
- Dale T. Irvin and Scott W. Sunquist, *History of the Christian World Movement*, Vol. I (Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 2001).
- John McManners, ed., *The Oxford Illustrated History of Christianity* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1990).

Owen Chadwick, ed., *The Pelikan History of the Church*, 6 vols. (New York: Penguin Books, various dates).

Kenneth Scott Latourette, *A History of the Expansion of Christianity*, 7 vols. (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing House, 1970).

Paul Johnson, *A History of Christianity* (New York: Atheneum Publishers, 1976).

Earle E. Cairns, *Christianity Through the Centuries* (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 1981).

H. Jedin and J. Dolan, eds., *History of the Church*, 10 vols. (New York: Herder and Herder, 1965-1981).

Collections of Primary Documents:

John Baillie, John T. McNeill and Henry P. Van Dusen, eds., *The Library of Christian Classics*, 26 vols. (Philadelphia: The Westminster Press, 1960's).

John H. Leith, *Creeds of the Churches: A Reader in Christian Doctrine from the Bible to the Present* (Richmond, VA: John Knox Press, 1973).

Henry Bettenson, *Documents of the Christian Church* (London: Oxford University Press, 1970).

Colman J. Barry, *Readings in Church History* (Westminster, MD: Christian Classics, 1985).

William C. Placher, *Readings in the History of Christian Theology*, 2 vols. (Philadelphia: The Westminster Press, 1988).

J. Stevenson, *Creeds, Councils and Controversies: Documents Illustrating the History of the Church* (London: SPCK Press, 1966).

Reference Materials in Church History:

F. L. Cross and E. A. Livingstone, eds., *The Oxford Dictionary of the Christian Church*, 3rd ed., (London and Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1997).

Earle E. Cairns and J. D. Douglas, eds., *New International Dictionary of the Christian Church* (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2001).

J. D. Douglas, ed., *Who's Who in Christian History* (Tyndale House, 1992).

Jerald C. Brauer, *The Westminster Dictionary of Church History* (Philadelphia: Westminster Press, 1971).

Sinclair B. Ferguson, David F. Wright and J. I. Packer, *New Dictionary of Theology* (Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1988).

Mary L. Hammack, *A Dictionary of Women in Church History* (Chicago: Moody Press, 1984).

Michael Prokurat, ed., *Historical Dictionary of the Orthodox Church* (Rowman & Littlefield, 1996).

Ruth A. Tucker and Walter Liefeld, *Daughters of the Church: Women and Ministry from New Testament Times to the Present* (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 1987).

Popular Presentations of Church History:

Bruce Shelley, *Church History in Plain Language*, 2nd edition (Nashville: Thomas Nelson, 1995).

Jean Comby, *How to Read Church History* (London: SCM Press, 1985).

Tim Dowley, ed., *Eerdmans Handbook to the History of Christianity* (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 1977).

Christian History Magazine (issues on selected individuals and themes in Church History published under the auspices of *Christianity Today*)

Martin E. Marty, *A Short History of Christianity*, 2nd ed., revised and expanded (Philadelphia: Fortress Press, 1987).

Roland H. Bainton, *Christendom*, 2 vols. (New York: Harper and Row, 1966).

John D. Woodbridge, ed., *Great Leaders of the Christian Church* (Chicago: Moody Press, 1988).

Helps in Research and Writing:

Kate L. Turabian, *A Manual for Writers of Term Papers, Theses, and Dissertations*, 6th ed. (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1996).

Jacques Barzun and Henry F. Graff, *The Modern Researcher* (New York: Harcourt, Brace, Jovanovich, 1985).

Bob Hudson and Shelley Townsend, *A Christian Writer's Manual of Style* (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing House, 1988).

Bodie and Bruck Thoene, *Writer to Writer* (Minneapolis, MN: Bethany House Publishers, 1990).

William Strunk and E. B. White, *The Elements of Style* (Kt Publishing, 2004).

Joseph Gibaldi and Walter Achtert, *MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers* (New York: MLA, most recent edition).

Ethel Herr, *An Introduction to Christian Writing* (Wheaton: Tyndale House, 1988).

Glenda Tennant Neff, *The 2005 Writer's Market: Where and How to Sell What you Write* (Cincinnati, OH: Writer's Digest Books, published annually).

C. T. McIntire, *God, History and Historians: Modern Christian Views of History* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1977).

Schedule of Classes:

September 13: The Birth of the Christian Church

Session I: Introduction to the Course

Session II: The Birth of the Christian Church

Recommended reading: Paul L. Maier, *First Christians: Pentecost and the Spread of Christianity* (New York: Harper and Row, 1976).

Ronald A. N. Kydd, *Charismatic Gifts in the Early Church* (Peabody, MA: Hendrickson Publishers, 1984).

James D. G. Dunn, *Baptism in the Holy Spirit* (Philadelphia: Westminster Press, 1970).

F. F. Bruce, *The Book of Acts*, rev. ed., in *The New International Commentary on the New Testament* (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 1988).

F. F. Bruce, *Jesus and Christian Origins Outside the New Testament* (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 1974).

Martin Hengel, *Acts and the History of Earliest Christianity* (Philadelphia: Fortress Press, 1980).

Roland H. Bainton, *Early Christianity* (Princeton, N.J.: Van Nostrand, 1960).

- B. J. Kidd, *A History of the Christian Church to A.D. 461*, 3 vols. (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1922).
- M. A. Smith, *From Christ to Constantine* (Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1971).
- J. W. C. Wand, *A History of the Early Church to A.D. 500* (London: Methuen, 1963).
- F. W. Farrar, *The Early Days of Christianity* (New York: Funk and Wagnalls, 1883).
- Derek Tidball, *The Social Context of the New Testament* (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 1984).

September 20: First Christian Communities

Session I: Jerusalem in the Time of Jesus

During this session I want to give special attention to them Jewish and Roman contexts within which the earliest Christian communities developed.

Recommended reading: W. H. C. Frend, *The Rise of Christianity* (Philadelphia: Fortress Press, 1984).

Joachim Jeremias, *Jerusalem in the Time of Jesus* (Philadelphia: Fortress Press, 1969).

Marvin R. Wilson, *Our Father Abraham* (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 1989).

Ronald H. Nash, *Christianity and the Hellenistic World* (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing House, 1984).

D. S. Russell, *From Early Judaism to Early Church* (Philadelphia: Fortress Press, 1986).

W. O. E. Osterley, *The Jewish Background of the Christian Liturgy* (Oxford: The Clarendon Press, 1925).

Henri Daniel-Rops, *Daily Life in the Time of Jesus* (Ann Arbor, MI: Servant Books, 1980).

Leonhard Goppelt, *Apostolic and Post-Apostolic Times*, trans. by Robert Guelich (London: Adam and Charles Black, 1970).

Robert M. Grant, *Augustus to Constantine* (New York: Harper and Row, 1970).

Oscar Cullman, *Peter: Disciple, Apostle and Martyr* (New York: Living Age Books, 1958).

L. E. Elliott-Binns, *Galilean Christianity* (Chicago: Allenson, 1956).

Harold Mattingly, *Christianity in the Roman Empire* (New York: W. W. Norton, 1967).

Session II: The Spreading Flame

During this session we will explore the tremendous growth of the Christian Church as it moved out of its strictly Jewish context and into the Gentile world.

Recommended reading: F. F. Bruce, *The Spreading Flame* (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 1970).

Michael Green, *Evangelism in the Early Church* (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 1983).

- Wayne A. Meeks, *The First Urban Christians: The Social World of the Apostle Paul* (New Haven, CT: Yale University Press, 1983).
- F. C. Burkitt, *Early Christianity Outside the Roman Empire* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1899).
- A. Mingana, *The Early Spread of Christianity in Central Asia and the Far East* (Manchester: University of Manchester Press, 1925).
- Robin Lane Fox, *Pagans and Christians* (New York: Harper and Row, 1986).
- Henry Chadwick, *The Early Church*, Vol. I of *The Pelikan History of the Church* (New York: Penguin Books, 1987).
- F. F. Bruce, *Paul and His Converts: How Paul Nurtured the Churches he Planted* (Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1985).
- Adolf Harnack, *Mission and Expansion* (New York: Harper and Row, 1953).
- Ronald H. Nash, *Christianity and the Hellenistic World* (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 1985).

September 27: Early Christian Faith and Life

During this class we want to examine the lifestyle of the early Christians both as they gathered for fellowship, training and worship and as they scattered for service.

- Recommended reading:** Eusebius, *The History of the Church* (New York: Penguin Books, 1989).
- Adolf Harnack, *The Constitution and Law of the Church in the First Two Centuries* (New York: Putnam's Sons, 1910).
- Ben Witherington, *Women in the Ministry of Jesus*, SNTS Monograph Series 51 (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1984).
- Harold O. J. Brown, *Heresies: The Image of Christ in the Mirror of Heresy and Orthodoxy from the Apostles to the Present* (Garden City, NY: Doubleday, 1984).
- Robert M. Grant, *Gods and the One God* (Philadelphia: The Westminster Press, 1986).
- Robert M. Grant, *Early Christianity and Society* (New York: Harper & Row, 1977).
- Rowan A. Greer, *Broken Lights and Mended Lives: Theology and Common Life in the Early Church* (University Park, PA: Pennsylvania State University Press, 1986).
- A. H. M. Jones, *Were Ancient Heresies Disguised Social Movements?* (Philadelphia: Fortress Press, 1966).
- Hans Lietzmann, *The Mass and the Lord's Supper* (Leiden: E. J. Brill, 1953).
- A. A. T. Ehrhardt, *The Apostolic Succession in the First Two Centuries of the Church* (London: Lutterworth Press, 1953).
- J. B. Lightfoot, *Saint Paul's Epistle to the Philippians* (London: Macmillan and Co., 1890).
- G. W. H. Lampe, *The Seal of the Spirit*, 2nd ed. (London: SPCK, 1967).
- Joachim Jeremias, *Infant Baptism in the First Four Centuries* (Philadelphia: The Westminster Press, 1961).
- Kurt Aland, *Did the Early Church Baptize Infants?* (Philadelphia: The Westminster Press, 1963).

- Leonhard Goppelt, *Apostolic and Post-Apostolic Times* (London: Adam & Charles Black, 1970)
- B. H. Streeter, *The Primitive Church* (New York: Macmillan and Co., 1929).
- A. N. Sherwin-White, *The Letters of Pliny* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1966).
- C. F. D. Moule, *Worship in the New Testament* (Richmond, VA: John Knox Press, 1961).
- Alvera Michelsen, ed., *Women, Authority and the Bible* (Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1986).
- Robert M. Grant, *Augustus to Constantine* (New York: Harper and Row, 1970).
- "Women in the Early Church," *Christian History*, Vol. VII, No. 1, Issue 17.
- David M. Scholer, "Women in Ministry," *The Covenant Companion* (December 1 and 15, 1983 and January and February, 1984).
- Richard Batey, *Jesus and the Poor* (New York: Harper and Row, 1972).
- F. F. Bruce, "Women in the Church: A Biblical Survey," *Christian Brethren Review* 33 (December 1982) pp. 7-14.
- Aida Besancon Spencer, *Beyond the Curse: Women Called to Ministry* (Nashville: Thomas Nelson, 1985).
- Eduard Schweizer, *Church Order in the New Testament* (London: SCM Press, 1961).

October 4: The Cost of Discipleship

Session I: The Martyr Faith

Over the first three centuries, the Christian communities experienced periods of intense persecution. Using four early martyrs as our points of reference, we will seek to understand the nature of discipleship as it developed in the early Church.

- Recommended reading:** W. H. C. Frend, *Martyrdom and Persecution in the Early Church* (Oxford: Blackwell, 1965).
- Eusebius, *Ecclesiastical History* in Schaff and Wace, *Nicene and Post-Nicene Fathers*, Second Series, Vol. I (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 1982).
- H. von Campenhausen, *Ecclesiastical Authority and Spiritual Power in the Church of the First Three Centuries* (Stanford, CA: Stanford University Press, 1969).
- D. R. A. Hare, *The Theme of Jewish Persecution of Christians in Matthew* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 1968).
- G. E. M. de Ste. Croix, "Why Were the Early Christians Persecuted?" *Past and Present* (1963), pp. 6-38.
- L. H. Canfield, *The Early Persecutions of the Christians* (New York: Columbia University Press, 1913).
- E. G. Hardy, *Christianity and the Roman Government* (London: Allen & Unwin, 1905)
- H. B. Workman, *Persecution in the Early Church* (Cincinnati, OH: Jennings and Graham, 1906).

- S. A. Cook, et. al., eds., *The Imperial Crisis and Recovery, A. D. 193-324* (Cambridge: at the University Press, 1939).
- G. W. Clarke, "Some Observations on the Persecution of Decius," *Antichthon* (1969) pp. 63-76.
- N. H. Baynes, "Two Notes on the Great Persecution," *Classical Quarterly* (1924), pp. 189-193.
- Simeon L. Guterman, *Religious Toleration and Persecution in Ancient Rome* (London: Aiglon Press, 1951).
- Samuel Laeuchli, *The Serpent and the Dove* (Nashville, TN: Abingdon Press, 1966).

Session II: The Formation of the Biblical Canon

During this class session we will be exploring the formation of the Christian Scriptures.

- Recommended reading:** F. F. Bruce, *The Canon of Scripture* (Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1988).
- Bruce Metzger, *The Canon of the New Testament* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1987).
- P. R. Ackroyd and C. F. Evans, eds., *The Cambridge History of the Bible*, 3 vols. (New York: Cambridge University Press, 1987).
- Paul Achtemeier, *The Inspiration of Scripture* (Philadelphia: Westminster Press, 1980).
- William Barclay, *The Making of the Bible* (New York: Harper and Row, 1961).
- Edgar J. Goodspeed, *A History of Early Christian Literature*, revised and enlarged by Robert M. Grant (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1966).
- Montague Rhodes James, *The Apocryphal New Testament* (Oxford: at the Clarendon Press, 1983).
- Geddes MacGregor, *The Bible in the Making* (Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott Co., 1959).
- Meredith G. Kline, *The Structure of Biblical Authority* (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 1975).
- D. A. Carson and J. D. Woodbridge, eds., *Hermeneutics, Authority and Canon* (Leicester: IVCF Press, 1986).]
- F. F. Bruce, *The New Testament Documents: Are They Reliable?* (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 1960).
- Brevard S. Childs, *The New Testament as Canon: An Introduction* (Philadelphia: Fortress Press, 1984).
- C. F. D. Moule, *The Birth of the New Testament* (San Francisco, CA: Harper & Row, 1982).

October 11-15: Reading Week (no class)

October 18: No Class

October 25: The Age of Constantine

Midterm take-home examination will be distributed. Due by the time of the class session on Monday, November 1. The exam will cover the reading of Justo Gonzalez, *The Story of Christianity*, pp. 7-135 and Cyril Richardson, *Early Christian Fathers* (the entire book) in addition to the material covered in the class lectures from September 13 through October 25.

Optional class session: Following class today, students who would like to do so are invited to remain for an **informal "question/answer" session with the instructor.** The focus of the discussions will be on either the midterm examination or the research papers. This session, of course, is completely optional.

Session I: Constantine the Great

This class will focus upon some of the positive and negative changes which were brought about by Emperor Constantine's official recognition of Christianity during the early 4th century.

Recommended reading: N. H. Baynes, *Constantine the Great and the Christian Church* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1972).

C. B. Bush, *Constantine the Great and Christianity* (New York: Columbia University Press, 1914).

Eusebius, *The Life of Constantine and Ecclesiastical History*, in Schaff and Wace, *Nicene and Post-Nicene Fathers, Second Series, Vol. I* (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 1982).

A. H. M. Jones, *Constantine the Great and the Conversion of Europe* (New York: Macmillan Co., 1949).

Robert M. Grant, *From Augustus to Constantine* (New York: Harper and Row, 1970).

Andras Alföldi, *The Conversion of Constantine and Pagan Rome* (Oxford: at the Clarendon Press, 1969).

W. W. Hyde, *Paganism to Christianity in the Roman Empire* (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 1946).

Ramsey MacMullen, *Constantine* (New York: Dial Press, 1969).

T. D. Barnes, *Constantine and Eusebius* (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1981).

J. Parkes, *Jews and Christians in the Constantinian Empire* (Oxford: Blackwell and Mott, 1964).

Session II: Augustine of Hippo

This session will focus upon the life and work of the most influential of all the early Christian theologians.

Recommended reading: Peter Brown, *Augustine of Hippo* (Boston: Faber and Faber, 1985).

Henry Chadwick, *Augustine* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1986)

Roy W. Battenhouse, *A Companion to the Study of St. Augustine* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1956)

- Augustine of Hippo, *Earlier Writings, Confessions and Enchiridion and Later Works*, Vols. VI, VII and VIII of the *Library of Christian Classics* (Philadelphia: The Westminster Press, 1953-1955)
- Philip Schaff, ed., *Nicene and Post-Nicene Fathers*, First Series, volumes I-VIII contain writings by St. Augustine (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 1979).
- Jaroslav Pelikan, *The Excellent Empire: The Fall of Rome and the Triumph of the Church* (San Francisco, CA: Harper and Row, 1990).
- "St. Augustine," *Christian History*, Vol. VI, No. 3, Issue 15.
- Norman L. Geisler, ed., *What Augustine Says* (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Book House, 1982).
- John K. Ryan, *The Confessions of St. Augustine* (Garden City, NY: Image Books, 1960).
- G. Bonner, *St. Augustine of Hippo: Life and Controversies* (Philadelphia: The Westminster Press, 1964).
- John Ferguson, *Pelagius: An Historical and Theological Study* (Cambridge: Heffer and Sons, 1957).
- Peter Brown, *Religion and Society in the Age of St. Augustine* (New York: Harper & Row, 1972).
- J. J. O'Meara, *The Young Augustine: The Growth of St. Augustine's Mind up to His Conversion* (London: Longmans, 1954).

November 1: The Development of Christian Doctrine

(Midterm Take-Home Examination is due by the beginning of class today)

Session I: The Ecumenical Councils

During this session we will examine the development of Christian doctrine during the early years of the Church. Special attention will be given to the first four ecumenical councils.

- Recommended reading:** Philip Schaff and Henry Wace, eds., *The Seven Ecumenical Councils*, Vol. XIV of *Nicene and Post-Nicene Fathers* (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 1988).
- Philip E. Hughes, *The Church in Crisis: A History of the General Councils* (Garden City, NY: Hanover House, 1961).
- J. N. D. Kelly, *Early Christian Doctrines* (New York: Harper and Row, 1960).
- Jaroslav Pelikan, *The Emergence of the Catholic Tradition* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1971).
- John H. Leith, *Creeds of the Churches* (Richmond, VA: John Knox Press, 1973).
- J. N. D. Kelly, *Early Christian Creeds* (New York: Longmans, 1950).
- R. V. Sellers, *The Council of Chalcedon* (London: SPCK, 1953).
- Henry Chadwick, "Eucharist and Christology in the Nestorian Controversy" *Journal of Theological Studies* (October 1951), pp. 145-164.
- Aloys Grillmeier, *Christ in Christian Tradition* (Oxford: Mowbray, 1965).
- J. N. D. Kelly, *The Oxford Dictionary of Popes* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1986).
- Glenn F. Chesnut, *Images of Christ: An Introduction to Christology* (Minneapolis, MN: Seabury Press, 1984).

Jean Danielou, *A History of Early Christian Doctrine Before the Council of Nicaea*, 3 vols. (Philadelphia: The Westminster Press, n.d.).

Session II: The Monastic Movement

During this session we will explore the rise and development of monasticism. Special attention will be given to the rule of St. Benedict.

Recommended reading: Anthony C. Meisel and M. L. del Mastro, *The Rule of St. Benedict* (Garden City, NY: Image Books, 1975).

Christopher Brooke, *The Monastic World* (New York: Random House, 1974).

C. H. Lawrence, *Medieval Monasticism* (New York: Longmans, 1984).

Henri J. M. Nouwen, *The Way of the Heart: Desert Spirituality and Contemporary Ministry* (San Francisco: Harper & Row, 1981).

J. Chapman, *Saint Benedict and the Sixth Century* (New York: Sheed and Ward, 1929).

D. J. Chitty, *The Desert a City: An Introduction to the Study of Egyptian and Palestinian Monasticism under the Christian Empire* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1966).

Benedicta Ward, *The Sayings of the Desert Fathers* (London and Oxford: Mowbray, 1984).

Benedicta Ward, *The Lives of the Desert Fathers* (London and Oxford: Mowbray, 1980).

Wallis Budge, *The Wit and Wisdom of the Christian Fathers of Egypt* (Oxford: at the Clarendon Press, 1934).

Adolf Harnack, *Monasticism: Its Ideals and History* (London: Williams and Norgate, 1901).

W. H. Mackean, *Christian Monasticism in Egypt to the Close of the Fourth Century* (London: SPCK, 1920).

I. G. Smith, *Christian Monasticism from the Fourth to the Ninth Centuries of the Christian Era* (London: A. D. Innes and Co., 1892).

Richard J. Foster, *Celebration of Discipline: The Path to Spiritual Growth* (New York: Harper and Row, 1978).

H. B. Workman, *The Evolution of the Monastic Ideal from the Earliest Times to the Coming of the Friars* (London: Epworth Press, 1913).

Athanasius, "Life of St. Antony," in Schaff and Wace, *Nicene and Post-Nicene Fathers*, Second Series, Vol. IV (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 1980).

Owen Chadwick, ed., *Western Asceticism*, Vol. XII in Library of Christian Classics (Philadelphia: The Westminster Press, 1954).

November 8-12, 2010: READING WEEK (No Class)

November 15: Medieval Missions and Evangelism

Session I: Missionary Outreach in the Middle Ages

During this class we will examine the missionary expansion of the Church during the Middle Ages.

- Recommended reading:** Stephen Neill, *A History of Christian Missions* (New York: Penguin Books, 1964).
- J. T. Addison, *The Medieval Missionary, A Study of the Conversion of Northern Europe* (New York: IMC, 1936).
- Kenneth Scott Latourette, *A History of the Expansion of Christianity*, 7 vols. (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing House, 1970).
- Bede, *Ecclesiastical History of the English People* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1969).
- R. A. Markus, "Gregory the Great and Papal Missionary Strategy," in *Studies in Church History*, Vol. VI (Oxford: Blackwell & Mott, 1970).
- H. Mayr-Harting, *The Coming of Christianity to Anglo-Saxon England* (London: Batsford, 1972).
- C. R. Haines, *Christianity and Islam in Spain* (London: Kegan Paul, Trench, Trubner & Co., 1889).
- L. E. Browne, *The Eclipse of Christianity in Asia from the Time of Mohammed till the Fourteenth Century* (Cambridge: University Press, 1933).
- A. Mingana, *The Early Spread of Christianity in India* (Manchester: University Press, 1926).
- A. C. Moule, *Christians in China before the Year 1550* (London: SPCK, 1930).
- A. Mingana, "The Early Spread of Christianity in Central Asia and the Far East," *Bulletin of the John Rylands University Library of Manchester* (July 1925), pp. 1-80.
- E. Spearing, *The Patrimony of the Roman Church in the Time of Gregory the Great* (New York: Macmillan, 1918).
- William R. Cannon, *History of Christianity in the Middle Ages* (New York: Abingdon Press, 1960).
- M. W. Baldwin, *The Medieval Church* (Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, 1960).
- G. C. Coulton, *Life in the Middle Ages*, 4 vols. (Cambridge: at the University Press, 1928-1930).
- R. W. Southern, *Western Society and the Church in the Middle Ages* (Baltimore, MD: Penguin Books, 1970).

Session II: The Iconoclastic Controversy

The Seventh Ecumenical Council, held in 787 a.d. at Nicaea, was primarily concerned with the question of whether or not icons could be used in the Church's worship. During this class I want us to focus on that event as a means of better understanding the role of art within the Christian community.

- Recommended reading:** Edward J. Martin, *A History of the Iconoclastic Controversy* (London: SPCK, 1930).
- Philip Schaff and Henry Wace, eds., *Nicene and Post-Nicene Fathers*, Vol. XIV: *The Seven Ecumenical Councils* (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 1988), pp. 523-615.

- Peter Brown, "A Dark-Age Crisis: Aspects of the Iconoclastic Controversy," in *The English Historical Review* (January 1973), pp. 1-34.
- Rosalind and Christopher Brooke, *Popular Religion in the Middle Ages* (London: Thames and Hudson, 1984).
- John of Damascus, *On Holy Images*, Tr. by Mary H. Allies (Philadelphia: J. M. McVey, 1898).

November 22: The Crusades

Session I: The Christian Understanding of War

During this class we want to examine the history of the Crusades and their implications for our understanding of war and peace today.

- Recommended reading:** Steven Runciman, *A History of the Crusades*, 3 vols. (Cambridge: at the University Press, 1951-1954).
- Ernest Barker, *The Crusades* (London: Oxford University Press, 1923).
- Roland H. Bainton, *Christian Attitudes Toward War and Peace: A Historical Survey and Critical Re-evaluation* (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1986).
- George Every, *Misunderstandings Between East and West* (Richmond, VA: John Knox Press, 1960).
- Ambroise, *The Crusade of Richard Lion-Heart*, Tr. by M. J. Hubert (New York: Columbia University Press, 1941).
- T. A. Archer and C. L. Kingsford, *The Crusades* (New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons, 1894).
- M. W. Baldwin, *Raymond III of Tripolis and the Fall of Jerusalem* (Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 1936).
- The Cambridge Medieval History*, Vol. V (Cambridge: at the University Press, 1929).
- Villehardouin and DeJoinville, *Memoirs of the Crusades* (New York: E. P. Dutton and Co., 1908).

Session II: The Crusades (Continued)

November 29: The Medieval Heritage

Session I: Heretics and Inquisitors

During this session we will be examining the so-called "heretical" tradition of the Middle Ages--what might better be titled the great Free Church Tradition. Special attention will be given to the Waldensians.

- Recommended reading:** Jacques Madaule, *The Albigensian Crusade* (New York: Fordham University Press, 1967).
- George B. Watt, *The Waldenses in the New World* (Durham, NC: Duke University Press, 1941).
- Arthur S. Tuberville, *Medieval Heresy and the Inquisition* (London: Archon, 1964).

Gunnar Westin, *The Free Church Through the Ages* (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1958).

"The Waldensians," *Christian History*, Vol. VIII, No. 2, Issue 22.

Euan Cameron, *The Reformation of the Heretics: The Waldenses of the Alps, 1480-1580* (Oxford: at the Clarendon Press, 1984).

Emilio Comba, *History of the Waldenses of Italy* (New York: AMS Press, 1978).

Pius Melia, *The Origin, Persecutions, and Doctrines of the Waldensians* (New York: AMS Press, 1978).

Alexis Muston, *The Israel of the Alps: A History of the Waldenses*, 2 vols. (New York: AMS Press, 1978).

Giorgio Tourn, et. al., *You Are My Witnesses* (New York: Distributed by American Waldensian Society, 1989).

Donald F. Durnbaugh, *The Believers' Church: The History and Character of Radical Protestantism* (New York: Macmillan Co., 1968).

Session II: Mystics and Scholastics

During this class we will explore some of the contributions of Medieval Christianity--including the Mystic Tradition, the Scholastic Tradition and the development of Christian art.

Recommended reading: M. H. Carre, *Realists and Nominalists* (Oxford: at the University Press, 1946).

F. C. Copleston, *A History of Philosophy*, Vol. II: *Medieval Philosophy Augustine to Scotus* (London: Burns, Oates and Washbourne, 1950).

Etiene Gilson, *The Philosophy of St. Thomas Aquinas* (Cambridge: Heffer & Sons, 1929).

C. K. Chesterton, *Saint Thomas Aquinas: The Dumb Ox* (Garden City, NY: Image Books, 1956).

F. C. Copleston, *Aquinas* (Baltimore, MD: Penguin Books, 1967).

Anton C. Pegis, *Basic Writings of Saint Thomas Aquinas* 2 vols. (New York: Random House, 1945).

Eugene R. Fairweather, ed., *A Scholastic Miscellany: Anselm to Ockham*, Vol. X of The Library of Christian Classics (Philadelphia: The Westminster Press, 1954).

G. R. Evans, Bernard of Clairvaux: *Selected Works, in Classics of Western Spirituality* (New York: Paulist Press, 1987).

Gillian Evans, *The Mind of St. Bernard of Clairvaux* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1983).

Bruno S. James, *Saint Bernard of Clairvaux* (London: Hodder & Stoughton, 1957).

Jean LeClercq, *The Love of Learning and the Desire for God* (New York: Fordham University Press, 1961).

"Bernard of Clairvaux," *Christian History*, Vol. VIII, No. 4, Issue 24.

G. Constable, "Twelfth Century Spirituality and the late Middle Ages," in *Medieval and Renaissance Studies* (1971), pp. 27-60.

B. Smalley, *The Study of the Bible in the Middle Ages* (Oxford: University Press, 1983).

December 6: Roots of Reformation

The final take-home examination will be distributed. Due by no later than 4:00 p.m., Monday, December 13. The final exam will cover the reading of Justo Gonzalez, *The Story of Christianity*, pp. 136-412; and materials from the class lectures from November 1 through December 6.

Optional class session: Following class today, students are invited to remain for an informal discussion with the instructor on any questions they might have relating to the final examination. This session, of course, is completely optional.

Session I: Medieval Spirituality

During this session we will be exploring the development of spiritual life and practice during the Middle Ages.

Recommended reading: Bernard McGinn, John Meyendorff and Jean Leclercq, eds., *Christian Spirituality: Origins to the Twelfth Century* (New York: Crossroad, 1989).

Louis Bouyer, Jean Leclercq and Francois Vandenbroucke, *A History of Christian Spirituality*, 3 vols. (New York: Seabury, 1982).

Beryl Smalley, *The Study of the Bible in the Middle Ages* (Notre Dame, IN: University of Notre Dame Press, 1964).

O. D. Watkins, *A History of Penance*, 2 vols. (London: Longmans, Green & Co., 1920).

P. Pourrat, *Christian Spirituality in the Middle Ages* (London: Burns, Oates and Washbourne, 1924).

Alan of Lille, *The Art of Preaching* (Kalamazoo, MI: Cistercian Publications, 1981).

Margaret Aston, *Lollards and Reform: Images and Literacy in Late Medieval Religion* (London: Hambledon, 1984).

Heiko Oberman, *The Harvest of Medieval Theology: Gabriel Biel and Late Medieval Nominalism* (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 1967).

Gerard Sitwell, *Spiritual Writers of the Middle Ages* (New York: Hawthorne, 1964).

Penn R. Szitty, *The Anti-Fraternal Tradition in Medieval Literature* (Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 1986).

Session II: John Wycliffe: Morning Star of the Reformation

During this final session we will examine the forerunners of the Protestant Reformation--giving special attention to John Wycliffe and John Hus.

Recommended reading: David Lyle Jeffrey, *The Law of Love: English Spirituality in the Age of Wyclif* (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 1988).

Geoffrey Chaucer, *The Complete Poetry and Prose of Geoffrey Chaucer*, ed. by John Fisher (New York: Holt, Rinehart and Winston, 1977).

Phyllis Hodgson, ed., *The Cloud of Unknowing and the Book of Privy Counselling* (London: Oxford University Press, 1944).

- Walter Hilton, *The Scale of Perfection* (London: John M. Watkins, 1948).
- Anne Hudson, ed., *Selections from English Wycliffite Writings* (Cambridge: at the University Press, 1978).
- Julian of Norwich, *Showings* (New York: Paulist Press, 1978).
- Margery Kempe, *The Book of Margery Kempe*, Trans. by W. Butler-Bowdon (New York: Kevin-Adair, 1944).
- Richard Rolle, *English Writings of Richard Rolle* (Oxford: at the Clarendon Press, 1963).
- Joseph Dahmus, *The Prosecution of John Wyclif* (New Haven, CT: Yale University Press, 1952).
- David C. Fowler, *The Bible in Middle English Literature* (Seattle: University of Washington Press, 1984).
- Anthony Kenney, ed., *Wyclif in His Times* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1986).
- Paul A. Olson, *The Canterbury Tales and the Good Society* (Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 1987).
- Herbert B. Workman, *John Wyclif: A Study of the Medieval Church*, 2 vols. (Oxford: at the Clarendon Press, 1936).

Reading Report
Due no later than Monday, December 13, at 4:00 p.m.

Justo L. Gonzalez

Number of Pages Read: _____
(of 412 total pages)

Percentage of Gonzalez Read: _____%

Cyril Richardson

Number of Pages Read: _____
(of 397 total pages)

Percentage of Richardson Read: _____%

Total Pages Read in Both Textbooks: _____

Percentage of Both Books Read: _____%

Name: _____

Date: _____

Be sure to attach a full listing (with complete citations) of the additional reading you completed for the course.

Number of pages of additional reading completed: _____

Percentage of 2000 pages of required reading completed: _____