



Syllabus

Course: Highlights in Church History

Credit Hours: 3

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PowerPoints and Videos for this course can be found on the Media List at <https://www.wayoflife.org/media/>. The PowerPoints can be found under the title: *A History of the Churches From a Baptist Perspective*.

Class Description: *HIGHLIGHTS IN CHURCH HISTORY* is a summary of the two-volume, 1100-page course *A History of the Churches from a Baptist Perspective*. It is designed to be an introduction to the important and fascinating field of church history. It begins with the apostolic era: the establishment of the first churches, the foundation laid by the apostles in the complete canon of Scripture, and the doctrine of apostasy. It then covers the gradual development of the Roman Catholic Church and the NT Churches in the early centuries, the rule of the Catholic Church (AD 700-1500), Islam, the Crusades, the Byzantine (eastern Roman) Empire, the Waldenses, the Inquisition, the Protestant Reformation, and Baptists in Europe, England, and America. This course consists of a video series and a textbook. There is also a syllabus, review questions, tests, and test scores. It can be used as an introductory course for Bible colleges, youth training, home schooling, Sunday Schools, etc.

Texts Required for class:

The King James Bible

Highlights in Church History by David W. Cloud, 312 pages, October 2022.

Outcomes—At the end of the course, all students will be able to:

1. Understand the broad overview of Church history.
2. Recognize how apostasy has always been around and how it is growing stronger.
3. Gain a deeper understand of persecution.
4. Explain Baptist church history.
5. Identify the modern movements that are a threat to the church.

Evaluation—the class grade will be broken up in the following manner:

Tests (4) – 70%

Research Paper – 30%

90–100%	A	70–79%	C
80–89%	B	0–69%	D (Failing)

Validation:

Outcome 1. Students read *Highlights in Church History* completely and answer all review questions.

Outcome 2. Students take diligent notes during class over the history of the church.

Outcome 3. Students write a research paper over one of the major church movements.

Outcome 4. Students take tests over the material covered in class and read outside of class.

There are two options for taking this class. They are the following:

- **Slower Pace-15 Week Option**

This option takes a total of 15 weeks and has regular assignments three times every week: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

- **Advanced-One Month Option**

This option takes a total of 4 weeks and has regular assignments six times every week: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. The assignments for this option combine two of the assignments from the slower pace option into one day so that the student can complete the class in a month.

-----Slower Pace-15 Week Option-----

Course Outline:

Week Topics

- 1 Introduction/ The Apostolic Churches/ The Budding of Apostasy
- 2 The Budding of Apostasy
- 3 The Rule of the Roman Catholic Church
- 4 Islam/ **Test 1**
- 5 The Crusades/ The Byzantine Empire/ The Waldenses
- 6 The Roman Catholic Inquisition/ The Protestant Reformation
- 7 The Protestant Reformation/ **Test 2 (Midterm)**
- 8 Baptist in Europe/ The Baptists in England
- 9 Baptist in America/ 18th and 19th Centuries
- 10 18th and 19th Centuries
- 11 18th and 19th Centuries/ **Test 3**
- 12 18th and 19th Centuries
- 13 18th and 19th Centuries/ 20th Century
- 14 20th Century
- 15 Conclusion/ **Test 4 (Final)**

Weeks		Assignment	
Weeks	Monday	Wednesday	Friday
1	Pages 1-9 Video 1: Introduction	Pages 10-17 Video 2: Apostolic Churches	Pages 18-25 Video 3: Budding Apostasy, Pt 1
2	Pages 25-31 Video 4: Budding Apostasy, Pt 2	Pages 32-38 Video 5: Budding Apostasy, Pictorial	Pages 39-46 Video 6: Budding Apostasy, Pt 3
3	Pages 47-54 Video 7: Under Roman Rule	Pages 54-62 Video 8: Under Roman Rule, Pictorial	Pages 62-66 Video 9: Islam, Pt 1
4	Pages 67-73 Video 10: Islam, Pt 2	Pages 74-81 Video 11: Islam, Pictorial	Test 1— <i>(covers pages 1-81)</i>
5	Pages 82-86	Pages 87-94 Video 12: The Waldenses	Pages 94-102 Video 13: The Waldenses, Pictorial
6	Pages 103-111 Video 14: Catholic Inquisition	Pages 111-119 Video 15: Protestant Reformation, Pt 1	Pages 120-127 Video 16: Protestant Reformation, Pt 2
7	Pages 128-134 Video 17: Protestant Reformation, Pictorial	Pages 134-141	Test 2— Mid-term (Cumulative) <i>(covers pages 1-141)</i>
8	Pages 142-148 Video 18: Baptists in Europe	Pages 148-152	Pages 153-159 Video 19: Churches, Pt 1
9	Pages 160-167 Video 20: Churches, Pt 2	Pages 167-174 Video 21: Churches, Pt 3	Pages 175-182
10	Pages 182-187	Pages 187-195	Pages 195-202
11	Pages 202-208 Video 22: Churches, Pt 4	Pages 208-215	Test 3— <i>(Covers pages 142-215)</i>
12	Pages 215-222 Video 23: Churches, Pt 5	Pages 222-230	Pages 230-236
13	Pages 237-245 Video 24: Churches, Pt 6	Pages 246-255	Pages 256-265 Video 25: Churches, Pt 7
14	Pages 266-274 Video 26: Churches, Pt 8	Pages 274-282	Pages 283-290 Video 27: Churches, Pt 9
15	Pages 291-294 Video 28: Conclusion, Pictorial	Research Paper	Test 4— Final (Cumulative)

Course Outline:**Week Topics**

- 1 Introduction/ Apostolic Churches/ Budding of Apostasy/ Rule of the Roman Catholic Church/ Islam
- 2 **Test 1**/ Crusades/Byzantine Empire/ Waldenses/ Roman Catholic Inquisition/ Protestant Reformation/ **Test 2 (Midterm)**/ Baptist in Europe
- 3 Baptist in Europe/ Baptists in England/ Baptist in America/ 18th and 19th Centuries/ **Test 3**/ 18th and 19th Centuries
- 4 18th and 19th Centuries/ 20th Century/ Conclusion/ **Test 4 (Final)**

Weeks**Assignment**

Wk	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	Pages 1-17 Video 1: Introduction <u>and</u> Video 2: Apostolic Churches	Pages 18-31 Video 3: Budding Apostasy, <u>Pt 1 and</u> Video 4: Apostasy, 2	Pages 32-46 Video 5: Apostasy, <u>Pictorial and</u> Video 6: Apostasy, 3	Pages 47-62 Video 7: Under Roman Rule <u>and</u> Video 8: Under Roman Rule, Pictorial	Pages 62-73 Video 9: <u>Islam, 1 and</u> Video 10: Islam, 2	Pages 74-81 Video 11: Islam, Pictorial
2	Test 1 — (covers pages 1-81) Pages 82-86	Pages 87-102 Video 12: Waldenses <u>and</u> Video 13: Waldenses, Pictorial	Pages 103-119 Video 14: Catholic Inquisition <u>and</u> Video 15: Protestant Reformation, 1	Pages 120-134 Video 16: Reformation, <u>2 and</u> Video 17: Reformation, Pictorial	Pages 134-141	Test 2 — Mid-term (Cumulative) (covers pages 1-141) Pages 142-148 Video 18: Baptists in Europe
3	Pages 148-159 Video 19: Churches 1	Pages 160-174 Video 20: Churches 2 <u>and</u> Video 21: Churches 3	Pages 175-187	Pages 187-202	Pages 202-215 Video 22: Churches 4	Test 3 — (Covers pages 142-215) Pages 215-222 Video 23: Churches 5
4	Pages 222-236	Pages 237-255 Video 24: Churches 6	Pages 256-274 Video 25: Churches 7 <u>and</u> Video 26: Churches 8	Pages 274-290 Video 27: Churches 9	Pages 291-294 Video 28: Conclusion, Pictorial Research Paper	Test 4 — Final (Cumulative)

Details of Course Assignments:

- **Reading Assignments**

Students are given reading assignments for most days and must complete the assignments along with answering the corresponding review questions. The student is also responsible for looking over the corresponding **PowerPoint slides** in addition to the daily reading.

- **Videos**

The student is required to watch the *Highlights in Church History* videos. He must have the reading completed before the video is to be watched. He must take diligent notes during these video sessions. (Note: for the advanced pace, there are many days the student will be required to watch two videos, he must pay careful attention to the syllabus to know which videos to watch on which given day.)

- **Research Paper**

The student will write a research paper on one of the major movements in church history that was discussed in the textbook. The paper should be double spaced and a minimum of 5 pages. The student is also required to have at least 3 outside sources to aid in his research. The paper should go beyond what the student has read in the textbook and provide additional information on the topic. The follow is a list of topics the student should choose from: Islam, the Crusades, the Waldenses, the Roman Catholic Inquisition, the Protestant Reformation, or Baptists. The paper should be orderly and well-constructed. There should be an introduction, body, conclusion, and bibliography page.

- **Tests (4)**

There will be a total of four tests taken during this semester. Including certain review questions and additional important information in the reading, the tests will include a section of short answer questions. The tests are used to measure how much the student has retained over the course. Tests 1 and 3 will not be cumulative, while the midterm (Test 2) and final (Test 4) will cover all previously learned material as well as any new material.

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