



## Syllabus

### **HIS 340: Church History 70 AD to 1648 AD**

#### **Genesis Bible Institute**

#### *COURSE DESCRIPTION*

This course is an overview of church history from 70 AD to 1648 AD. We will examine the individuals and events that have shaped Christianity throughout history. We will be introduced to the antagonists who came against the church and instigated the need for a universal or “catholic” belief system. As this belief system emerged, councils were called and creeds were written. These creeds are still widely proclaimed in our churches today. You will be able to trace how Christian doctrines were created and modified over time.

#### *LEARNING OUTCOMES*

Upon completion of this course, you will be able to:

- Compare and contrast Orthodox Christianity and Catholic Christianity;
- Define and describe important terms, doctrines and philosophers from 70 AD to 1648 AD;
- Explain the circumstances that led to major schisms in the church and their ensuing results;
- Describe the major councils that assembled and explain their purpose for meeting and their influence on doctrinal beliefs;
- Describe the contributions of the most influential leaders, such as Martin Luther and John Calvin;
- Describe the preservation of God's divine, infallible Word and its accessibility to all;
- Quote five Bible verses from memory: John 1:1-5.

#### *REQUIRED READING*

- Study Guide: Church History: Catholic Christianity to the Reformation.
- Galli, Mark, Ted Olsen, eds. “John Calvin: Father of the Reformed Faith.” Christian History. Issue 12. 1986. *Christianitytoday.com*. Web.
- Galli, Mark, Ted Olsen, eds. “Martin Luther: Passionate Reformer.” Christian History. Issue 34. 1993. *Christianitytoday.com*. Web.
- Shelly, Bruce L. *Church History in Plain Language*. 4<sup>th</sup> ed. Nashville: Thomas Nelson, 2013. Print. (Chapters 3-31)

#### *ASSIGNMENTS AND GRADING*

- *Study Guide Answers* (worth 45 points / 45% of grade).

The Study Guide consists of six units. You will be required to answer questions based on the reading from each unit.

- *Assignment 1: Church History Essays* (worth 20 points / 20% of grade).  
You will write two 500-word essays on the impact Martin Luther (essay 1) and John Calvin (essay 2) have made on the church.
- *Assignment 2: Terms and People in Church History* (worth 10 points / 10% of grade).  
You will define or give an explanation of terms and the people who have shaped Christianity throughout history.
- *Assignment 3: Church History Timeline* (worth 15 points / 15% of grade). You will create a one-page timeline of major historical events and write a narrative that briefly describes each of these events. The timeline must be well designed – something that could be distributed as a handout.
- *Final Exam* (10 points / 10% of grade)  
The Final Exam will consist of 10 fill-in-the-blank questions, 10 definitions/descriptions of terms and people, and 5 memory verses (John 1:1-5). The purpose of the exam is to measure your knowledge of course concepts.

<b>Summary of Assignments and Grading</b>		
Study Guide Answers	45 points	45%
Church History Essays	20 points	20%
Terms and People in Church History	10 points	10%
Church History Timeline	15 points	15%
Final Exam	10 points	10%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100 points</b>	<b>100%</b>