



Syllabus

HIS 341: Church History 1648 AD to Present **Genesis Bible Institute**

COURSE DESCRIPTION

If you think history is boring, you are in for a shock. Church history from the Protestant Reformation to present is filled with crises, challenges, revival, the birth of modern missions, and global expansion through such movements as Pentecostalism.

This course surveys church history from 1648 to the present, exploring the individuals and events that helped shape the history of the Christianity. You will study contemporary developments related to the spread of the gospel as well as the explosion of Christianity in the southern hemisphere.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

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

- Define important terms, doctrines, and philosophies in the period between 1648 AD and the present;
- Describe the impact men like Jonathan Edwards and Billy Graham made on the history of Christianity;
- Explain key movements that shaped church history;
- Describe influential groups/denominations that emerged and the doctrines that spawned those divisions;
- Describe the key movements that advanced the Bible and its accessibility and movements that brought skepticism to God's Word;
- Quote two Bible verses from memory: 1 Peter 2:4-5.

REQUIRED READING

- Study Guide – An Unstoppable Church: Church History from the Protestant Reformation to the Present.
- Shelly, Bruce L. *Church History in Plain Language*. 4th ed. Nashville: Thomas Nelson, 2013. Print. (we will be reading chapters 32-48)
- Hamilton, Michael S. "How a Humble Evangelist Changed Christianity as We Know it." *Christianity Today: The Billy Graham Issue* (2018): 22-30. Print.
- Nichols, Stephen J. "Jonathan Edwards and the First Great Awakening." *Tabletalk* 42 (2018): 20-23. Print.

ASSIGNMENTS and GRADING

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

The Study Guide consists of six units. You will examine the development of the church from the 17th century to present and will be required to answer 5 multiple choice and 5 true/false questions for each unit. Each question is worth 0.25 points.

- *Assignment 1: 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.
- *Assignment 2: Biographical Essays* (worth 20 points / 20% of grade)
You will write two 500-word (minimum) essays focusing on the impact Jonathan Edwards (essay 1) and Billy Graham (essay 2) made on the history of Christianity.
- *Assignment 3: 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 the church from 1648 AD to the present.
- *Final Exam* (worth 10points / 10% of grade)
The Final Exam consists of 10 fill-in-the-blank questions, 10 short answer questions, and two Scripture memory verses: 1 Peter 2:4-5. The purpose of the exam is to measure your knowledge of course concepts.

Summary of Assignments and Grading		
Study Guide Answers	45 points	45%
Church History Timeline	15 points	15%
Biographical Essays	20 points	20%
Terms and People on Church History	10 points	10%
Final Exam	10 points	10%
Total	100 points	100%