

Summit Bible College Course Syllabus

Class: 302 Church History II

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Grading System:

35% Multiple Choice Online Exams—Go to www.summitbiblecollege.com/tests. Set a login, password, if you are new.

15% Reading Book – This is on your honor, answer this question on the final: How much of the book assignment did you read?

25% Attendance, Lectures and Participation – This is based on your notes, and class attendance.

25% Final Exam – See below

Pre Course Homework: Do all questions in chapters twenty-four through twenty-six (tests online).

Week One

Lecture: A Wild Boar in the Vineyard (Ch 24). Radical Discipleship (Ch 25). Thrust into the Game (Ch 26)

Class Discussion: What was Luther's greatest contribution to history?

Homework: Complete Week 1 Online test over Chapters 24-26. Read Chapters 27-29

Week Two

Lecture: The Curse upon the Crown (Ch 27). "Another Man" at Manresa (Ch 28). Opening the Rock (Ch 29)

Class Discussion: What was Columbus' opinion to the world on converting souls?

Homework: Complete Week 2 Online test over Chapters 27-29. Read Chapters 30 and 31

Week Three

Lecture: The Rule of the Saints (Ch 30). Unwilling to Die for an Old Idea (Ch 31)

Class Discussion: How did denominations come to be the primary expression of Christianity in modern times?

Homework: Complete Week 3 Online test over Chapters 30 and 31. Read Chapters 32-35.

Week Four

Lecture: Foundations (Ch 32). Heart and Reasons (Ch 33). A Brand Burning (Ch 34) A New Order of the Ages (Ch 35).

Class Discussion: How do Benjamin Franklin's ideas of reason still affect our country and our tolerance?

Homework: Complete Week 4 Online test over Chapters 32-35. Read Chapters 36-38.

Week Five

Lecture: The Restoration of Fortresses (Ch 36). A New Social Frontier (Ch 37). To Earth's Remotest People (Ch 38)

Class Discussion: Why did the Catholic Church resist change?

Homework: Complete Week 5 Online test over Chapters 36-38. Read Chapters 39-41.

Week Six

Lecture: The Destiny of a Nation (Ch 39). A Bridge for Intelligent Moderns (Ch 40). Nothing to Lose but Chains (Ch 41).

Class Discussion: What did Christians such as Finney, Weld and Beecher finally do for freedom for the slaves?

Homework: Complete Week 6 Online test over Chapters 39-41. Read Chapters 42-45.

Week Seven

Lecture: Graffiti on Wall of Shame (Ch 42). Immigrants in a Sick Society (Ch 43). New Creeds-Ch 44, Mercy (Ch 45).

Class Discussion: What is the World Council of Churches and what effect has it had on social issues?

Homework: Complete Week 7 Online test over Chapters 42-45. Read Chapters 46-48.

Week Eight

Lecture: Time for a Reverse Flow (Ch 46). Politics as Noble Calling (Ch 47) The Global Village (Ch 48).

Class Discussion: What are opportunities and Challenges of globalization?

Homework: Complete Week 8 Online test over Chapters 46-48 & **Complete Final - See below.**

Final

ABS 3-5 pages, BTh 5-7 pages, Grad 8-10 pgs, typed dbl spaced in Times 12 font. Borders at 1". Patrick Henry, "I know of no way of judging the future but by the past." As Christians, we know that prophesy is still to be fulfilled and that the life we now live will be subject to cataclysmic events that are to happen. Considering this, do the following assignment: Read the Epilogue and make a report on the current American Church and describe the world situation and how to today's church may be the last historical church. Indicate what trends you see happening based on what history has taught us. Relate how decisions and events shaped the church, at large, and what effects modern evangelicals have had on society due to the system now in use. In light of this, what is the most effective in winning souls?