A Survey of Church History: Lessons from Providence

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Instructor

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Required Text(s)

1. Chute, Anthony L., Nathan A. Finn, and Michael A. G. Haykin. *The Baptist Story: From English Sect to Global Movement.* Nashville: B&H Academic, 2015. ISBN: 978-1433673757

Course Description

Traces the history of the present Baptist movement back to 17th century England. Examines the three primary theories of Baptist history and traces the spread of Baptist teaching throughout England, North America and the world. This course will also briefly survey church history, in which the Baptist story occurs.

Learning Objectives

By the end of this course, you should be able to:

- 1. Outline church history and identify major movements and events in the history of the church.
- 2. Identify the ecclesiastical doctrines that distinguish Baptists from other denominations.
- 3. Explain the origins of the modern Baptist denomination.
- 4. Identify key people, trends, and events in Baptist history.
- 5. Explain the development of Baptist Fundamentalism and its relationship to broader evangelicalism.

Course Activities

Reading and Discussion Questions

Read the textbook in its entirety. At the end of each chapter are discussion questions. Write out answers to each of the following questions of at least 100 words:

Ch. 1 (pp. 36-37): 5, 6, 10

Ch. 2 (pp. 59-60): 3, 5, 6

Ch. 3 (pp. 84-85): 6, 8

Ch. 4 (pp. 111-112): 1, 7, 10

Ch. 5 (p. 139): 1, 2

Ch. 6 (p. 162): 3, 5, 7

Ch. 7 (pp 185-186): 1, 3

Ch. 8 (pp. 209-210): 1, 6, 9

Ch. 9 (p. 237): 4, 8

Ch. 10 (pp. 265-266): 1, 3, 5

Ch. 11 (pp. 292-293): 1, 8, 9

Ch. 12 (pp. 320-321): 5

Ch. 13 (p. 346): 1, 5, 6, 7

Tests

After the conclusion of the class, there will be a final exam over the class notes. A study guide will be provided.

Project

Write an 1800-word paper on one of the following individuals: William Kiffin, Roger Williams, Andrew Fuller, John Leland, William Carey, William Bell Riley, Thomas Todhunter Shields. Summarize his life and contributions to Baptist history. Use paper form requirements of Foundation Baptist College.

Course Policies

- 1. Because of the rapid pace of the course, you must be present for every discussion unless you have prior approval from Pastor Talbert.
- 2. The textbook reading, discussion questions, and paper are due 4 weeks after the conclusion of the module (November 18, 2017).
- 3. The final exam is due one week after the module (October 28, 2017).
- 4. Make arrangements with Pastor Talbert to take the final and submit the other assignments.

Grading

Point Values

| Item | Quantity | Points | Total |
|----------------------|----------|--------|-------|
| Textbook Reading | 1 | 25 | 25 |
| Discussion Questions | 34 | 75 | 75 |
| Exam | 1 | 100 | 100 |
| Paper | 1 | 100 | 100 |
| Total | | | 300 |

Scale

- A 90-100 %
- B 80-89 %
- C 70-79 %
- D 60-69 %
- F 0-59 %