



BMA SEMINARY

BAPTIST MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

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HISTORY OF CHRISTIANITY CH 412c DISTANCE LEARNING COURSE

Description

This course is designed to enlighten the student in The development of Christianity as it is traced from inception in the first century through twentieth-century Christianity.

Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course you should be able to:

1. Demonstrate knowledge of the historical background of Christianity.
2. Identify basic events, movements, and leaders throughout church history.
3. Demonstrate understanding of how history is important to the present.

Text

Houghton, S. M. *Sketches from Church History*. Carlisle, Pennsylvania: The Banner of Truth Trust, 1980.
Purchase from [Virtual Bookstore](#), [Amazon.com](#), or [Christianbook.com](#) (click to order)

Course Requirements

1. **Read assigned text** for each lesson
2. **Complete each lesson** Each lesson consists of a reading assignment and a worksheet to complete. Do the reading assignment first, read through the questions of the worksheet, then go back through the textbook answering all questions correctly. Follow this procedure or the study method which benefits you most. (Please send these in for grading no more than four at a time).
3. **Complete and pass the final exam** To be done from memory, and test must be administered to you by a family member or work associate. The final exam is not "open book.". All other assignments must be turned in before taking the final exam. The final exam will be comprehensive. All questions will be taken from lesson worksheets.
4. **Read from the Bible** the Acts of the Apostles, Romans, I & II Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, I & II Thessalonians, I & II Timothy, Titus, Philemon. (May listen on tape)
5. **Essay** Referencing at least two other history books, history-related websites, or magazines, write a 2-5 page essay explaining how the study of history is relevant to Christians living in the twenty-first century. Has the study of church history been beneficial to you?

Course Structure:

The course consists of 50 lessons, one essay, and one final exam. Each lesson will be worth 10 points, the essay 100 points, and the final exam will be worth 100 points.

- 91% or 637 points will be required for the grade of A
- 81% or 567 points will be required for the grade of B
- 71% or 497 points will be required for the grade of C
- 61% or 427 points will be required for the grade of D
- less than 427 points will result in the grade of F

Recommended Reading

Baker, Robert A. Revised by John M. Lenders, [A Summary of Christian History](#). Nashville: Broadman & Holman, 1994.

Bradley, James E. and Richard A. Muller, [Church History](#). Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans, 1995.

Cairns, Earle E. [Christianity Through the Centuries](#). Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1981.

Duggar, John W. [The Baptist Missionary Association of America 1950-1986](#). Texarkana, TX: Baptist Publishing House. 1988.

Jackson, D. N. [Baptist Doctrines and History](#). Rev. ed. Texarkana, TX: Baptist Publishing House, 1986. **ONLINE!**

Orchard, G. H. [A Concise History of Baptists](#). Lexington, Kentucky: Ashland Ave. Baptist Church, 1956.

Thompson, E. Wayne and David L. Cummins. [This Day in Baptist History](#). Greenville, SC: Bob Jones University Press. 1993.

Website

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