



Sovereign Grace Academy

TERM: Spring 2019 (April 4 - May 30)

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LOCATION: SGFC Lecture Hall

CLASS TIME: Thursday 6:30pm - 8:00pm

COURSE TITLE: **MPS420 SURVEY OF CHURCH HISTORY**

I. COURSE OVERVIEW

This survey will examine the major events of the past two thousand years as they relate to the establishment and spread of the Christian church. It will cover major controversies, important leaders, and pivotal events which have helped bring us to where we are today.

II. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

- To cultivate an appreciation for the importance of knowing our Christian history and heritage.
- To learn about many of the major theological and doctrinal controversies which have divided believers.
- To be introduced to figures who were influential at specific times and in notable circumstances.
- To recognize the reason for the fragmentation which exists within Christianity today.

III. REQUIRED TEXTS

- The Holy Bible: The Book of Acts (Translation: Student's Choice)
- Church History 101: The Highlights of Twenty Centuries (Sinclair Ferguson, Joel Beeke, and Michael Haykin)

IV. ADDITIONAL READING

- Church History in Plain Language (Bruce L. Shelley)

V. COURSE REQUIREMENTS

- Class Attendance (10%)

Class attendance is required and will be checked at each session. A student who misses more than 25% of the class meetings will forfeit credit for the class and receive a failing grade. Students are expected to be in class on time.

- Reading Assignments (10%)

The reading of the required text is a very important component of this course. Students must complete reading the *Book of Acts* and *Church History 101*. Additional readings from *Church History in Plain Language* will also be suggested throughout the course.

- Notebook Assignment (10%)

Keep a notebook devoted specifically to A Survey of Church History. The notebook should contain all course handouts along with all of the notes and assignments that you do for this course. Organization of materials is important to make them accessible for future use.

- Academic Character (10%)

Cheating in any form compromises your grade and may jeopardize your continuation in this program. Using someone's work without proper citation or handing in another's work as your own is considered plagiarism. This includes materials taken from books or the internet.

- Exams (20%)

There will be one mid-term exam and one final exam.

The mid-term will cover the first millennium of church history.

The final will cover the second millennium of church history.

- Research Project (40%)

The research paper must be double spaced and at least 7-9 pages. The paper must include:

A title page which will include the course title and number along with the student name and professor name.

A properly cited bibliography page (Student may choose APA or MLA formatting).

Title page and Bibliography are not included in the page count.

VI. GRADING SCALE

A (100-90) B (89-80) C (79-70) D (69-60) F (59 or below)

VIII.COURSE SCHEDULE

DATE	SESSION	CONTENT TO BE COVERED	ASSIGNMENT DUE
04/04/2019	Lecture 1	First to Third Century <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Apostolic Church - Early Persecution - Heretical Movements 	Read the Book of Acts Read p. 1-14 in Church History 101
04/11/2019	Lecture 2	Fourth to Sixth Century <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ecumenical Councils - Notable Figures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Athanasius - Augustine 	Read p. 15-29 in Church History 101
04/18/2019	NO CLASS - HOLY WEEK		
04/25/2019	Lecture 3	Seventh to Ninth Century <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rise of Papacy - Intro of Islam - Iconoclast Controversy 	Read p. 30-44 in Church History 101
05/02/2019	Lecture 4	Tenth to Twelfth Century <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dark Ages - Great Schism - The Crusades 	Read p. 45-59 in Church History 101 MID-TERM (In-Class)
05/09/2019	Lecture 5	Thirteenth to Fifteenth Century <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Babylonian Captivity of the Church - The Renaissance - Notable Figures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Thomas Aquinas - John Wycliffe - Jon Huss 	Read p. 60-74 in Church History 101
05/16/2019	Lecture 6	Sixteenth to Eighteenth Century <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Protestant Reformation - Counter Reformation - Notable Figures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Martin Luther - The Swiss Reformers - The Anabaptists 	Read p. 75-89 in Church History 101
05/23/2019	Lecture 7	Nineteenth to Twentieth Century <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Denominationalism - Rise of Charismatic Movement 	Read p. 90-End in Church History 101
05/30/2019	Lecture 8	Modern Era <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Negative Trends <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Issues with the "American" Gospel - Positive trends 	Notebook Check FINAL EXAM (In-Class)

Once the final class is completed, student will have four weeks to return the completed research project which will then be graded. If all materials combine for a passing score, a certificate of completion will be awarded.

