**Church History Syllabus**

**Course Objective:** By the end of this course the student will be able to understand and articulate the major events , movements and theological debates in Church History with special reference to three major epochs: a) the Early Church (prior to Nicaea b) the Protestant Reformation and c) the rise of the modern missionary movements and of global Christianity. The student will also gain knowledge of the origins of the major denominations including the Calvary Chapel movement.

**Recommended Textbooks:** Kenneth Scott Latourette: A History Of Christianity, Prince Press

**Website for downloads:** <http://www.globalchristians.org/history/>

**Topics**

1. Introduction: What Is the Church? Where The Denominations Came From.

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1. The First Century Church , Emergence from Judaism, Tensions With Rome
2. Creeds, Councils and Controversies (110-325 AD) Part 1
3. Creeds, Councils and Controversies (110-325 AD) Part 2
4. How The Bible Was Put Together (The Canon Of Scripture)
5. Constantine, Christo-Paganism, The Middle Ages, The Dominance of Tradition
6. From The Dark Ages To The Renaissance : The Rise Of The Papacy, The Crusades, The East-West Split, The Mongol Invasion, The Printing Press, The First Bible Translations
7. The Protestant Reformation (1517-1630)
8. The Main Doctrines Of The Protestant Reformation: Salvation by grace alone, through faith alone, based on the Scriptures alone, by Christ alone, for the glory of God alone.
9. Areas of Continued Controversy: The Papacy, The Catholic Bible, Praying to Mary, Praying To The Saints, Purgatory, Limbo, The Mass, Saying Masses For The Dead, Veneration of Statues
10. The Personal Experience of God: Anabaptists, Baptists, Moravians, Methodists (1600-1750)
11. Revivals & Missionary Movements – The Expansion of The Gospel (1750-1914)
12. The Battle For The Bible: Rise of Liberalism, Post-Modernism and The Emergent Church and The Evangelical Response (1850 until today)
13. The Rise of The Charismatic & Pentecostal Movements, History of Calvary Chapel Movement (1900 to present)
14. Global Christianity (1945 – present) the rise of national churches and of national missionary movements, the final challenge of the 10/40 Window.

**Assessment:** There will be two assignments , **both will be** **due in the final week of class**.

**Assignment 1:** A paper on a topic of your choosing relevant to some aspect of the ***Protestant Reformation***  (1000 words) 45%.

**Assignment 2:** A paper on a topic of your choosing on any aspect of Church History that was covered in this course (1000 words) 45%. **Attendance & Cooperation:** 10%