

Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary

Mill Valley, CA

CLL 1113 Christian (Baptist) History: *Survey of Church History* (Korean)

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I. Course Description:

Survey of Church History is a basic introduction to the history of the Christian church from its founding to the present day. This course is designed to provide students with a working knowledge of the major themes, issues, and personalities of church history; to help them make use of the rich resources of church history in their practice of ministry; and to encourage them to seek for spiritual renewal in their own lives, in the church, and in society.

II. Course Objectives:

The purpose of this course is to inform the student of the history of the Christian Church, with special attention:

1. To introduce students to the major events that shaped church history.
2. To expose students to the various Christian traditions and denominations that have developed over time and highlight their differences and similarities.
3. To show students how the central doctrines of the church, as well as its most important document, the Bible, came to be and were subsequently interpreted and applied in various ways in various times, places, and traditions.
4. To help students develop a sense of the strengths and weaknesses of the church as it exists today.

III. Textbooks:

Required

Gonzalez, Justo L. *Church History: An Essential Guide*. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1996. (Korean)

Helpful

Gonzalez, Justo L. *The Story of Christianity*, 2 vols. San Francisco: HarperCollins, 1984.

Gonzalez, Justo L. *A History of Christian Thought*, 3 vols., revised edition. Nashville:

Abingdon, 1987.

Shelley, Bruce L. *Church History in Plain Language*, 2nd ed. Dallas: Word Publishing, 1996.

Walker, Williston, with Richard Norris, David Lots, and Robert T. Handy. *A History of the Christian Church*, 4th ed. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 1985.

IV. Course Requirements:

Students who are taking the course for credit will be asked to listen to all the lecture material, take an examination (a final), and complete the reading for the course.

1. Attendance and participation in class lectures (40 %).
2. A reflection paper to the readings (Due: Dec. 13) (30 %).
3. Final Exam (Dec. 20) (30 %)

V. Schedule:

Sep. 6	Introduction
Sep. 13	Overview: Biblical History and Beyond (<i>Gonzalez</i> 7-22)
Sep. 20	The Ancient Church (<i>Gonzalez</i> Chap.1: 23-31)
Sep. 27	The Christian Empire (<i>Gonzalez</i> Chap.2: 33-40)
Oct. 4	The Early Middle Ages (<i>Gonzalez</i> Chap.3: 41-49)
Oct. 11	The High Point of Middle Ages (<i>Gonzalez</i> Chap.4: 51-58)
Oct. 18	The Late Middle Ages (<i>Gonzalez</i> Chap.5: 59-66)
Oct. 25	The Reformation (<i>Gonzalez</i> Chap.6: 67-76)
Nov. 1	The 17th & 18th Centuries (<i>Gonzalez</i> Chap.7: 77-82)
Nov. 8	The 19th Century (<i>Gonzalez</i> Chap.8: 83-88)
Nov. 15	The 20th Century (<i>Gonzalez</i> Chap.9: 89-95)
Nov. 22	<i>Thanksgiving Break</i>
Nov. 29	Baptist History (1): Beginning of the Baptist Church
Dec. 6	Baptist History (2): Expansion of the Baptist Church
Dec. 13	The End of Modernity
Dec. 20	Reviews & Final Exam