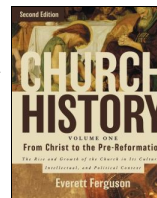


## CHS 380 Church History I

**Purpose:** The purpose of this course is to help students develop an understanding of the history of the Christian Church from the time of its inception until the time of the reformation.

**Recommended Textbook:** The recommended textbook for this course is *Church History, Volume One: From Christ to the Pre-Reformation*. The author is Everett Ferguson. Hardcover, 544 pages. ©2013, Zondervan. ISBN-13: 9780310516569.



**Learning Outcomes:** By the end of this study, students should be able to:

1. Discuss the connection between the Jewish and Christian faith in terms of the early development of the church and its theology.
2. Discuss the relationship of the early Church to the Roman Government and the impact of persecution on the church.
3. Identify major figures in the various periods prior to the Reformation and their contributions to the Community of Faith.
4. Discuss major controversies and crisis during the history of the Church in the period prior to the Reformation and how their resolution influenced the future direction of the Church.
5. Discuss the Church in the Middle Ages and how events during that period helped spawn the Reformation.

**Structure:** This course is divided into three sections, each with several Areas of Study.

### CHS 380.1 The Early Church

First Area of Study: The Setting for the Story's Beginning

Second Area of Study: Jesus and the Beginnings of the Church

Third Area of Study: The Sub-apostolic Age

Fourth Area of Study: The Church and the Empire

Fifth Area of Study: Heresies and Schisms in the Second Century

Sixth Area of Study: The Defense against Rival Interpretations

Seventh Area of Study: The Fathers of the Old Catholic Church and Their Problems

### CHS 380.2 The Church: Second Century to Chalcedon

First Area of Study: Church Life in the Second and Third Centuries

Second Area of Study: Development of the Church during the Third Century

Third Area of Study: Diocletian and Constantine: Threshold of the Fourth Century

Fourth Area of Study: Fourth Century Church: Doctrine, Organization, and Literature

Fifth Area of Study: Monasticism, Expansion, Life, and Worship

Sixth Area of Study: Christological Controversies to Chalcedon (451)

Seventh Area of Study: Augustine, Pelagius, and Semipelagianism

### CHS 380.3 The Christian in the Middle Ages

First Area of Study: Transitions to the Middle Ages

Second Area of Study: Eastern and Western Churches in the Fifth and Sixth Centuries

Third Area of Study: The Eastern Churches from the Seventh to Eleventh Centuries

Fourth Area of Study: The Western Church from the Seventh to Ninth Centuries

Fifth Area of Study: Decline and Renewal of Vitality in the West

Sixth Area of Study: The Papal Reform Movement and the First Crusade

Seventh Area of Study: Intellectual Revival: The Rise of Scholasticism

Eighth Area of Study: Monastic, Literary, and Political Activities - Twelfth Century

Ninth Area of Study: The Western Medieval Church: The Thirteenth Century

Tenth Area of Study: Portents of Decline

**Academic Credit:** Academic credit is earned for this course by passing the Church History I Examination. The exam has three parts which correspond to the sections listed above.