CH8012W Christianity through the Centuries: From the Reformation to Modern Times

Offered: 2017: Semester 2 (Also available online – see CH8712W)

This unit introduces students to selected key themes and personalities in the development of Western Christianity from the early 16th Century until the present day. Topics will include 16th Century Reformation movements, 17th Century Puritanism and Pietism, 18th movements of evangelical revival, the impact of Enlightenment and Revolution upon the Church, the rise of the modern missionary movement and some 20th century challenges.

Upon successful completion of this unit, it is expected that students will be able to:

1. Outline some key aspects of the Christian story in the west from the Sixteenth Century to the present day.
2. Identify some of the social, political and cultural factors influencing the development of Christianity.
3. Demonstrate basic skills in interpreting selected historical documents.
4. Describe the contribution of the study of church history to the development of Christian identity.
5. Critically evaluate the impact of selected historical movements and personalities upon the Church.

Prerequisites: Nil

Class Time: Three hours per week

Assessment:
- One document study (1,000 words) (20%)
- One tutorial paper (1,500 words) (20%)
- One 2,500 word essay (40%)
- Five posts in online forum (5 x 200 words) (20%)

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Recommended Reading:
* = set texts recommended for purchase

Blainey, Geoffrey, A Short History of Christianity. Camberwell, Vic.: Viking, 2011
*Noll, Mark A. The New Shape of World Christianity. Downers Grove, Illinois: IVP Academic, 2009