

# History of Christianity, Part I

September — November 2017  
 Northview Community Church  
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## Introduction

This class is designed to lead participants through the formation of the early church to the present day (over 2,000 years). Paying attention to church history helps us to understand how God has been moving throughout history in the world. As well, we can see the progression of how the Church has changed and developed in both polity and theology. The ultimate goal is to appreciate the breadth of the Church and our place in it.

## Course

This class will run on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 — 8:30 pm. We will have a lecture from 7 - 8 pm followed by a discussion based on the chapter of Augustines' *Confessions*. Students should purchase a copy of this book, preferably in the Penguin Classics Edition.

DATES	TOPICS	CONFESSIONS
<b>EARLY CHURCH</b>		
September 6, 2017	Fullness of time; Church in Jerusalem; Mission to the Gentiles; Conflict with the State	Book I
September 13, 2017	Persecution in 2nd century; Defence of the Faith; Deposit of the Faith	Book II
September 20, 2017	Teachers of the Church; Persecution in 3rd century; Christian Life; Great persecution and final victory	Book III
<b>IMPERIAL CHURCH</b>		
September 27, 2017	Constantine; Official Theology; Monastic Reaction; Schismatic Reaction	Book IV
October 4, 2017	Arian controversy & council of Nicea; Pagan reaction; Athanasius of Alexandria	Book V
October 11, 2017	Great Cappadocians; Ambrose of Milan; John Chrysostom; Jerome; Augustine of Hippo	Book VI
<b>MEDIEVAL CHRISTIANITY</b>		
October 18, 2017	Beyond the borders of the Empire; End of an Era; New order	Book VII
October 25, 2017	Eastern Christianity; Imperial restoration and continuing decay; Movements of renewal	Book VIII
November 1, 2017	Offensive against Islam ; Golden age of Medieval Christianity	Book IX
November 8, 2017	Collapse; Quest of Reformation; Renaissance and Humanism	Book X
<b>BEGINNINGS OF COLONIAL CHRISTIANITY</b>		
November 15, 2017	Spain and the New World; Portuguese Enterprise; New world and the Old	Book XI
<b>THE REFORMATION</b>		
November 22, 2017	Call for Reformation; Martin Luther; Uncertain decade; Luther's Theology	Book XII
November 29, 2017	Ulrich Zwingli & Swiss Reformation; Radical Reformation; John Calvin; Reformation in Great Britain	Book XIII