

Dayspring Bible College & Seminary

**Church History I BI110
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I. Course Description

Church History I is a comprehensive study of the Church, the Body and Bride of Christ, from its origin at Pentecost up through the modern age. It is not a standard look at the history of the “church” so called, as many church history courses tend to. Rather it is a study of those who have held to what is commonly called the “Baptist Distinctives”. Dr. Stringer does a masterful job of examining what doctrine the early Church held to, and tracing through history the churches that have continued to hold that doctrine.

II. Course Objectives

As a result of taking this class, the student should be able to:

- A. State the “Baptist Distinctives” and give a reasoned defense from Scripture
- B. Know the difference between the true Church of Jesus Christ, and what is commonly referred to as “the church”
- C. Appreciate the sacrifices made throughout the centuries to keep the Church pure

III. Course Requirements

A. Required Reading:

Church History I Study Pack

B. Recommended Reading:

History of the Donatists, David Benedict

History of the Baptists, John T. Christian

The Faithful Baptist Witness, Dr. Phil Stringer

Short History of the Baptists, H.C. Vedder

History of the Ancient Vallenses and Albigenses, Stanley Faber

The Waldenses Were Independent Baptists, Thomas Williamson

The Bible Makes Us Baptist, Mary E. Bamford

C. Class work:

Listen to the lectures, working through the Study Pack

D. Bible Study Projects:

E. Bible Memorization:

Scripture passages that must be memorized will be listed at the beginning of each study pack.

IV. Tests & Grading

Tests are graded on a percentage basis. A score of 80% or greater is required to pass. Scores lower than 80% will require that the student listen to the lectures pertaining to the lesson not passed. The tests and lessons correspond as follows:

- Lesson 1 – Test 1
- Lesson 2 – Test 2
- Lesson 3 – Test 3
- Lesson 4 – Test 4
- Lesson 5 – Test 5
- Lesson 6 – Test 6
- Lesson 7 – Test 7
- Lesson 8 – Test 8
- Lesson 9 – Test 9
- Lesson 10 – Test 10
- Lesson 11 – Test 11
- Lesson 12 – Test 12

Note of Encouragement:

This course will challenge you as you learn of Christians who, throughout history, have literally given all to maintain the purity of the Church. You will begin to see that in this day there is no excuse for compromising the doctrines and standards of Scripture.