I.3 This Syllabus (1990)

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This syllabus is built on a pattern that tries to make it easier for the student to know where we are and what we are doing ... although I suspect all such attempts are doomed to failure!

The ROMAN NUMERALS indicate the major headings of which there are seven:

- I. Introduction to the Study
- II. Early Church: Apostolic Period III. Early Church: Pre-Nicene Period
- IV. Early Church: Imperial Period
- V. Medieval Church: Early Period
- Medieval Church: Scholastic Period VI.
- VII. Medieval Church: Pre-reformation Period

These numerals occur in the column on the left of the page.

The ARABIC NUMBERS indicate major sub-divisions which are the same in each period save the first period that is just introductory. The subdivisions are these:

- 1. background materials (historical)
- 2. church life
- 3. church leaders
- 4. church growth
- 5. summary

The ROMAN LETTERS indicate further dividing of this material but not in an even way. The arrangement will simply go:

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etc. and no further enumeration or breakdown will be given. The standard marginal reference, then, will look something like this...I.l.a and a heading listed for it.

In this syllabus are several charts, maps, diagrams and other things which, for reasons unknown, I suppose, I have thought to be important. These are printed on colored paper and "interrupt" the text of the syllabus although the pagination continues uniform including them as regular pages. You will see an example on pages 5-6. The student should observe and study this material as well as other items in the syllabus...it is all important!