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I. INTRODUCTION TO THE COURSE AT LARGE

A. **Formal Academic Syllabus**

1. Course Description

This course examines the history of the Christian Church as well as that of Christian thought from the Apostolic Age to the Reformation. Attention will be given to the spread of Christianity; the interactions of the earch church with Judaism and the Roman Empire; the development of theology and doctrine; the growth of the Roman Church; the ecumenical councils; the relationship between the Eastern and Western Churches; the Mediaeval Church; scholasticism; and the Renaissance. (Wow)

2. Course Objectives

- a. To introduce the student to the discipline of history and the assumptions which have shaped the study and writing of history and to provide an evaluation of these from Christian perspective.
- b. To acquaint the student with the most significant and influential events, persons, and ideas in the history of the Christian Church and in the development of Christian thought.
- c. To observe the relationship and interaction between the life and thought of the church and the various social and cultural contexts within which it has ministered and functioned.
- d. To familiarize the student with the basic bibliographical materials for study in church history and historical theology and to expose the student to some of the most significant primary literature.
- e. To expose the student to the broad spectrum and rich diversity of the Christian tradition and to develop in the student an understanding and appreciation of this diversity within the context of evangelical protestantism.