

## VI. The Twentieth Century

THE CHURCH IN THE TWENTIETH CENTURY

Parenthetical note on course parameters and the curriculum at Biblical Seminary.

The church history courses at Biblical divide the history of the church into three units. Church History I is essentially pre-reformation while Church history II is basically post-reformation and the modern European period. Church History III is American Church History and the ecumenical developments of more recent years. It makes this present period a bit hard to see in a logical way but that is how we do it. So the thrust in this section of notes is on the twentieth century--largely European--churches.

The Missions course picks up the trail of missions for this period and offers some historic background materials as well.

Various electives in Christian Education, etc. deal with matters of relevance in Christian schools, etc., and provide historical information for these aspects. We do not have adequate courses at the present for Latin American, Asian church history, etc., and these are merely touched on in the reading of the texts used in the various courses. This part of the subject is becoming increasingly more important and will likely be fleshed out at some future juncture...probably on the elective route.

Many of the overall concepts of history apply to all the continent bodies so our study in this part of the notes is not strictly confined but is generally limited as noted. And if you don't understand how this goes...the writer of the syllabus will accept the blame.

In the mentioning of theologies that come in this age we also depend on the formal theological studies in the Seminary for more information. We mention some of them as matter of fact accomplishments and the ramifications for the church and the study of the Bible are left for other courses. So with this in mind we proceed to the church in the twentieth century.