

Restoration History Pre-Creation to Now



Faculty Contact

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Please contact me if you have comments, suggestions, questions or you would like to talk about this course or your overall learning and ministry goals.

Course Description

A study of God's work of redemption, reconciliation, restoration and renewal of the world to Himself from Creation through the history of Israel to His ultimate redemption, restoration and reconciliation through Jesus Christ and His church from the New Testament era to the present day.

The course examines the Scriptural foundations of redemption, reconciliation, restoration and renewal of people to God and the Biblical insights, people and the historical events that lead to the birth, growth and restoration of New Testament churches in Europe, North America and globally.

Course Objectives

Bible

1. Review Scripture's teachings and principles of God's redemption, reconciliation and restoration of people to Himself from Creation, through the history of Israel and the New Testament church (the restoration of who to Whom vs. what!).
2. Review the broad context of the history of Israel and the church in general and doctrinal and practical departures that made restoration critically essential in every generation.
3. Develop awareness of the very important contributions restoration churches make to a Biblical understanding of salvation, worship, church leadership, autonomy under Christ's headship, leadership and service that is in harmony with God's Word and that are pleasing to Him.
4. To critically understand our faith in light of Scripture and the obedient responses God requires of us.

Bible & Ministry

5. To survey restoration church history with introductions to its leading people, events and writings that reflect the desire to worship and live by the clear teachings of Scripture.
6. To learn from the mistakes of the past to avoid them in our faith, worship and service in the present.
7. To be inspired and equipped to serve with God in His mission to restore and reconcile people to Himself eternally.

Worldview

8. Enhance our Biblical worldviews by articulating how God's Word answers these twelve questions:
 1. Who is God?
 2. What is the nature of external reality, the world around us? (i.e. real or an illusion)
 3. What is a human being?
 4. Where do we come from?
 5. What happens to a person at death?
 6. Why is it possible to know anything at all?
 7. How do we know what is right and wrong?
 8. What is the meaning of human history?
 9. How do we perceive time? (i.e. linear, circular cycles, etc.)
 10. Is the worldview/culture open or closed?
 11. Is the centre of this worldview/culture its groups or individuals?
 12. Where are we going, how does the world end?
9. Articulate ways that we by our thoughts, actions and words can graciously communicate God's worldview to others and fulfil His purpose for the Gospel of Luke.

Readings

Primary Sources

Genesis 1 to Revelation 11

Readings

Given the length and breadth and regional nature of restoration history the required readings for this course are listed in a separate file 02) in your folder of online class resources in lieu of a single textbook.

Bibliography

The bibliography is also contained in a separate folder 03) in your online folder.

Credit Student Assignments Summary

2 Hour Credit Course

Biography Presentation	55%
Quizzes 1-3*	45% (3 x 15%)
*Based on readings, class instruction, discussions and notes.	

3 Hour Credit Course

Biography Presentation	25%
Historical Event(s) Presentation	25%

Quizzes 1-4*

50% (4 x 12.5%)

Additional class material to review

*Based on readings, class instruction, discussions and notes.

Biography Presentation

1. Presentation about **one person** who made important contributions to the restoration of people to God in New Testament churches in the 18th, 19th or 20th centuries.
2. Twenty-five to thirty-five high quality slides with text, pictures, maps, charts, etc., including bibliography and picture credits. Suitable for viewing in church Bible classes and one-on-one discussions. Format may be PowerPoint, Apple Keynote, LibreOffice (<http://www.libreoffice.org/download/libreoffice-fresh/>), Prezi or a Word to pdf document in landscape orientation.
3. In your presentation conclusion discuss how the work of this person can potentially help us stay faithful to God in our worship and service with Him.

Historical Event(s) Presentation

1. Presentation about an **event or events** that made important contributions to the restoration of people to God in New Testament churches in the 17th, 18th, 19th or 20th centuries.
2. Twenty-five to thirty-five high quality slides with pictures, drawings, maps, text, etc., including bibliography and picture credits. Suitable for viewing in church Bible classes and one-on-one discussions. Format may be PowerPoint, Apple Keynote, LibreOffice (<http://www.libreoffice.org/download/libreoffice-fresh/>), Prezi or a Word to pdf document in landscape orientation and potentially avoid error along the way.
3. In your presentation conclusion discuss how the outcomes of these events can potentially help us stay faithful to God in our worship and service with Him and potentially avoid error along the way.

Quizzes

Based on readings, class instruction, discussions and notes.