



CH101 THE HISTORY OF CHRISTIANITY I: FROM JERUSALEM TO CHANG'AN (AD 1 – 1500)

Dr. Lai Pak Wah | 3CR

About the Course

History of Christianity I is the first of a two course survey (3 credits each) on the history of Christianity over the last 2,000 years.

The course aims to identify the significant historical movements in the first 1,500 years of church history and consider their influence and relevance for contemporary Christians, especially those living in Asia. We begin with the theological, historical and spiritual developments in, what John Calvin calls the 'Golden Age of the Church', that is, the age of the church fathers (2nd to 5th centuries).

Dates (2020)

Jul 17
Aug 7, 21
Sep 4, 18
Oct 16, 30

(7:15pm –
10:00pm
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Credits

3CR

Class Format

Blended Learning
(Zoom Lectures &
Tutorials)

Location

Zoom Classroom

Fees*

S\$450(Credit)
S\$240 (Audit)

* Students from Host Churches
are entitled to 20% off credit
courses only

About the Lecturer

Dr Lai Pak Wah is lecturer of Church History and Historical Theology at BGST. A graduate from BGST (Grad Dip CS) & Regent College, Vancouver (MCS, ThM), Pak Wah completed his PhD at Durham University, where he specialised in Christianity in Late Antiquity, that is, the history, theology and spirituality of the 2nd - 5th century church fathers (also known as Patristic Studies)

Pak Wah has publicised articles and chapters on John Chrysostom's preaching, soteriology and Trinitarian doctrine. He is also author of *The Dao of Healing: Christian Perspectives of Chinese Medicine*. Previously, Pak Wah was a full-time lecturer at the School of Business, Singapore Polytechnic, and engaged in investment promotion work with the Singapore Economic Development Board.



Academic Information

Course Texts: (1) Gonzalez, Justo L. The Story of Christianity: On Volume Edition. S.F.: Prince Press, 1994, 1999.

(2) Wilken, Robert. The Spirit of Early Christian Thought: Seeking the Face of God. New Haven: Yale University Press, 2003.

Assignments

Assignments: (1) Readings; (2) Online Questions and Forums; (3) Class Presentation; (4) Book Review (1,200 – 1,500 words); (5) Reflection Paper (1,000 words); (6) Essay (3,000 - 3,500 words)

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