

History 328
T. Davis

Course Requirements
Spring Semester, 1992

Texts: Paul Johnson. (1976). A History of Christianity.
New York: Macmillan Publishing Co.

Uta Ranke-Heineman. (1990). Eunuchs for the Kingdom of Heaven: Women, Sexuality and the Catholic Church.
New York: Bantam Doubleday Dell Publishing Group, Inc.

Henry Bettenson, ed. (1953). Documents of the Christian Church. London: Oxford University Press.

Class Attendance: Class attendance is required and will be considered in determining the final grade in the class. Two absences are allowed for illness, important family occasions and religious holidays.

Grading: There will be three take-home examinations, a book review and class discussion. Each of these is worth 20% of the final average.

Reading Assignment:

	<u>Johnson</u>	<u>UR-H</u>	<u>Bettenson</u>
January 16	Prologue	ch 1	I, Section I: I, a-c
23	pp. 3-63		I, Sect. III: c, d, j, l, m, n, o, u.
30	Part II	ch 5	I, Sect. VI: I, a-c, II, III, V.
February 6		ch 6	I, Sect. VII: III, IV, V.
13	Part 3	ch 7	II Sect. III: I (Rule of B)
20		ch 9	II Sect. II: I, III, IV, V.
27	Part 4	ch 15	
March 5		ch 16	II Sect. VIII: I: a, b, c, e
19	Part 5	ch 19	II Sect. XI: II a, h
26		ch 23	II Sect. IX: I, b.
April 2	Part 6		II Sect. XI: VIII, IX.
9		ch 25	
16	Part 7	ch 28	
23	Part 8	ch 29.	

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HISTORY 309: HISTORY OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The Christian Church occupies a place in Western society which is unique among the religions of the world. It is a dynamic participant in society and yet it often stands apart from and in contrast to that society. The ability and desire to relate to the other institutions of the society in that way is derived from the Church's early experience in the Roman Empire and with the German tribes. The theology of the Church was shaped against the background of a dichotomy between the body and spirit, the world and the Church, found in philosophy during the latter part of the Roman Empire. This influenced the Church's rejection of worldly values. During the Middle Ages the Church's attempts to become the world and on the other hand to be independent of the world were marked. The Reformations of the Sixteenth Century were in some ways attempts to re-emphasize the dichotomy between body and spirit.

The course methods will focus on lecture, discussion, a textbook and original readings in translation. Some of the Humanities Division's members have expressed interest in participating in teaching the course.