

The Early Church

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Semester Dates

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Meeting Times

Wednesdays, 6:00-6:50pm

Course Website

<https://alwaysrefining.com/the-early-church>

Course Overview

What happened after the close of the book of Acts? How did the church recognize the Canon of Scripture? Correct heresy? Defend the faith? Endure persecution?

Let's inform ourselves about what came before so that we might be able to determine what lies ahead.

Please stop by the course website for more information!

Suggested Texts

The Story of Christianity, Volume One - *Justo Gonzalez*

Documents of the Christian Church - *Henry Bettenson*

Why a course like this?

Theological education has been removed from the church. We are aiming to put it back. Most Christians will never set foot in a seminary class or theological course of any type. However helpful, what is taught in those courses is usually difficult and expensively out of reach.

Hopefully we can help change that.

This course is one of several that will be offered at no cost and with a sliding scale of difficulty.

- For those who desire to simply listen, they can attend the class or listen to the audio recordings which will be posted on the course website.
- For those wishing to go deeper in their studies the accompanying readings and textbooks will encourage such. That suggested homework will be assigned weekly.
- Finally, for those wishing to dig down deeply and take this as essentially a college level course, I am willing to suggest paper topics that will be aimed at helping you lay down what you've learned for your own future use.