



## Adult Education Fall 2015 – The Church and the World Part I: From the Apostolic Age to the Medieval Church

### Course Syllabus

#### PART I – THE APOSTOLIC AND ANTE-NICENE AGE

- Class 1** – 9/20      Course Introduction
- Class 2** – 9/27      The Apostolic Age and the Church Fathers

#### PART II – CHURCH AND STATE IN ROME

- Class 4** – 10/4      The Council of Nicaea
- Class 5** – 10/18      Christian Empire? Constantine and Theodosius

#### PART III - AUGUSTINE

- Class 6** – 10/25      The Fall of Rome and the *City of God*
- Class 7** – 11/1      Original Sin and the Pelagian Controversy
- Class 8** – 11/8      Ecclesiology: What is the Church? The Donatist Controversy

#### PART IV – THE MEDIEVAL CHURCH

- Class 9** – 11/15      Monastic Life
- Class 10** – 11/29      The Great Schism of 1054: Christianity Divided
- Class 11** – 12/6      Thomas Aquinas: The *Summa* and the High Middle Ages

#### Suggested Further Reading:

- Augustine, *Concerning the City of God Against the Pagans* tr. Henry Bettenson (London: Penguin Books, 2003).
- Charles Norris Cochrane, *Christianity and Classical Culture: A Study of Thought and Action from Augustus to Augustine* (Indianapolis: Liberty Fund, 2003).
- Robert Markus, *Saeculum: History and Society in the Theology of Saint Augustine* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1970).
- Mark A. Noll, *Turning Points: Decisive Moments in the History of Christianity* (Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2012).
- Philip Schaff, *History of the Christian Church* (8 vols.) (Hendrickson Publishers, Inc. 2006).