# Scottish Church History

# (ST80610)

20 Units 6 Study Credits

## DESCRIPTION

This course covers Scottish church history from the beginning, when the first Christians came to this nation, until the present day. The course is divided into sections: Early Christianity; the Medieval Period; the Reformation; the Covenanters; the Enlightenment Period; the Nineteenth Century Awakening; the Twentieth Century; and the Twenty-first Century.

**OBJECTIVES**

As a result of the student’s successful completion of this module, s/he will:

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| **Cognitive** *(Head)* | * Demonstrate a working knowledge of Scottish church history * Demonstrate an awareness and discerning understanding of key events in the history of the Scottish church * Demonstrate that they are able to critically analyse and evaluate historical events in the life of the Scottish church |
| **Behavioural** *(Hand)* | * Have an increased appreciation for the value and relevance of church history |
| **Affective** *(Heart)* | * Be able to correctly explain the importance of Scottish church history * Be able to apply lessons learned about church history in the life of the church and individual |

## TEXT BOOKS

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| **Required** | Cunningham, John, *The Church History of Scotland: From the Commencement of the Christian Era to the Present Time* (1882), Vol 1&2, Edinburgh: James Thin, 1882  M’Crie, T., *The Story of the Scottish Church*, Glasgow: Free Presbyterian Publications, 2004  Collins, G.N.M., *The Heritage of our Fathers*, The Knox Press, Edinburgh, 1974 |

**See over page for Schedule, Recommended Reading and Assignments**

**Schedule**

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| **Date** | **Subject** |  |
| 6 October | The Coming of the Cross; Monastic Missionaries |  |
| 13 October | Cultural Transformation; Corruption in the Church |  |
| 20 October | Wycliffe to Hamilton; John Knox |  |
| 27 October | The Covenanters |  |
| *3 November* | *No class* |  |
| 10 November | The Enlightenment |  |
| 17 November | Revivals |  |
| 24 November | Home and World Mission |  |
| 1 December | The War Years; Darwinism and Compromise |  |
| 8 December | The Charismatic Movement; The Great Awokening |  |

## Recommended Reading

**Early Church**

Gildas, The Ruin of Britain, translated by Hugh Williams, Llanerch Press, 2006

Adomnan of Iona, Life of St Columba, translated by Richard Sharpe, Penguin Classics, 1995

Bede, A History of the English Church and People, translated by Leo Sherley-Price, Penguin Classics, 1955, 1983

Bede, The Age of Bede, translated by J.F. Webb, Penguin Classics, 1965, 1983

Nennius, The History of the Britons, translated by Richard Rowley, Llanerch Press, 2004

Thomas, Charles, Christianity in Roman Britain to AD 500, B.T. Batsford Ltd., London, 1981

The Medieval Period

John of Fordun, Chronicle of the Scottish Nation, Vol 1&2, edited by W.F. Skene, Llanerch Publishers, 1993.

Lives of the Scottish Saints: The Lives of Saints Columba, Servanus, Margaret, and Magnus, translated by W.M. Metcalfe, Llanerch Enterprises, 1990.

**The Reformation**

Knox, John, The History of the Reformation of Religion within the Realm of Scotland, the Banner of Truth Trust, 1898, reprinted 2000.

Hay Fleming, D., The Scottish Reformation, Edinburgh: Scottish Reformation Society, 2011.

Carvalho, Joe, Patrick Hamilton: The Stephen of Scotland, Trendell Simpson, Dundee, 2009.

Renwick, A.M., The Story of the Scottish Reformation, IVP, London, 1960.

Marshall, Rosalind K., John Knox, Birlinn, Edinburgh, 2000.

Dawson, Jane, John Knox, Yale University Press, 2015.

The Scots Confession (1560) and Negative Confession (1581), with introduction by G.D. Henderson, Church of Scotland Committee on Publications, Edinburgh, Glasgow and Aberdeen, 1937.

**The Covenanters**

Watt, Hugh, Recalling the Scottish Covenants, with the reproduced National Covenant (1638), and Solemn League and Covenant (1643), Thomas Nelson and Sons Ltd, 1946.

Vos, Johannes G., The Scottish Covenanters, Blue Banner Productions, Edinburgh, 1940, 1998.

**The Enlightenment**

Herman, Arthur, The Scottish Enlightenment: The Scots’ Invention of the Modern World, Harper Perennial, 2001.

Buchan, James, Capital of the Mind: How Edinburgh Changed the World, John Murray, 2003.

**Nineteenth Century Awakening**

Roxborogh, John, Thomas Chalmers: Enthusiast for Mission: The Christian Good of Scotland and the Rise of the Missionary Movement, Paternoster Publishing, 1999.

Lennie, Tom, Scotland Ablaze: The Twenty-Year Fire of Revival that Swept Scotland 1858-79, Christian Focus Publications, 2018.

Lennie, Tom, Land of Many Revivals: Scotland’s Extraordinary Legacy of Christian Revivals over Four Centuries 1527-1857, Christian Focus Publications, 2015.

**Twenty-First Century**

McLaughlin, Rebecca, The Secular Creed: Engaging Five Contemporary Claims, The Gospel Coalition, 2021.

Murray, Douglas, The Madness of Crowds: Gender, Race and Identity, Bloomsbury Continuum, 2020.

Murray, Douglas, The War on the West: How to Prevail in the Age of Unreason, Harper-Collins Publishers, 2022.

**ASSIGNMENT**

Choose **ONE** of the following two options:

1. Choose one person from the Scottish Church History Course and write a 2,000 word assignment on the impact of their life and ministry on Scotland.
2. Choose one period from the Scottish Church History Course and write a 2,000 word assignment answering the following question: How did Christianity impact Scotland?