



A History of Christianity in America

Part II: From the American Revolution to 1900

Instructor: Dr. Jeffrey Breshears.

Times and Locations:

- Wednesdays, Aug. 25 - Nov. 17, 7 PM @ Mt. Bethel Community Center.
- Tuesdays, Aug. 31 - Nov. 16, 7 PM @ Perimeter Church (Midtown Auditorium).

Texts:

- Mark Noll, *A History of Christianity in the United States and Canada* (Eerdmans, 1992).

Course Fee: \$60 or \$100 per couple.

Overview

“A History of Christianity in America, Part II” is the middle segment of a three-part study that highlights the major people, issues and events related to American Christianity from colonial times to the present. In addition to being an in-depth survey of Christianity in America, this series also focuses on the ongoing controversies over the proper relationship between church and state, and the challenges and opportunities of living in a society that is increasingly pluralistic, secularistic, and hostile toward Christian beliefs and values.

Part II is an interactive study based on directed readings and focused discussions centered around the following topics:

- Philosophical foundations of the American Revolution.
- Was the American Revolution justifiable?
- The U.S. Constitution and “separation of church and state.”
- Was America founded as a Christian nation?
- Christianity and the Founding Fathers.
- Slavery, the abolitionist movement, and African-American Christianity.
- Christian involvement in the social reform movements of the 19th century.
- The development of America’s major Christian denominations in the 19th century.
- The Second Great Awakening.
- Catholic immigration in the 19th century.
- Christianity and the American Civil War.
- Archibald Alexander, Charles Hodge, B.B. Warfield, A.A. Hodge and the Princeton School of Theology.
- Darwinism and Christianity in the late 1800s.
- The Social Gospel movement in the late 1800s.
- Etcetera.

Note on the Instructor:

Dr. Jeffrey Breshears is a historian, a former university professor, and the founder and president of The Areopagus, a Christian study center and education ministry in the Atlanta area. As a history professor, Dr. Breshears has taught specialized courses in Christian history, U. S. history, and Christian apologetics.