

Early Church History (30-451 AD) (CH005-512)

Australian College of Theology name: *The Emergence of Christianity (30-451)*

Unit Description

Do you want to know what Cyprian, Origen, Tertullian and Augustine got up to in the early years? Gain an awareness of the key theological debates in the early church. Learn lessons from early church history which can be applied to ministry today.

Exclusions

Prior to 2020, this unit content was delivered under the unit code CH205.

Learning Outcomes

On completion of this unit, you will:

A. **Know and understand:**

Demonstrate foundational knowledge and understanding of the early history of Christianity

B. **Be able to:**

1. Trace major developments in the early history of Christianity from 30 to 451AD
2. Outline the contribution of selected people to the development of Christianity from 30 to 451AD
3. Draw on selected primary and secondary sources to formulate historical viewpoints on the period from 30 to 451AD
4. Present organised evidence-based perspectives on the history of Christianity from 30 to 451AD

C. **Be in a position to:**

Relate perspectives from this unit to inform ministry contexts

Content

1. The First Churches
2. The Apostolic Fathers and Apologists
3. The Early Theological Issues
4. The Expansion and Development of the Church
5. Church and Empire to Constantine
6. The Interaction of Church and Society after Constantine
7. The Christological and Trinitarian Controversies
8. Augustine and his times