



CHURCH HISTORY: THE PURITANS

Glorify God and Enjoy Him Forever

Class Description: Without any question, the age of the puritans left behind one of the richest legacies of theology, piety, and worship that the English world has ever known. In this class, we will explore the Puritan Movement and the lasting influence it had upon the church, the United Kingdom, and even the founding of America. Join us as we study important figures like John Owen, Thomas Goodwin, Jonathan Edwards, and more!

Class Teachers: This class will be taught by Pastor Brian Bone and Jacob Cohen.

- Brian Bone serves as the Pastor of Discipleship at Emmaus Church. He and his wife Lauren have three children - Emmy, Hudson, and Ella - and a sweet goldendoodle named Lewis. He enjoys reading, hiking, mountain biking, the Braves, and the Dawgs.
- Jacob Cohen serves as the Associate Minister for Discipleship at Emmaus Church. He's also working on completing his MDiv from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He's recently married his wonderful wife Danielle (Dani) back in August. Jacob loves reading the puritans, nerds out on theology, and is a massive Braves fan.

Class Resources: There are no required resources to read for this course, but we will be providing you with a gift to further your studies on this topic. When you attend, please simply bring yourself, your bible, and a pen!

Class Outline: Here is an overview of the topics we will cover through the class.

Week 1 - Sunday, January 7

Title: An Introduction to the Puritans

Description: Who were the puritans and why should I care? As we kickoff this course, we will take some time to provide you with an overview of who they were and why they matter. We will examine the historical background in England out of which they arose, some of the key traits that came to define their movement, and an analysis of why their influence has endured even unto this day.

Week 2 - Sunday, January 14

Title: Portraits of the Puritans

Description: In our second week, we will continue our journey of this important season in church history by diving deeper into the lives and legacies of some of the most important and influential puritans. You have likely heard of men like John Owen, Richard Sibbes, and Jonathan Edwards - after this class you will understand who they were and why they matter!

Week 3 - Sunday, January 21

Title: Puritan Theology

Description: The age of puritanism in England left behind the most profound contributions to theological writings in the English language in all of church history. We will take some time to examine some of the most important theological writings and why they matter. We will also look at the major confessions of faith that were penned during this time, and some of the theological controversies that arose amidst the puritans.

Week 4 - Sunday, January 28

Title: The Enduring Legacy of Puritanism

Description: As we conclude this course, we will conclude our studies and take a step away from the age of the puritans themselves to examine their enduring influence and legacy on church history afterwards. From Charles Spurgeon and Martin Lloyd Jones to John Piper and Joel Beeke today, the rich writings of the puritans continue to impact and shape the face of the church in our modern day - we will look at this legacy and worship the grace of God for it!