

Church History and Apologetics Seminar Schedule

Dates: September 12, 2016 to May 22, 2017

Holidays: October 10, November 21, December 19, December 26, Jan 2, February 20, March 27, April 3

Session	History Topic	NCC Question	NCC Answer	Verse
Week 1	Intro to History of Christianity DVD Overview 65 AD to 430 AD (#1)	Q1 What is our only hope in life and death? *Video: Tim Keller	That we are not our own but belong, body and soul, both in life and death, to God and to our Savior Jesus Christ.	Romans 14:7–8 For none of us lives for ourselves alone, and none of us dies for ourselves alone. If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord.
Week 2	Session 1 1-100 AD	Q2 What is God? *Video: Don Carson	God is the creator and sustainer of everyone and everything. He is eternal, infinite, and unchangeable in his power and perfection, goodness and glory, wisdom, justice, and truth. Nothing happens except through him and by his will.	Psalm 86:8–10 and 15 Among the gods there is none like you, Lord; no deeds can compare with yours. All the nations you have made will come and worship before you, Lord; they will bring glory to your name. For you are great and do marvelous deeds; you alone are God.... You, Lord, are a compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness.
Week 3	Session 2 100 – 300 AD	Q3 How many persons are there in God? *Video: Kevin de Young	There are three persons in the one true and living God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. They are the same in substance, equal in power and glory.	2 Corinthians 13:14 May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
Week 4	Session 3 300 – 500 AD	Q4 How and why did God create us? *Video: John Piper	God created us male and female in his own image to know him, love him, live with him, and glorify him. And it is right that we who were created by God should live to his glory.	Genesis 1:27 So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.
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Week 5	Session 4 300 – 500 AD	Q5 What else did God create? *Video: R. Kent Hughes	God created all things by his powerful Word, and all his creation was very good; everything flourished under his loving rule.	Genesis 1:31 God saw all that he had made, and it was very good.
Week 6	Overview 410 AD to 1483 AD (#2)	Q6 How can we glorify God? *Video: Joshua Harris	We glorify God by enjoying him, loving him, trusting him, and by obeying his will, commands, and law.	Deuteronomy 11:1 Love the LORD your God and keep his requirements, his decrees, his laws and his commands always.
Week 7	Session 5 500 – 1300 AD	Q7 What does the law of God require? *Video: John Sanchez	Personal, perfect, and perpetual obedience; that we love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength; and love our neighbor as ourselves.	Matthew 22:37–40 Jesus replied: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”
Week 8	Session 6 500 – 1300 AD	Q8 What is the law of God stated in the Ten Commandments? Video: John Yates	You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below—you shall not bow down to them or worship them. You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God. Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Honor your father and your mother. You shall not murder. You shall not	Exodus 20:3 and Deuteronomy 5:7 You shall have no other gods before me.

			commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not give false testimony. You shall not covet.	
Week 9	Session 7 1300 – 1500 AD	Q9 What does God require in the first, second, and third commandments? *Video: John Lin	First, that we know and trust God as the only true and living God. Second, that we avoid all idolatry and do not worship God improperly. Third, that we treat God’s name with fear and reverence, honoring also his Word and works.	Deuteronomy 6:13–14 Fear the LORD your God, serve him only and take your oaths in his name. Do not follow other gods, the gods of the peoples around you.
11/21 Holiday				
Week 10	Overview 1483 AD to 1564 AD (#3)	Q10 What does God require in the fourth and fifth commandments? *Video: Tim Keller	Fourth, that on the Sabbath day we spend time in public and private worship of God, rest from routine employment, serve the Lord and others, and so anticipate the eternal Sabbath. Fifth, that we love and honor our father and our mother, submitting to their godly discipline and direction.	Leviticus 19:3 Each of you must respect your mother and father, and you must observe my Sabbaths. I am the LORD your God.
Week 11	Session 8 1500 – 1600 AD	Q11 What does God require in the sixth, seventh, and eighth commandments? *Video: Stephen Um	Sixth, that we do not hurt, or hate, or be hostile to our neighbor, but be patient and peaceful, pursuing even our enemies with love. Seventh, that we abstain from sexual immorality and live purely and faithfully, whether in marriage or in single life, avoiding all impure actions, looks, words, thoughts, or desires, and whatever might lead to them. Eighth, that we do not take without permission that which	Romans 13:9 The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery,” “You shall not murder,” “You shall not steal,” “You shall not covet,” and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” For the commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are

			belongs to someone else, nor withhold any good from someone we might benefit.	summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”
Week 12	Overview 1543-1738 (#4)	Q12 What does God require in the ninth and tenth commandments? *Video: Thabiti Anyabwile	Ninth, that we do not lie or deceive, but speak the truth in love. Tenth, that we are content, not envying anyone or resenting what God has given them or us.	James 2:8 If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, “Love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing right.
12/19, 12/26, 1/2 Winter Break				
Week 13	Session 9 1600 - 1700	Q13 Can anyone keep the law of God perfectly? Video: Leo Schuster	Since the fall, no mere human has been able to keep the law of God perfectly, but consistently breaks it in thought, word, and deed.	Romans 3:10–12 There is no one righteous, not even one; there is no one who understands; there is no one who seeks God. All have turned away, they have together become worthless; there is no one who does good, not even one.
Week 14	Overview 1492-1770 (#5)	Q 14 Did God create us unable to keep the law? Video: David Bisgrove	No, but because of the disobedience of our first parents, Adam and Eve, all of creation is fallen; we are all born in sin and guilt, corrupt in our nature and unable to keep God’s law.	Romans 5:12 Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned.
Week 15	Session 10 1600 -1800 AD	Q15 Since no one can keep the law, what is its purpose? *Video: Ligon Duncan	That we may know the holy nature and will of God, and the sinful nature and disobedience of our hearts; and thus our need of a Savior. The law also teaches and exhorts us to live a life worthy of our Savior.	Romans 3:20 No one will be declared righteous in God’s sight by the works of the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of our sin.

Week 16	Overview 1789 -1989 (#6)	Q16 What is sin? *Video: Jon Lin	Sin is rejecting or ignoring God in the world he created, rebelling against him by living without reference to him, not being or doing what he requires in his law—resulting in our death and the disintegration of all creation.	1 John 3:4 Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness.
Week 17	Session 11 1800 – 1900 AD	Q 17 What is idolatry? *Video: Tim Keller	Idolatry is trusting in created things rather than the Creator for our hope and happiness, significance and security.	Romans 1:21 and 25 For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened.... They exchanged the truth about God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator.
Week 18	Session 12 1900 AD – Present	Q 18 Will God allow our disobedience and idolatry to go unpunished? *Video: Alistair Begg	No, every sin is against the sovereignty, holiness, and goodness of God, and against his righteous law, and God is righteously angry with our sins and will punish them in his just judgment both in this life, and in the life to come.	Ephesians 5:5–6 For of this you can be sure: No immoral, impure or greedy person—such a person is an idolater—has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of such things God’s wrath comes on those who are disobedient.
02/20 Holiday				

Session	Apologetics Topic	NCC Question	NCC Answer	Verse
Week 19	Introduction to Apologetics	Q 19 Is there any way to escape punishment and be brought back	Yes, to satisfy his justice, God himself, out of mere mercy, reconciles us to himself and delivers us from sin and	Isaiah 53:10–11 Yet it was the LORD’s will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the LORD makes his life an

		<p>into God's favor?</p> <p>Video: Crawford Loritts</p>	<p>from the punishment for sin, by a Redeemer.</p>	<p>offering for sin, he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the LORD will prosper in his hand. After he has suffered, he will see the light of life and be satisfied; by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities.</p>
Week 20	<p>What is Faith? Lesson 1: Faith and Reason</p>	<p>Q 20 Who is the Redeemer?</p> <p>Video: Mark Dever</p>	<p>The only Redeemer is the Lord Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, in whom God became man and bore the penalty for sin himself.</p>	<p>1 Timothy 2:5 For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus.</p>
Week 21	<p>Big Bang: Before the World Existed Lesson 2: The Big Bang Cosmology – The Finite Universe</p>	<p>Q 21 What sort of Redeemer is needed to bring us back to God?</p> <p>Video: Joshua Harris</p>	<p>One who is truly human and also truly God.</p>	<p>Isaiah 9:6 For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.</p>
Week 22	<p>Big Bang: The Beginning of Time Lesson 3: The Big Bang Cosmology – In the Beginning</p>	<p>Q 22 Why must the Redeemer be truly human?</p> <p>*Video: Thabiti Anyabwile</p>	<p>That in human nature he might on our behalf perfectly obey the whole law and suffer the punishment for human sin; and also that he might sympathize with our weaknesses.</p>	<p>Hebrews 2:17 For this reason he had to be made like them, fully human in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people.</p>
3/27 & 4/3 Spring Break				
Week 23	<p>Big Bang: A Finely Tuned Universe Lesson 4: The Big Bang Cosmology – A Finely Tuned</p>	<p>Q 23 Why must the Redeemer be truly God?</p>	<p>That because of his divine nature his obedience and suffering would be perfect and effective; and also that he would be able to bear the</p>	<p>Acts 2:24 But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold of him.</p>

	Universe	*Video: Leo Schuster	righteous anger of God against sin and yet overcome death.	
Week 24	DNA by Design: Surprises in the Cell Lesson 5: DNA by Design Part 1 – Surprises in the Cell	Q 24 Why was it necessary for Christ, the Redeemer, to die? Video: Mark Dever	Since death is the punishment for sin, Christ died willingly in our place to deliver us from the power and penalty of sin and bring us back to God. By his substitutionary atoning death, he alone redeems us from hell and gains for us forgiveness of sin, righteousness, and everlasting life.	Colossians 1:21–22 Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation.
Week 25	DNA by Design: Lesson 6: DNA by Design Part 2 – Doing the Math	Q 25 Does Christ's death mean all our sins can be forgiven? *Video: Alistair Begg	Yes, because Christ's death on the cross fully paid the penalty for our sin, God graciously imputes Christ's righteousness to us as if it were our own and will remember our sins no more.	2 Corinthians 5:21 God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.
Week 26	DNA by Design: Lesson 7: DNA by Design Part 3 – Information and Intelligence	Q 26 What else does Christ's death redeem? *Video: Stephen Um	Christ's death is the beginning of the redemption and renewal of every part of fallen creation, as he powerfully directs all things for his own glory and creation's good.	Colossians 1:19–20 For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.
Week 27	So it was God After All Lesson 8: The Return of the God Hypothesis	Review Q 1-6		
Week 28	The Moral Evidence: Right and Wrong Lesson 9: The Moral Necessity of Theism, Part 1 – Right and Wrong	Review Q 7-15		

Week 29	The Moral Evidence: Failure of Relativism Lesson 10: The Moral Necessity of Theism, Part 2 – We Need God	Review Q 16-26		
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