

COURSE SYLLABUS

The History of Missions through 1983

Course Lecturer: J. Herbert Kane, LHD
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Course Description

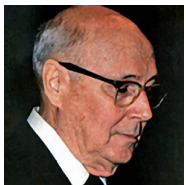
History is “His Story”: the account of God at work establishing His purposes and His Kingdom. In this course, Dr. Kane covers the historic development of the Christian world mission in chronological sequence from Pentecost to the birth of the modern missions movement (1800). He then introduces the modern period along geographical lines: Asia, Middle East, Africa, Latin America, and Europe. The course culminates by evaluating the missionary achievements of the past and the prospects for the future.

Course Objectives

Upon completion of the course, you should be able to:

- Provide an overall picture of the progress of the Christian world mission from Pentecost to the present.
- Trace the development of the indigenous church in various major regions of the world.
- Discover and discuss problems peculiar to both church and mission in the world today.
- Be impressed with the magnitude of the unfinished task.

Course Lecturer



J. Herbert Kane, LHD (1910-1988)

Education:

- Barrington College, LHD
- Brown University, MA
- Barrington College, BA
- Graduate of the Moody Bible Institute

Teaching Career:

- Professor Emeritus, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School
- Professor at the School of World Mission and Evangelism, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School (1967-1980)

- Director of Missions and professor, Lancaster Bible College (1963-1967)
- Teacher of Missions and New Testament, Providence Bible Institute, now Barrington College (1951-1963)

Other Career Highlights:

- Alumnus of the Year Award, Moody Bible Institute (1981)
- Pastor, Onward Gospel Church in Quebec
- President of three missions organizations: The Association of Evangelical Professors of Mission (AEPM), The Midwest Fellowship of the AEPM, and the American Society of Missiology
- Many years in missions work in China through the China Inland Mission (CIM)
- Served in China during the Sino-Japanese War, WWII, and the Communist-Nationalist China Civil War (1935-1950)
- Known for insights into cross-cultural work and contextualization
- Writings became standard texts at seminaries in missions training schools throughout the world

Publications:

- Numerous articles for *Moody Monthly*, *Christianity Today*, *Missiology*, *Eternity*, and *Evangelical Missions Quarterly*
- Author of 11 books, including *The Progress of World-Wide Missions*, *A Global View of Christian Missions*, *A Concise History of the Christian World Mission*, *Life and Work on the Mission Field*, and *The Christian World Mission: Today and Tomorrow*

Recommended Reading

Though not required, you may choose to read the textbooks shown below to supplement your learning.

Kane, J. Herbert. *A Global View of Christian Missions*. Grand Rapids: Baker Book House, (rev. ed.) 1975.

Neill, Stephen. *A History of Christian Missions*. Baltimore, MD.: Penguin Books Inc. 1964.

Textbooks can be ordered through your local bookstore, various online bookstores, or through your preferred eReader when available.

Course Methods

The lecture content for each lesson is provided in two easy-to-use formats: audio and PDF text (if available). Students can choose the medium (or combination of media) that most closely aligns with their individual learning styles.

Course Assessment and Requirements

To earn a Certificate of Completion, you must complete the course requirements. Course requirements include:

1. Listening to all 24 audio lectures.
2. Completing a final self-assessment form in which you will reflect on the content in the course

and evaluate your life in light of what you have learned. The specifics of this assessment are provided in the course materials.

Course requirements noted in this syllabus will be validated before a Certificate of Completion is awarded to any student.