

American Church History

Mid-term Study Questions

1. Be familiar with several key elements which have influenced the shape of American religion, i.e., “creative forces.”
2. Be familiar with distinctives of the American church.
3. What colonies in the 1600s had the established Church of England?
4. Which colonies exercised a greater measure of freedom of religion? How were Roger Williams' motivations in RI different from George Calvert's in MD?
5. Briefly describe the Puritan desire, such as John Cotton's, for New England society and its rule. What led to the demise of the Puritan ideal?
6. What was the background, essence, and effects of the half-way covenant in the Congregational Church in New England?
7. How was the time right for the Great Awakening and what were some of its significant results?
8. Summarize the schisms of the New Lights/Old Lights and the New Side/Old Side out of the Great Awakening.
9. Name some leaders of the Great Awakening and in what region they primarily ministered.
10. Which three denominations most strongly supported the American Revolution? Why?
11. Which denomination grew the fastest in the 30 years after the Revolution?
12. List key elements in the life and ministry of

- a. Roger Williams
- b. Cotton Mather
- c. Jonathan Edwards
- d. George Whitefield

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| a. John van Mekelenburg | n. Salzburgers |
| b. David Brainerd | o. Henry Muhlenburg |
| c. Alexander Whitaker | p. Michael Schlatter |
| d. Brownists/Separatists | q. Thomas Bray |
| e. Isaac Backus | r. John Peter Miller |
| f. Francis Makemie | s. Samuel Hopkins |
| g. John Witherspoon | t. Ted Frelinghuysen |
| h. Gilbert Tenant | u. Samson Occam |
| i. William Penn | v. Massachusetts Proposals |
| j. Christopher Saur | w. Saybrook Platform |
| k. John Eliot | x. Cambridge Platform |
| l. Francis Asbury | y. George Fox |
| m. Moravians | z. Moravians |

Final Exam Study Questions

1. Note the reasons for the failure of Presbyterians to keep up with Baptists and Methodists in the frontier expansion.
2. Describe the vision and nature of the 1801 Plan of Union.
3. Describe the frontier Baptist church and its leadership.
4. Describe the objections and background for frontier objections to voluntary religious organizations.
5. What was the background behind the Presbyterian Old School/New School split?
6. What was the third great awakening?
7. How did the slavery issue impact the various denominations?
8. Describe the influence of social wealth/modern business upon the church at the end of the 1800s.
9. What was the background of the “holiness movement?” What churches came out of it?
- 10 Describe the involvement of Christians and churches in the temperance/prohibition movement.
- 11 What was the modernist-fundamentalist dispute of the 1920s-30s? Who was involved?

IDENTIFY

William White	“elective affinity”
Father David Rice	Bishop John H. Hobart
1801 Plan of Union	Samuel S. Schmucker
John Taylor	Bishop John Hughes
Francis Asbury	Marcus Whitman
Timothy Dwight	Henry Ward Beecher
Samuel J. Mills	John Carroll
Dedham Case in MA	Reformed Church in America
James McGready	C.W. Walther
Barton Stone	“Continental Sabbath”
The Christian Church	Sheldon Jackson
Alexander Campbell	Dwight L. Moody
Cumberland Presbyterians	Augustus H. Strong
Shakers	The Social Gospel
Evangelical Church	Washington Gladden
United Brethren Church	Walter Rauschenbusch
“Benevolent Empire”	Charles A. Briggs
AHMS: American Home Missionary Society	Harry Emerson Fosdick
American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions	Scopes Monkey Trial
American Bible Society	<i>The Fundamentals: A Testimony to the Truth</i>
New Haven Theology	The Five Fundamentals
Nathaniel Taylor	Auburn Affirmation
Horace Bushnell	Rethinking Missions
“Moral Influence” Theory	John Gresham Machen
William Ellery Channing	Christian Reformed Church
Bennet Tyler	“Common Grace Issue”
Charles Finney	Reinhold Niebuhr
Lyman Beecher	Nat’l Assoc. of Evangelicals and Harold Okenga
Charles Hodge	Madelyn Murray O’Hare
Mercersburg Theology	Vatican II and the American Church
“The Anxious Bench”	Consultation on Church Union
Philip Schaff	Reimagining Conference, 1993
Albert Barnes	“Evangelicals & Catholics Together,” 1994