Introduction to Early Church History
History: The Early Church

"What has been is what will be,
and what has been done is what will be done,
and there is nothing new under the sun."
Ecclesiastes 1:9

I. *Why* Should We Study Church History?

- **Church History Can _____ You.**
  - In the Face of **Fads.**
  - In the Face of **Uncertainty.**
- **Church History Can _____ You.**
  - From Wrong **Belief.**
  - From Wrong **Practice.**
- **Church History Can _____ You.**
  - In the Face of **Doubt.**
  - In the Face of **Suffering.**

- **Church History Can _____ You.**
  - With **Encouragement** from the Past.
  - With **Confidence** in the Present.
  - With **Hope** for the Future.

II. *Where* Should We Start in Church History?

- **The _____ Acts of God in History.**
  - **Old Testament** History (c. 4000 – c. 430 BC)
  - **New Testament** History (c. 5 BC – AD 100; End of Time)
- **The _____ Acts of God in History.**
  - **Intertestamental** History (c. 430 BC – c. 5 BC)
  - **Church** History (AD 100 – Present)

III. *What* Should We Study in Church History?

- **The _____ Church (AD 33-600)**
  - The **First Century** (AD 1-99):
  - The **Second Century** (AD 100-199):
  - The **Third Century** (AD 200-299):
  - The **Fourth Century** (AD 300-399):
  - The **Fifth and Sixth Centuries** (AD 400-599):
- **The _____ Church (AD 600-1500)**
  - The **Seventh and Eighth Centuries** (AD 600-799):
  - The **Ninth and Tenth Centuries** (AD 800-999):
  - The **Eleventh - Twelfth Centuries** (AD 1000-1199):
  - The **Thirteenth – Fourteenth Centuries** (AD 1200-1399):
  - The **Fifteenth Century** (AD 1400-1499):

- **The _____ Church (AD 1500 – Present)**
  - The **Sixteenth Century** (AD 600-799):
  - The **Seventeenth Century** (AD 800-999):
  - The **Eighteenth Century** (AD 1000-1199):
  - The **Nineteenth Century** (AD 1200-1399):
  - The **Twentieth and Twenty-First Centuries** (AD 1400-1499):

Fill-in-the-Blanks KEY

- Church History Can **Stabilize** You
- Church History Can **Safeguard** You
- Church History Can **Sustain** You
- Church History Can **Strengthen** You

- The **Revealed** Acts of God in History
- The **Observed** Acts of God in History

- The **Ancient** Church
- The **Medieval** Church
- The **Modern** Church