

## Early Christian Sites in Turkey

**Jan. Term Study Program Leaders:** James Edwards and Gerald Sittser, Professors of Theology  
**Course #:** TH 396

**Credits:** 4 credits (1 credit, fall 2009 preparation classes; 3 credits, Turkey Jan term 2010).

**Fulfills:** Global Perspectives

**Prerequisites:** History of Christianity I; New Testament

**Course Description:** This January study program is designed above all to introduce students to the earliest sites related to the Christian missionary outreach of the Apostle Paul in Biblical Asia Minor (modern Turkey), including Ephesus, Pergamon, Miletus, and Perge. This primary objective cannot be achieved, however, without understanding the rise of Christianity within the ancient Hellenistic and Roman world, of which Turkey was a central part. The study program, in fact, exposes students to a virtual cross-cut of Western history as played out in the critical region of Turkey. Important epochs of this history include the Hellenization of the ancient world by the campaigns of Alexander the Great, the rise of Christianity, the church fathers and monastic movement in Cappadocia, the rise and fall of the Byzantine Empire, the expansion of Islam after 1453, Gallipoli and the role of Turkey in World War I, and the significance of the Bosphorus in ancient and modern times.

**Dates:** January 2 – 22, 2010

**Itinerary:** Western and Central Turkey, including:

➤ Istanbul	➤ Aphrodisias
➤ Nicea	➤ Hierapolis
➤ Troas	➤ Sardis
➤ Assos	➤ Antalya
➤ Ephesus	➤ Perga
➤ Priene	➤ Pisidian Antioch
➤ Miletus	➤ Cappadocia
➤ Didyma	➤ Ankara

**Anticipated Cost:** \$3000. This figure covers air transportation, hotel accommodations, two meals daily (breakfast and dinner), ground transportation in Turkey, and entrance fees. The only remaining costs for students will be to pay for daily lunches.

Payment Plan: Within 48 hours of acceptance	\$500 Non-Refundable Deposit
1 June	\$500
1 July	\$500
1 Aug	\$500
1 Sep	\$500
1 Oct	\$500

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