

## History 500 Ancient and Medieval Christianity

### **Primary**

Anselm "Why God Became Man" in *Anselm of Canterbury: The Major Works* (Oxford World's Classics 2008), 260-356.

Augustine *Confessions* trans. Henry Chadwick (Oxford University Press 2009).

Julian of Norwich *Showings* in *Classics of Western Spirituality*, trans. Edmund Colledge (Novalis 2002).

St. Cyril of Alexandria *On the Unity of Christ*, trans. John A. McGuckin (St. Vladimir's 2015).

St. Gregory Nazianzus *On God and Christ* (St. Vladimir's, 2002).

William Placher *Readings in the History of Christian Theology Vol. 1 From Its Beginnings to the Eve of the Reformation* (Westminster/John Knox 1988). ISBN 0664240577

### **Secondary**

David Hart *The Story of Christianity* (Quercus 2008). ISBC 1847241409 (there is a Kindle version of this book, but the visuals are really helpful!).

Alister McGrath *Historical Theology: An Introduction to the History of Christian Thought*. 2nd edition (Wiley-Blackwell 2012) ISBN 0470672862 pp 1-76. McGrath is a theologian more than a historian, and only the patristic portion of this book is necessary, though the medieval material (pp 77-123) is valuable as well.

### **Recommended Texts**

Gary Anderson *The Genesis of Perfection: Adam and Eve in Jewish and Christian Imagination* (Westminster, 2002).

Roberta Bondi *To Pray and to Love: Conversations on Prayer with the Early Church* (Fortress, 1991).

John Bossy *Christianity in the West* (Oxford University Press 1985).

Peter Brown *The Cult of the Saints: Its Rise and Function in Latin Christianity* (University of Chicago, 2014).

\_\_\_\_ *Through the Eye of a Needle: Wealth, the Fall of Rome, and the Making of Christianity in the West, 350-550 AD* (Princeton University Press, 2014).

W.H.C. Frend, *The Rise of Christianity* (Fortress, 1984)

Justo Gonzalez *The Story of Christianity. Vol 1 The Early Church to the Dawn of the Reformation* (HarperOne, 2010).

Margaret Miles *The Word Made Flesh: A History of Christian Thought* (Wiley-Blackwell, 2004).

Robert Payne *The Holy Fire: The Story of the Early Centuries of the Christian Church in the Near East* (St. Vladimir's 1997).

Jaroslav Pelikan *The Christian Tradition: A History of the Development of Doctrine Vols 1 & 2* (University of Chicago, 1975 & 1980).

\_\_\_\_. *Jesus Through the Centuries: His Place in the History of Culture* (Yale, 1999).

\_\_\_\_. *Mary Through the Centuries: Her Place in the History of Culture* (Yale, 1998).

Rodney Stark *The Rise of Christianity: How the Obscure, Marginal Jesus Movement Became the Dominant Religious Force in the Western World in a Few Centuries* (Harper San Francisco 1997).

Robert Wilken *The Christians as the Romans Saw Them* (Yale, 2003).

\_\_\_\_. *The Spirit of Early Christian Thought: Seeking the Face of God* (Yale, 2005).

Rowan Williams *Wound of Knowledge: Christian Spirituality from the New Testament to St. John of the Cross* (Cowley 2003).