

# Seminar on Church History

*You're invited to attend a seminar to be held at the Holland Park Church of Christ, Brisbane and conducted by Dr Keith Stanglin from Austin Graduate School of Theology, Austin, Texas, USA*

## **Session 1 – The Importance of Studying Church History**

**Date: Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2016 from 7.00pm to 9.00pm**

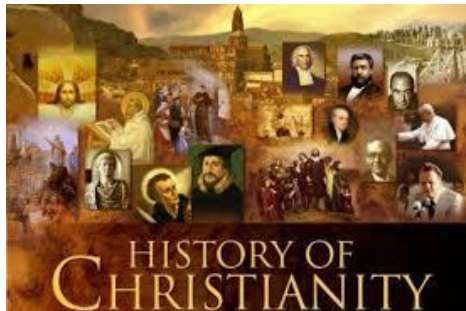
## **Session 2 – Persecution & Martyrdom in the Early Church**

**Date: Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2016 from 7.00pm to 9.00pm**

Program: Each evening will be a 90 minute presentation followed by fellowship.

Venue: Holland Park Church of Christ, 55 Crown Street, Holland Park West.

Cost: Free of charge



### **Session 1: The Importance of Studying Church History**

In an attempt to restore the first-century church's faith and practice on the basis of the New Testament alone, many in the Restoration Movement have neglected or altogether ignored the study of church history. But there are many good reasons for studying church history and being aware of how we are shaped by the past. The historical perspective that comes with this awareness is of great benefit to the present-day church.

### **Session 2: Persecution and Martyrdom in the Early Church**

From its earliest beginnings, the Christian church was marginalised by both Jews and Gentiles. In the second and third centuries, the persecutions became increasingly widespread. A theology of suffering and martyrdom, anticipated in the New Testament, developed as the church came to understand the imitation of Christ and participation in his sufferings. The church today, increasingly marginalised in the western world and violently persecuted elsewhere, can learn much from these early Christian perspectives.



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