

Popes and Kings: Christ's Two Kingdoms Before the Reformation

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Course Description

A key theme which the Protestant Reformers recovered and sought to apply to Christendom was that of Christ's Two Kingdoms. In the one Christian society under God, Christ's dominion manifested itself in two "orders," *regnum* (civil government) and *sacerdotium* (the visible church). But what was the proper relationship between these two? Over what areas was each ordained to rule, was either superior to the other, and in cases of conflict, which was to take priority? These questions occupied many writers from the Patristic era through the Middle Ages, and multiple positions were debated for long centuries without resolution. On the very eve of the Reformation, important questions about popes and kings remained "on the table" and animated much of the Reformation's protest against Rome. This course aims to provide a broad overview of the Two Kingdoms question prior to the Reformation, in order to deepen understanding of Church history proper and better contextualize our advocacy and defense of Protestant political wisdom for today.

Course Format

Classes will meet weekly via Zoom for one hour from 6/1/2020 to 8/7/2020, and will be recorded for later viewing by students who cannot participate. The day and time will be determined by vote once the students have signed up. An optional discussion period will be available after the first hour for those who are available and wish to participate. Additional student participation and instructor interaction can take place on our private Davenant Commons discussion board.

Course Requirements

1. Weekly readings (due before our meeting each week).
2. Attend weekly Zoom class sessions.
3. Interact with fellow participants and the instructor in the sessions and / or on the private Davenant Commons discussion board

Course Texts

Brian Tierney, *The Crisis of Church and State, 1050-1300* ([amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) - numerous used copies are available for less)

Supplementary texts, provided by the instructor

Course Schedule

Week	Topics	Reading
1 June 1	The Church and the Roman State The Popes and the Frankish Monarchy	Tierney, <i>Crisis</i> I.1-2 (pp. 7-23)
2 June 8	Disintegration, Theocracy, and Reform	Tierney, <i>Crisis</i> , I.3 (pp. 24-32) Peter Damian: “The Monastic Ideal” “Concerning True Happiness and Wisdom”
3 June 15	Peter Damian and Humbert The Program of Gregory VII	Tierney, <i>Crisis</i> , II.1-2 (pp. 33-52)
4 June 22	The Struggle with Henry IV The War of Propaganda	Tierney, <i>Crisis</i> , II.3-4 (pp. 53-84)
5 June 29	The End of the Contest	Tierney, <i>Crisis</i> , II.5 (pp. 85-96) Orderic Vitalis, “An Attempt to Enforce Clerical Celibacy” (3 pp.) Ivo of Chartes, “Letter to the Apostolic Legate” (4 pp.)
6 Jul. 6	The Imperial Policy of Frederick Barbarossa Alexander III and the Empire	Tierney, <i>Crisis</i> , III.1-2 (pp. 97-115)
7 Jul. 13	The Decretists The Reign of Innocent III	Tierney, <i>Crisis</i> , III.3-4 (pp. 116-138)

8 Jul. 20	Frederick II and the Papacy The Decretalists	Tierney, <i>Crisis</i> , III.5-6 (pp. 139-158)
9 Jul. 27	The Kingdom and the Empire Thomas Aquinas	Tierney, <i>Crisis</i> , IV.1-2 (pp. 159-171) James of Viterbo, "On Christian Government" II.6-7 John of Paris, "On Royal and Papal Power" 5, 13, 17
10 Aug. 3	Boniface VIII and Philip IV, First Dispute Boniface VIII and Philip IV, Second Dispute The Growth of Political Thought	Tierney, <i>Crisis</i> , IV.3-.5 (pp. 172-210)