

More iTunesU Testimonials

Dear [Dr.] Frank [James],

You don't know me, but for the past few months I've been listening to your teaching on church history on my daily commute to work. It's been a real blessing! I was actually kind of sad when the whole thing was over! Anyway, just wanted to encourage you that your pastoral insights and humble attitude made the experience a rich one for me. I'm sure you're making a big impact on the students at RTS but wanted to let you know that it's also having an effect on one graphic designer in the Philadelphia area.

I just wanted to let you know I am listening to Church History I and II from iTunesU. I listen at work a lot; I am an engineering intern in Kalamazoo, Michigan (I go to school at Western Michigan University). I love listening about church history, and it is great what you are doing and the way you are serving the Lord with a good head on your shoulders. Thanks for the lectures! No particular reason to e-mail — just thought you might like to know that you are being listened to all over the country; it's kind of cool!

I am the mother of an autistic child living in Maine, and I have wanted to get a master's from RTS for quite a while now. The struggle of being an autism mom has given me a hunger for knowing the truth of God in a way I have not experienced in the almost 30 years since I came to Christ. I have wanted to go back to the beginning and get a systematic structure for my piecemeal Christian education. Unfortunately, our son's condition takes up all our resources, and there never will be enough money to do all we need to do for him, much less pay for more schooling for me. I had consigned my desire to the back shelf with all the other things that we could have done had our little guy not fallen ill. Today I was on Monergism.com and found their link to RTS on iTunes and just sobbed. You have no idea what it means to a housebound, broke mom like me to have free access to these lectures. Whoever made this decision — thank you. Thank you. Thank you. I cannot thank you enough. I think that God must have led you to do this just for me.

I am an Anglican priest who lives in Calgary, Alberta. Over the past month I have spent many hours in my car listening to your wonderful survey course on church history. I have been encouraged and stimulated to think more deeply about our Christian tradition since listening to your lectures than ever before. I am so very grateful to God for your work. Is there a way I can purchase the course outlines that accompany your lectures? It would be of great help to me as I delve deeper into our shared history. Thank you that you have also challenged me to take the time to read primary sources. Within our Anglican tradition we are experiencing a time of profound turmoil, pain, apostasy and new beginnings. Your work has helped to encourage me to persevere at a time when the corruption in our church seems to equal to what Luther faced at the beginning of the 16th century. Thank you for your faithfulness to the gospel and the service you are providing to the wider church by making your resources available through iTunes.

From Jackson, Miss. —

[I've been working on a painting] while I've been listening to your wonderful RTS series on church history through iTunes. I am thoroughly enjoying it and am greatly inspired listening to the struggles our predecessors went through as they strove to build the church. You said

something very peripherally as you were lecturing on the difference between the Catholic Reformation and the Reformation in general about Michelangelo. You were saying something about his either appearing to have Reformation leanings or Catholic Reformation leanings and I would greatly appreciate any direction toward any reference material you would have on the subject for further reading. I sometimes do lectures on the importance of the arts in Christianity, and something like this would be both fascinating and potentially helpful in my lectures. Thank you very much for your time.

From a missionary in Sweden —

Tack så mycket! (Swedish for “Thanks so much”). Incidentally, I really enjoy listening to "Systematic Theology I" by Dr. Douglas Kelly. I upload the lectures to my iPod via iTunes and take it to the gym. I not only get a workout physically, but mentally and spiritually too. Thanks for such a great resource!

Dear Dr. James,

A few months ago I stumbled across the iTunesU site for Reformed Theological Seminary and I downloaded your lectures on the history of Christianity. I wanted to write and thank you personally for these lectures, which have provided fascinating and thought-provoking commutes to and from work for several weeks. I appreciate your willingness to speak about the entire character of the great figures of church history — blemishes included. I also very much appreciate your emphasis on the role of good, well-thought-out theology in an authentic Christian life. Thank you very much for your time and for allowing me to be an unobserved "fly on the wall" for your lectures.

From Scotland —

It takes me 20 minutes to walk from my home to our college, and the same to walk home again in the evening. The walk itself is very pleasant, surrounded as we are by the hills and the sea. Recently, however, the walk has been made even more enjoyable because I downloaded Doug Kelly's lectures on systematic theology onto my iPod. Doug is a trustee of our college, and I have thoroughly enjoyed his teaching as I walk. I recommend to everyone this wonderful resource that RTS has made freely available.

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