I. Introduction

 A. Story about Blaurock (p. 11 in *Through Fire and Water*)

 B. Go over syllabus

II. A Foundation for Church History

 A. What is the church very simply?

 1. The people who trust in Jesus as their Savior and become his disciples

 B. The foundation of the Creation

 1. God created a beautiful world which was perfect in every way 2. The creation of humans

 a. Who/What is man? *image of God, person, will, intellect, emotions*

 b. What is the purpose of man? *to fellowship with God and worship Him, by this bringing glory to Him*

3. Character of God’s Creation

 a. Harmony

 i. Between God and man

 ii. Between man and man

 iii. Between man and nature

 iv. Between nature and nature

 b. Goodness

III. The Picture is Blackened

 A. Man’s departure from God

 1. Choice to distrust, disobey, and turn away from God - Sin

 i. Fall of man

 ii. The curse on the world

 2. Alienation replaces harmony

 i. Alienation between God and man

 ii. Alienation between man and man

 3. From light to darkness

 B. A ray of hope

 1. A Redeemer is promised - Gen. 3:15

 2. God has not given up

 i. On His plan for creation

 ii. On His plan for humanity

 Key Thought:

 **Human beings are created by God in His own image by His desire, for the purpose of bringing glory to Him.**