Abstract:
American Evangelical Christians have created and used a specific history of the doctrine of hell in order to create and maintain their identities and boundaries. This project seeks to understand the modern Evangelical appropriation of the history of the doctrine of hell, arguing that the common understanding of hell as being uncontested and homogenous Christian doctrine is an un-nuanced argument, and one that does not do justice to the historical record. The project also investigates the specific reasons why this historical construction of hell has been created, and what happens when the history of hell is openly questioned in Evangelicalism.
A History of Christian Doctrine. major denominations and movements, thereby providing a context for dialogue today. The goal is to identify each major category of Christendom and learn where it began, why it began, and what its distinctive, characteristic doctrines are.

Scope of Study
At the outset, let us define the boundaries of our study. It is important to recognize that this passage speaks of seven literal churches in the first century who had the problems described. But it seems clear that God inspired these letters for inclusion in the text of Scripture because these churches represent typical problems that can occur throughout church history. We can receive instruction today from the examples, problems, and recommendations for each of the seven churches.