History of Christianity Qualifying Exam 2
Medieval Christianity 600-1300

Key themes –
1) conversion and “Christianization”
2) monasticism
3) new religious movements
4) papacy and ecclesiastical structures
5) liturgical and sacramental life
6) paraliturgical and devotional life
7) sainthood and sanctity
8) orthodox Christianity and its others
9) religion and gender

Note: More explicitly theological issues are treated on Theology Qualifying Exam 1: The History of Christian Thought, 150-1325.

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