

STUDENT _____

CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE I

(Th 411c)

I. Purpose of Course

Christian leaders need to have a sure and settled foundation as to their understanding of the basic teachings of Christianity. Clear formulation and articulation of such doctrines, therefore, is foundational to an effective ministry. The Purpose of this course is to guide in a discussion of the fundamental principles and issues related to the doctrines of Bibliology, Theology, Christology, and Pneumatology. Since this is a survey of such a broad area, many questions will remain unanswered.

II. Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course the student should be able to:

1. Set forth the major divisions of Christian Doctrine.
2. Discuss and defend the need for Systematic Theology
3. Identify the major terms and theologians who have made a great impact on the historical development of Systematic Theology
4. Discuss the major issues in each of the doctrines covered this semester
5. Identify central passages for these major theological issues

III. Textbooks and Other Resources

1. Books
Emery H. Bancroft and Ronald B. Mayers, *Elemental Theology*
_____, *Christian Theology*.¹
Walter Thomas Conner, *Christian Doctrine*
2. Videos² and Other Reading

¹ **This book is out of print, but only one chapter is required for this course. A copy of that chapter is included with the first lesson.**

² These videos are available for student use at the Seminary Library or for checkout. They may be purchased individually or as a group from the BMA Department of Missions, P. O. Box 193920, Little Rock, AR 72219-3920. **In lieu of watching the videos, students may read 200 pages of collateral reading from some appropriate theology materials. This reading should be equally be divided between readings in: a. Bibliology, b. Theology – Restricted (i.e., doctrine of God), c. Christology, and d. Pneumatology.**

The BMA of America Department of Missions series, "Doctrinal and Practical Ministries"

Kevin Clayton, "God, the Father"

_____, "God, the Son"

_____, "God, the Holy Spirit"

_____, "The Scriptures"

Jeff Swart, "The Creation--Part 1"

_____, "The Creation--Part 2"

_____, "Satan and His Demons"

_____, "The Depravity of Man"

3. Articles³

Philip Bryan, "Paul and Tongue-Speaking"

_____, "Tongue-Speaking and Baptism in the Holy Spirit"

IV. Course Requirements and Grading

1. Read the assigned readings in the textbooks and the articles by Professor Bryan (10%)
2. Watch eight videos produced by the Department of Missions, BMA of America (10%)
3. Take one final exam over the videos, the text books, and the articles (35%)
4. Answer and/or otherwise complete the questions set forth in the thirteen lesson assignments (45%).

V. Schedule

Lesson	Date Completed	Topic and Assignment
1	_____	Introduction to Theology Bancroft: <i>Christian Theology</i> , 1-20 ⁴ Conner: 7-14
2	_____	PART I: BIBLIOLOGY Bancroft: <i>Elemental Theology</i> , 13-29
3	_____	BIBLIOLOGY Conner: 25-44
4	_____	PART II: THEOLOGY Bancroft: 41-64, 72-120
5	_____	THEOLOGY (TRINITY) Bancroft: 65-72 Conner: 119-28
6	_____	THEOLOGY

³ These articles are on the professor's web page:
<http://www.geocities.com/prbryan.geo/>. The professor will assist students to download and/or print the articles. **If a student does not have access to the Internet, copies will be provided.**

⁴ This is the only assignment from this book.

7	_____	Conner: 71-104 PART III: CHRISTOLOGY
8	_____	Bancroft: 121-64 CHRISTOLOGY
9	_____	Conner: 45-71 CHRISTOLOGY
10	_____	Bancroft: 164-202 MISCELLANEOUS: God's Purpose of Salvation
11	_____	Conner: 151-82 PART IV: PNEUMATOLOGY
12	_____	Bancroft: 203-29 PNEUMATOLOGY
13	_____	Conner: 105-18 PNEUMATOLOGY
	_____	Bryan: "Paul and Tongue-Speaking" "Tongue-Speaking and Baptism in the Holy Spirit"
	_____	FINAL EXAM AND CERTIFICATION OF COMPLETION OF READING AND VIEWING ASSIGNMENTS

VI. Contacting the Seminary and the Professor

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Welcome to the Class! I trust that we will have a satisfying and worthwhile time together!