SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY II

Syllabus
(Th 612)

Purpose of Course

Professional 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. Moreover, such leaders need to have the tools and skills necessary to continue personal research concerning these doctrines for the rest of their ministry. As a continuation of Systematic Theology I, the purpose of the current course is to guide in a discussion of the doctrines of Christology, Pneumatology, Soteriology, Ecclesiology, and Eschatology. Since this is a survey of such a broad area, many questions will remain unanswered.

Course Objectives

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

1. Discuss the major issues involved in formulating and articulating the doctrines related to Christology, Pneumatology, Soteriology, Ecclesiology, and Eschatology.
2. Focus, as a major objective, on the doctrine of Ecclesiology, the main doctrine which distinguishes and separates Baptists from other Evangelicals.
3. Identify central passages for these major theological issues
4. Identify the major terms and theologians who have made a great impact on the historical development of Systematic Theology
5. Become familiar with modern technological tools (including the Internet) as a means to assist in proper research.
6. Research and prepare pertinent bibliographies, as well as outline and deliver oral presentations which set forth logically and critically the basic issues relating to at least one important area of theological concern
Reading

1. Textbooks
   Jackson, D. N. *Studies in Baptist History and Doctrine*.

2. Recommended books
   Richard R. Reiter, *et al.*, *The Rapture: Pre-, Mid-, or Post-Tribulational*.

3. Recommended articles
   Philip Bryan, “Paul and Tongue-Speaking”
   __________, “A Proposed Solution to a Controversial Issue.”
   __________, “Tongue-Speaking and Baptism in the Holy Spirit.”

Course Requirements and Grading

1. Read the assigned readings in the textbooks by Erickson and Jackson (15 pts)

2. Prepare one oral report for presentation to the class, as a summary of two chapters out of the book by Erickson. Students should provide all members of the seminar with detailed outlines of their presentations, i.e., reports (4-6 pp., single-spaced, total for the two chapters). Each report should be well-documented and include all pertinent bibliographical information. Neatness is important; part of the evaluation of the reports will be based on proper form, spelling, etc. Each oral report should be well-documented and include all pertinent bibliographical information.

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3 The Erickson books are available online at the Seminary's virtual bookstore: seminary web page, left hand column, [http://bmats.edu](http://bmats.edu)


5 These articles are on the professor’s web page on the internet: [http://www.geocities.com/prbryan.geo/](http://www.geocities.com/prbryan.geo/). The professor will assist students to download and/or print the articles. A number of other articles relative to this semester's study are on the web page.

6 Possible score of 110 pts.

7 Each student will receive a brief document entitled “Instructions for Preparing Outline Reports” which gives detailed instructions and suggestions for report and summary preparation, as well as other pertinent information.

Although discussion is encouraged, students should be careful not to dominate such discussion, and ALL CELL PHONES SHOULD BE TURNED OFF DURING CLASS TIMES!!

3. Utilizing the world-wide web, prepare an annotated bibliography of periodical articles and a (non-annotated) bibliography of books written during the past ten years on a theological topic to be assigned at the first class session. Make copies (2-4 pp., single-spaced) for each member of the class. (10 pts)

4. Take three exams over class discussion, student reports, and the text books (45 pts)

5. Attend classes and contribute to class discussion in a manner that will reveal that the assigned materials have been read (15 pts). Seminary rules about absences, etc., will follow the stipulations given in the current BMATS Catalog, pp. 44-45:

Tardinesses or absences from class may result in a reduction of the final grade a student may receive in a particular course. A student who misses more than one-fourth of the classes for any course, without extenuating circumstances, as determined by the professor, will receive an automatic "F" for the course.

Normally, for unexcused absence from a regularly appointed test, or examination, five points shall be deducted from the class grade for the semester. Three tardinesses are equivalent to one absence.  

V. Schedule for Th 612

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Introduction and Course Requirements

PART 7 – CHRISTOLOGY: THE PERSON OF CHRIST
Chapters 32-33 – Summary by Professor.
(Bib: "Deity of Christ")

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Chapters 34-35 – Summary by Student – G. Schmidt.
(Bib: "Humanity of Christ")
Chapter 36 – Summary by Professor

2/14
PART 8 – CHRISTOLOGY: THE WORK OF CHRIST
Chapters 37-38 – Summary by Student – G. McDonald.
(Bib: "Work of Christ Regarding the Atonement"

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Chapters 39-40 – Summary by Student – ____________.
(Bib: "The Atonement")

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9This line in every assignment indicates the subject matter of the bibliography that student will prepare.
PART 9: PNEUMATOLOGY
Chapters 41-42 – *Summary by Student – J. Montgomery.*
   (Bib: "Gifts of the Holy Spirit")
3/06 Exam #I (Christology and Pneumatology)
Reading Report over chapters 32-42.
3/13 PART 10: SOTERIOLOGY
Chapters 43-44 – *Summary by Student – ____________.*
   (Bib: "Predestination")
Chapters 45-46 – *Summary by Student – ____________.*
   (Bib: "Subjective Aspects of Salvation")
3/20 Chapters 47-48 – *Summary by Student – D. Satava.*
   (Bib: "Sanctification")
Chapter 49 – *Summary by Student – S. Satava.*
PART 11: ECCLESIOLOGY
Chapter 50 – *Summary by Student – S. Satava.*
   (Bib: "Ecclesiology")
3/27 Chapters 51-52 – *Summary by Student – A. Sara.*
   (Bib: "Church Government")
Chapters 53-54 – *Summary by Student – M. Taylor.*
   (Bib: "Baptism")
4/03 Lecture by Professor
4/10 EXAM #II (Soteriology and Ecclesiology)
Reading Report over chapters 43-54 and Jackson's book
4/17 PART 12: ESCHATOLOGY
Chapters 55-56 – *Summary by Student – S. Marsh.*
   (Bib: "The Rapture")
4/24 NO CLASS: BMA OF AMERICA & SPRING BREAK!
5/01 Chapter 57-58 – *Summary by Student – S. Chen.*
   (Bib: "Second Coming of Christ")
Chapters 59-60 – *Summary by Student – ____________.*
   (Bib: "Millennial Views")
5/08 Lecture by Professor
5/15 EXAM #III (Eschatology)
Reading Report over chapters 55-60.