§ PM 521— Theology of Worship §
Course Syllabus

Course Description:
As a specialized study into the theology, traditions, and history of worship, development of worship styles in relation to historical theology are researched. These developments are related to the various contemporary trends in churches. Students develop their own practical theologies of worship.

Learning Objectives:
a. Students will increase their knowledge of historical events in the development of Christian worship.
b. Students will analyze the corporate worship practices of their religious tradition and compare it to earlier traditions to determine if practices are influenced most by modern culture or scripture.
c. Students will become more knowledgeable of Old Testament influences on corporate church practices.
d. Students will gain an understanding of the regulative principle of worship.
e. Students will be gain an understanding of the liturgies of a wide range of religious traditions.
f. Students will learn to utilize some elements of critical thinking and academic research and writing.

Learning Outcomes:
a. Students will be able to demonstrate a general comprehension of the developments of different liturgical movements.
b. Students will be able to evaluate their worship practices in light of biblical theology.
c. Student will be able to articulate a biblical theology of worship
d. Students will be able to design a public worship service in light of their new knowledge
e. Students will demonstrate that they are able to minister at a professional level in the directing of a corporate worship service.
f. Students will be able to synthesize the information from the class to formulate a strategy for teaching a worship leadership seminar to lay leaders or non-seminary-trained pastors.
g. Demonstrate an ability to perform academically at the entry level of doctoral studies.

Pre-Class Required Reading:
(1) Ashamed of the Gospel (243 pp.) ------- John F. MacArthur 7981581342888
(2) Christ-Centered Worship 320 pp. ------- Bryan Chappell 7980801036408
Or 0801036402
(3) The Compromised Church (330 pp.) ---- John H. Armstrong 1581340060
(4) Worship by the Book (256 pp. ) ------------D. A. Carson 0310216257

♦ Any student without properly-completed Pre-Class Reading Reports (see below) on all pre-class reading at the beginning of the first class session will not be allowed to remain. ♦
Pre-Class Reading Reports—Due First Day of Class

- For each assigned book condense each chapter to one paragraph.
  (Single-spaced 50 word minimum/100 word maximum)
- Include a mention of something new you learned from each chapter.

♦ Contact Dr. Holmes to select a topic for your class presentation BEFORE DECEMBER 3 ♦
  (See attached instructions)

DAILY CLASS SCHEDULE | 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

JANUARY 10..............................................................................................................................................Turn in pre-class reading reports
JANUARY 11........................................................................................................................................................Lecture
JANUARY 12........................................................................................................................................................Lecture
JANUARY 13......................................................................................................................................................Student-led presentations & discussion
JANUARY 14......................................................................................................................................................Student-led presentations & discussion & Final Exam

After-Class Reading Reports

♦ After the week of class, students will select two (2) books of interest to read. Selections must be approved by the professor before leaving Friday. These reports will be one (1) double-spaced page per chapter. Recount the author’s main points and interact with your own impressions on the topic. After-class reading reports are Due Friday, February 18.
♦ Keep copies of reading reports, your presentation or any submitted paperwork. Work turned in will not be returned.

Important Note: E-mail, CD’s or faxed copies are NOT acceptable.

Grading:

Attendance and Class Participation----------------- 40%
There are 10 class sessions (a.m. & p.m.); therefore, each absence takes four (4) points off your final grade. The reason for an absence is irrelevant as it relates to grading. Four (4) absences will constitute an automatic “F” for the course. Four (4) instances of tardiness will equal one (1) absence. Students who are prompt and consistently attend class deserve to be rewarded (See page 44 of the BMATS catalog).

Reports and Research Papers ------------------------30%
Included are the pre-class reading reports and after-class reading reports. All work will be graded on promptness and quality.

Final Exam ------------------------------------------30%

Class Attire:

Casual clothing is not acceptable in the classroom, library, or administration building (i.e. shorts, t-shirts, logo team jerseys, baseball caps). Preferred dress for men is a dress shirt with tie, collared shirt and slacks. Denim clothing and open shoes are discouraged. Preferred dress for ladies is a dress or dress slacks/pant suits. Denim is also discouraged. (Student Handbook, Page 5)

Food is not allowed in the classroom

The content of this syllabus is subject to revision as announced in regular class periods (another good reason to attend classes).