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# Syllabus

## TH220 SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY I

**Course:** TH220D& ND Systematic Theology I:  
Bibliology, Theology Proper, Pneumatology  
**Credits:** 3 Semester Hours  
**Semester:** Spring 2023 Cycle 5 (March 13- May 5)  
**Time:** Monday/Wednesday, 1:00- 2:20 pm  
**Place:** CABRE 101  
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### DESCRIPTION

A study of the origin and nature of the Bible, a study of the nature and attributes of God, a study of the person and work of the Holy Spirit. (Prerequisites: COM110 or concurrent enrollment in COM110; BI115)

*\* This course is offered in two formats: in-person and online. Students registered for in-person attend the classes in person, online students attend the classes via the online classroom. For both in-person and online students, assignments and interaction outside of the class period are done in the learning management system.*

### OBJECTIVES

#### A. General competencies to be achieved. The student will:

1. Explain and defend bibliology from the Bible  
(PLO 1, 3, 4, 5) (A 1, 2, 3, 9)
2. Explain and defend theology proper from the Bible  
(PLO 1, 3, 4) (A 4, 5, 6, 9)
3. Explain and defend pneumatology from the Bible  
(PLO 1, 3, 4) (A 7, 8, 9)

*Our Mission: To prepare Christians to live and serve in the church and in the world according to the Biblical worldview.*

4. Commit to reading, studying and applying God's inspired, inerrant word to life  
(PLO 1, 5) (A 1, 2, 3)
5. Commit to worshipping and serving the one triune God  
(PLO 5) (A 4, 5, 6)
6. Commit to live a holy life in the power of the Holy Spirit  
(PLO 5) (A7, 8)

**B. Specific competencies to be achieved. The student will (will be able to):**

1. Defend the existence of God  
(PLO 1, 3, 4) (A 4, 5, 6, 9)
2. Define and defend the trinity from the Bible  
(PLO 1, 3, 4) (A 4, 5, 6, 9)
3. Define the names of God and explain their importance  
(PLO 1, 3, 4) (A 4, 5, 6, 9)
4. Define the attributes of God  
(PLO 1, 3, 4) (A 4, 5, 6, 9)
5. Explain general and special revelation  
(PLO 1, 2, 3, 4) (A 1, 2, 3, 9)
6. Explain and defend the inspiration and inerrancy of the Bible  
(PLO 1, 3, 4) (A 1, 2, 3, 9)
7. Explain the ministry of the Holy Spirit to Christians today  
(PLO 1, 3, 4, 5) (A7, 8, 9)
8. Define the spiritual gifts listed in the New Testament  
(PLO 1, 3, 4, 5) (A 7, 8, 9)
9. Give biblical and theological arguments for cessationism  
(PLO 1, 3, 4) (A 7, 8, 9)
10. Use his or her spiritual gift to serve in the local church  
(PLO 1, 5) (A 7)

## **TEXTBOOKS**

The Bible is a required textbook in every course at Calvary University. To facilitate academic level study, students are required to use for assignments and research an English translation or version of the Bible based on formal equivalence (*meaning that the translation is generally word-for-word from the original languages*), including any of the following: New American Standard (NASB, English Standard Version (ESV), New King James (NKJV), or King James (KJV). Other translations and versions based on dynamic equivalence (*paraphrases, and thought-for-thought translations like NLT and NIV*) may be used as supplemental sources. Please ask the professor if you have questions about a particular translation or version.

Norman Geisler and William Nix. *From God To Us Revised and Expanded: How We Got Our Bible*. Moody Publishers. ISBN: 978-0802428820 \$14.28. on Amazon

Charles Ryrie. *Basic Theology*. Victor Books. ISBN: 0-89693-814-X  
Cost: \$29.04 on Amazon (hardcover)

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

**Assignment 1:** Read *From God to Us* by Geisler and Nix and type a list of 10 things you learned about bibliology from reading the book (100 points)

**Assignment 2:** Answer ten questions in discussions on Bibliology and post responses to students in the classroom Discussion on Canvas (100 points)

**Assignment 3:** Exam on Bibliology (the doctrine of the Bible) (100 points)

**Assignment 4:** Read *Basic Theology* (pages 1-117) and type a list of 10 things you learned about theology proper from reading this section of the book (100 points)

**Assignment 5:** Answer ten questions in discussions on Theology Proper and post responses to students in the classroom Discussion on Canvas (100 points)

**Assignment 6:** Exam on Theology Proper (the doctrine of God) (100 points)

**Assignment 7:** Read *Basic Theology* (pages 395-452) and type a list of 10 things you learned about the Holy Spirit from reading this book (100 points)

**Assignment 8:** Answer ten questions in Discussions about Pneumatology and post responses to students in Discussions on this topic (100 points)

**Assignment 9:** Exam on Pneumatology (the doctrine of the Holy Spirit) (100 points)

**Assignment 10:** Write a 6 page paper summarizing your doctrinal beliefs about bibliology (the doctrine of the Bible), theology proper (the doctrine of God) and pneumatology (the doctrine of the Holy Spirit) (100 points)

**FINAL POINTS AND GRADING SCALE**

<b>930-1000</b>	<b>A</b>
<b>900-929</b>	<b>A-</b>
<b>870-899</b>	<b>B+</b>
<b>830-869</b>	<b>B</b>
<b>800-829</b>	<b>B-</b>
<b>770-799</b>	<b>C+</b>
<b>730-769</b>	<b>C</b>
<b>700-729</b>	<b>C-</b>
<b>670-699</b>	<b>D+</b>
<b>630-669</b>	<b>D</b>
<b>600-629</b>	<b>D-</b>
<b>0-599</b>	<b>F</b>

**SCHEDULE**

<b>Week 1</b>	<b>Introduction to Course Prolegomena</b>
<b>Week 2</b>	<b>Bibliology</b>
<b>Week 3</b>	<b>Bibliology</b>
<b>Week 4</b>	<b>Theology Proper</b>
<b>Week 5</b>	<b>Theology Proper</b>
<b>Week 6</b>	<b>Theology Proper</b>
<b>Week 7</b>	<b>Pneumatology</b>
<b>Week 8</b>	<b>Pneumatology</b>

## **Policies**

**All class papers** must follow the Turabian style according to *A Manual for Writers of Research Papers, Theses, and Dissertations*, 8th edition and the Calvary Style Guide, 2019 update.

**Late Assignments:** Assignments will be lowered **10%** if not turned in on the due date.

**Plagiarism:** *Plagiarism is defined as copying any part of a book or paper without identifying the author. This also includes taking another person's ideas and presenting them as your own.* Any assignment that includes plagiarism will receive a zero (0) grade.

**Disabilities:** *Students with disabilities have the responsibility of informing the Accommodations Support Coordinator ([aso@calvary.edu](mailto:aso@calvary.edu)) of any disabling condition that may require support.*

The Clark Academic Center ([learning@calvary.edu](mailto:learning@calvary.edu)) is dedicated to providing free academic assistance for all Calvary University students. Student tutors aid with all facets of the writing process, tutor in various subject areas, prepare students for exams and facilitate tests. Please take advantage of this service

### **Attendance:**

**Residential Students:** I will record attendance by checking academic activity during the previous 7 days each Wednesday. If you miss more than one week, your grade will be lowered by one letter grade. If you miss more than two weeks of class, your grade will be lowered by one additional letter grade (a total of two letter grades).

**Online students:** Attendance for online students will consist of validated academic activity at a weekly minimum. Attendance validation for online students includes such activities as participation in class assignments and discussion typically derived from the recorded lectures.

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