

Course: TH221-D&DN Systematic Theology II
Credits: 3 Semester Hours
Semester: Spring 2023 Cycle 6 (May 9 – June 30)
Time: 1:00–2:20 p.m. Tuesday’s & Thursdays
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DESCRIPTION

A study of the origin, fall and nature of man including hamartiology, the doctrine of sin; a study of the doctrine of the person of Christ and a study of the doctrine of salvation. (Prerequisites: COM110 or concurrent enrollment in COM110, BI115) [ILOs #1, 2, 3]

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

General competencies to be achieved. The student will:

1. Explain and defend biblical anthropology and hamartiology (PLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5) (A 1, 2)
2. Explain and defend biblical Christology (PLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5) (A 3, 4, 5)
3. Explain and defend biblical soteriology (PLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5) (A 6, 7, 8)

Specific competencies to be achieved. The student will:

1. Explain what it means to be made in the image of God (PLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5) (A 1, 2)
2. Praise God for being fearfully and wonderfully made (PLO 3) (A 1, 2)
3. Explain the hypostatic union and give arguments for the deity and humanity of Christ (PLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5) (A 3, 4, 5)
4. Explain the finished work of Christ on the cross (redemption, reconciliation, propitiation) (PLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5) (A 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8)
5. Explain the meaning of the substitutionary atonement of Christ (PLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5) (A 6, 7, 8)
6. Defend the bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead (PLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5) (A 3, 4, 5)
7. Explain the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ (PLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5) (A 6, 7, 8)
8. Defend salvation by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone (PLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5) (A 6, 7, 8)
9. Give arguments for eternal security (once saved always saved view) (PLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5) (A 6, 7, 8)

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

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.

Charles Ryrie, *Basic Theology*. Victor Books, 1986.
ISBN: 0-89693-814-X. Cost: \$25.49 on Amazon

John Walvoord, *Jesus Christ our Lord*. Chicago: Moody Press, 1969.
ISBN-0802443265 Cost: \$12.97 in Amazon

ASSIGNMENTS

Reading & Responses:

Reading #1: Read "Man: The Image of God" (Section VII) and "Sin" (Section VIII) in *Basic Theology* by Ryrie along with the Dr. Gromacki's notes on Anthropology/Hamartiology, The Danvers Statement, The Nashville Statement (all in Canvas). In Canvas, indicate that you finished the reading (give a percentage) and then list 10 Questions total about the topics of Anthropology (5 Questions) and Hamartiology (5 Questions) which people in our culture need to have God's answers for (100 points).

Reading #2: Read "Jesus Christ our Lord" (Section IX) in *Basic Theology* by Ryrie and the textbook *Jesus Christ our Lord* by Walvoord. In Canvas, indicate that you finished the reading (give a percentage) and then list 10 Questions about the topic of Christology which people in our culture need to have God's answers for (100 points).

Reading #3: Read "So Great a Salvation" (Section X) in *Basic Theology* by Ryrie. In Canvas, indicate that you finished the reading (give a percentage) and then list 10 Questions about the topic of Soteriology which people in our culture need to have God's answers for (100 points).

Topic Presentations & Discussion:

Topic Presentation: Select one of the topics to be discussed in class and prepare a 5-minute video presentation to be shown to the class at the beginning of the discussion of that specific topic. Include in the video presentation the following: (1) a brief intro of yourself, (2) a definition of the topic, (3) a key passage in which the definition is seen with a brief explanation of the passage, (4) how this topic is misunderstood / distorted / confused by unbelievers and some believers today (20 points).

Topic Discussion: Respond to each week's topics with a statement of the practical implication of the truth of this topic in your chose field of study / real life or unbelievers and believers (80 points total).

Writing:

Writing #1: Write a 4-part (2 pages each) Non-Research essay summarizing your doctrinal beliefs about the course topics: (a) biblical Anthropology (the doctrine of People), (b) Theology Proper (the doctrine of God), (c) Christology (the doctrine of the Savior), and (d) Soteriology (the doctrine of Salvation) (150 points)

Writing #2: Write a Research Essay of at least 6 pages (not including title page or bibliography) on one of the following topics. The paper must follow the Turabian Style Guide, include Scripture references (but not extensive quotations), and include 5 sources and footnotes (150 points).

- Defend the Sanctity of Human Life: Biblically, when does human life begin? Biblically, why is abortion wrong? Biblically, why is life sacred?
- Defend the concept of Total Depravity: Are people hopelessly lost in sin? To what extent has sin affected people? Doesn't the "goodness" of most people argue against depravity?
- Defend the deity of Jesus Christ. How do you know that Jesus Christ is God? Explain how John 1, Colossians 1 and Hebrews 1 prove the deity of Jesus Christ.
- Defend Salvation by Faith Alone: What does it mean to be saved by faith alone? Why would God not consider our "good works" if we are created for good works? Doesn't true saving faith have to include a commitment to obey God? Isn't faith alone an excuse for a "Christian" living as they please (i.e., sinning)?

Exams:

Exam #1: Anthropology/Hamartiology Exam. There are 50 questions (true/false and multiple choice). Use the study guide to prepare for the exam. The exam is "open book" but also timed (100 points).

Exam #2: Christology Exam. There are 50 questions (true/false and multiple choice). Use the study guide to prepare for the exam. The exam is "open book" but also timed (100 points).

Exam #3: Soteriology Exam. There are 50 questions (true/false and multiple choice). Use the study guide to prepare for the exam. The exam is "open book" but also timed (100 points).

Expectations for Research Paper

All class papers must follow the Turabian style according to *A Manual for Writers of Research Papers, Theses, and Dissertations*, 8th edition (with footnotes) and the *Calvary University The 2019 Turabian Style Guide Addendum* to Turabian.

A sample paper is in the Learning Center or at Calvary's web site. All papers should include a title page and a bibliography. The pages reference is to the content of the paper and not to the title page or bibliography.

You should not wait until the last minute to do these papers. It is good practice to finish each paper a couple of days before it is due. If you need help with Turabian – please go the Clark Academic Center for help.

Do not plagiarize. 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. If a student plagiarizes, he or she will receive a zero for the assignment and it will be reported to the academic dean.

Note: The use of AI-generated content is not permitted in any papers.

POINTS AND FINAL GRADE

See the grading scale in the University Catalog for the specific grading scale that will be used for final course grade.

General grading criteria:

- A = completed assignment well beyond assignment criteria
- B = completed assignment as specified and very well done
- C = completed assignment with average work
- D = completed assignment but poorly
- F = did not complete assignment and/or unacceptable work

Possible points for each specific assignment:

***Note:** An assignment-specific rubric will be provided for each assignment.

Readings & Responses (3 @ 100 ea). = 300 points
Topic Presentations Discussion (1 @ 20; 8 @ 10 ea).	= 100 "
Essays (2 @ 150 ea.). = 300 "
Exams (3 @ 100 ea.). = 300 "
TOTAL POINTS.	. . = 1000 "

CLASS SCHEDULE

* Note: A detailed Class Schedule will be provided in Canvas.

WEEK	CLASS LECTURES
#1	Anthropology: Origin; Image, Male & Female
#2	Hamartiology, Part 1: Fall, Inherited, Imputed
#3	Hamartiology, Part 2: Depravity, Personal, Christian
#4	Christology, Part 1: Preincarnate, Human, Divine
#5	Christology, Part 2: Temptation, Death, Resurrection
#6	Soteriology, Part 1: Work of God the Father
#7	Soteriology, Part 2: Work of God the Son
#8	Soteriology, Part 1: Work of God the Holy Spirit

Help for Students

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

The Clark Academic Center (learning@calvary.edu) is dedicated to providing free academic assistance for 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.

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