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# Syllabus

## TH220 SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY I

**Course:** TH220 Systematic Theology I  
**Credits:** 3 credit hours  
**Semester:** Spring 2026 Session 1  
**Dates:** January 12-March 6, 2026  
**Time:** Tuesday and Thursday 1:00 – 2:20 pm Central Time  
**Place:** CABRE 100  
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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: GE101 or concurrent enrollment in GE101, 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, 2, 3, 4, 5) (A 1, 2, 3, 9)
2. Explain and defend theology proper from the Bible  
(PLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5) (A 4, 5, 6, 9)
3. Explain and defend pneumatology from the Bible  
(PLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5) (A 7, 8, 9)
4. Commit to reading, studying and applying God's inspired, inerrant word to life  
(PLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5) (A 1, 2, 3)

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

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

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

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

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

### ASSIGNMENTS

**Assignment 1:** Read *Basic Theology* (pages 1-59) on Section 1 Prolegomena and Section 2 The Living and True God and type a list of 20 things you learned from your reading this section of the book (100 points)

**Assignment 2:** Exam on Prolegomena and Theology Proper (the doctrine of God). There are 50 questions: true/false and multiple choice. No helps can be used to take this exam on Canvas. Do your best for the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ (100 points)

**Assignment 3:** Read *Basic Theology* (pages 62-117) on Bibliology (the doctrine of the Bible) and type a list of 20 things you learned about Bibliology from reading this section of the book (100 points)

**Assignment 4:** Exam on Bibliology (the doctrine of the Bible). There are 50 questions: true/false and multiple choice. No helps can be used to take this exam. Do your best for the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ. (100 points).

**Assignment 5:** Read *Basic Theology* (pages 343-392) on Pneumatology (the doctrine of the Holy Spirit) and type a list of 20 things you learned about Pneumatology from reading this section of the book (100 points).

**Assignment 6:** Exam on Pneumatology (the doctrine of the Holy Spirit). There are 50 questions: true/false and multiple choice. No helps can be used to take this exam. Do your best for the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ (100 points).

**Assignment 7:** Devotional Journal. Keep a devotional journal where you write out one verse from your Bible reading for each day and then write a short prayer to God based on this verse. (200 points)

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**Assignment 8:** Write a research paper (8 pages double spaced following Turabian style) on **one** of the following topics (200 points):

God as a Trinity: What does the Bible teach about each of the divine persons of the Trinity: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit? What do each of the divine Persons of the Trinity do for us in our salvation?

The Bible: How do you know that the Bible is the inspired, inerrant word of God? Give several arguments for the inspiration and inerrancy of the Bible.

The Baptism and Filling of the Holy Spirit: What is the baptism of the Holy Spirit? What is the Filling of the Holy Spirit? Define each of these ministries and their significance to our lives.

The Gift of Tongues: What was the spiritual gift of tongues? What was the purpose of this spiritual gift? What is the difference between charismatic and non-charismatic churches on their views of the gift of tongues? Is the gift of tongues for today? Why or why not?

The Permanent Gifts of the Holy Spirit: What are the spiritual gifts given to Christians by the Holy Spirit? How can Christians use these spiritual gifts to build up the Church – the Body of Christ?

### FINAL POINTS AND GRADING SCALE

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

### SCHEDULE

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| Week 1 | Introduction to Systematic Theology<br>Prolegomena |
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**Week 2      Theology Proper**

**Week 3      Theology Proper**

**Week 4      Bibliology**

**Week 5      Bibliology**

**Week 6      Bibliology**

**Week 7      Pneumatology**

**Week 8      Pneumatology**

### **Help for Students**

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 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.

### **Expectations of Online Students**

Watch the video lecture each week.

Be respectful of the professor and all students in the online classroom.

Turn all work in on time in Assignments in Canvas. -5 points for each day late

Take all tests on time.

### **Expectations of Resident Students**

Attend class. Any student who misses more than one class will experience a grade reduction.

Be on time for class. Coming in late interrupts the class and is disruptive.

Please bring a Bible to class.

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Listen to the lecture and write down your questions. When I call for questions after finishing a section of the lecture you can ask your questions then.

Be courteous and respectful in class to the professor and all students. A lack of respect in class will lead to a grade reduction.

Please do not eat during the class lecture/discussion time.

Turn all work in on time in Assignments in Canvas. -5 points for each day late

Take all tests on time.

### **Expectations for Research Papers**

All research papers written for Bible and Theology courses must follow the Turabian style according to *A Manual for Writers of Research Papers, Theses, and Dissertations*, 8<sup>th</sup> edition (with footnotes). A sample paper is in the Learning Center or at Calvary's web site. All papers should include a title page and a bibliography.

Do not plagiarize. Plagiarism is defined as copying any part of a book or paper without identifying the source. This also includes taking another person's or AI entity's ideas or constructs and presenting them as your own. The use of AI generated content in student work is prohibited (even if cited) as it does not represent original work created by the student and is an unreliable aggregate of ideas from other sources. Plagiarism of any kind will not be tolerated. If a student plagiarizes the student will receive a zero (F) for the assignment and he or she will be reported to the dean of students and the chief academic officer.

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