

Systematic Theology I: God/Bible/Humanity

Objectives: By the end of this course you should be able:

1. Students will learn foundational truths regarding the major doctrinal areas of revelation, bibliology, theology proper, and humanity.
2. Students will develop a greater appreciation for the study of theology explicitly based on Scripture as they engage in critical thinking about theological issues.
3. Students will understand better some aspects of the CCC Statement of Faith (intro, 1, 6, 7,).
4. Students will gain a deeper confidence in and appreciation for Scripture as the inspired, truthful (inerrant), authoritative, sufficient, necessary, clear, and powerful Word of God.
5. Students will grow in wonder, thankfulness, faith, obedience, devotion, and love in their relationship with the triune God
6. Students will come to understand the biblical teaching on the nature of humans and the significance and meaning of their fallen state.
7. To be able to explain the biblical teaching of the doctrines taught in this course to others in ministry.

Assigned Reading and Lectures

Session 1: Prolegomena

Lecture 1: Prolegomena: Introduction to Evangelical Systematic Theology (EST)

Lecture 2: Methods of Evangelical Theology: Criteria for assessing theological formulations

Lecture 3: Cultural Contextualization; Theological Systems

Reading Assignment: Grudem, Chapter 1, pp. 1-28 (Total PGS Read: 28)

Session 2: Theological Systems

Lecture 4: Calvinism and Arminianism

Lecture 5: Covenant Theology

Lecture 6: Liberalism, Neo Orthodoxy, Evangelicalism

Reading Assignment: Grudem, Chapter 25, pp. 647-660 (Total PGS Read: 13)

Session 3: Scripture, Part 1

Lecture 7: Doctrine of Scripture: Introduction to revelation and general revelation

Reading Assignment: Grudem, Chapters 2-4, pp. 31-84 (Total PGS Read: 53)

Session 4: Scripture, Part 2

Lecture 8: Special Revelation; Inspiration:

Reading Assignment: Grudem, Chapters 6-7, pp. 109-151 (Total PGS Read: 42)

Session 5: Scripture, Part 3

Lecture 9: Inerrancy

Lecture 10: Illumination; Canonicity

Reading Assignment: Grudem, Chapter 5, pp. 85-108 (Total PGS Read: 23)

Session 6: Doctrine of God, Part 1

Lecture 11: Theism; Proof of God's Existence

Lecture 12 Knowledge of God; the Trinity

Lecture 13 The Trinity

Reading Assignment: Grudem, Chapters 9-10, pp. 169-184; Chapter 14, pp. 269-337 (Total PGS Read: 83)

Session 7: Doctrine of God, Part 2

Lecture 14 Attributes of God

Lecture 15 Attributes of God: Love, Self-sufficiency

Lecture 16: Attributes of God: Incommunicable-1

Lecture 17: Attributes of God Incommunicable-2

Reading Assignment: Grudem, Chapter 11, pp. 185-218 (Total PGS Read: 33)

Session 8: Doctrine of God, Part 3

Lecture 18: Attributes of God: Communicable-1

Lecture 19: Attributes of God: Communicable-2

Lecture 20: Attributes of God: Communicable-3

Reading Assignment: Grudem, Chapters 12-13, pp.219-268 (Total PGS Read: 49)

Session 10: Doctrine of God, Part 4

Lecture 21: Sovereignty of God: Lecture 1

Lecture 22: Sovereignty of God: Lecture 2

Lecture 23: Sovereignty of God: Lecture 3

Reading Assignment: Grudem, Chapter 16, pp. 420-469 (Total PGS Read: 49)

OPTIONAL TOPIC: Angels & Demons: Download Document- see "Angels Handout"

Reading Assignment: Grudem, Chapters 19-20, pp. 516-560 (Total PGS Read: 44)

Session 11: Doctrine of Humanity

Lecture 25: Introduction and Human Origins

Lecture 26: Human Nature and the Soul

Reading Assignment: Grudem, Chapter 21-23, pp. 561-618 (Total PGS Read: 57)

Session 12: Doctrine of Sin

Lecture 27: Doctrine of Sin

Lecture 28: Original Sin

Reading Assignment: Grudem, Chapters 24, pp. 619-646. (Total PGS Read: 27)