Theology Survey II
TH502

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is a study of the person and work of Christ, predestination, conversion, justification, sanctification, and the work of the Holy Spirit; perseverance; the nature and mission of the church; sacraments; eschatology.

REQUIRED READING


2. Timothy C. Tennent, Theology in the Context of World Christianity: How the Global Church is Influencing the Way We Think about and Discuss Theology. Zondervan, 2007.


5. Alexander Schmemann, For the Life of the World

6. John Murray, Redemption Accomplished and Applied


8. John Calvin, Institutes, II. 6, 9, 12, 14-17 (On Reserve in library)

9. Cyprian, On the Unity of the Catholic Church (On Reserve in library or online: http://www.newadvent.org/fathers/050701.htm)


COURSE SCHEDULE & ASSIGNED READING

I know some will sign up close to the beginning of this course, but don’t let it keep you away because the readings can be done anytime in the semester. I listed them below so you can see how they coordinate with the topics for each weekend. There will be a final exam at the end of the semester based primarily on the readings.

Feb 13-14

Christology
• St. Athanasius, The Incarnation of the Word of God
• John Calvin, Institutes, II. 6, 9, 12, 14-16 (person of Christ) II.15-17 (work of Christ)
• Fairbairn, Life in the Trinity, pages 108-156
• Tennent, Theology in the Context of World Christianity, 105-134
• Placher, ed., Essentials of Christian Theology, pages 183-220
• McGrath, The Christian Theology Reader, read at least 10 of the 41 selections from pages 218-283

Mar 13-14

Soteriology
• John Murray, Redemption Accomplished and Applied
• Fairbairn, Life in the Trinity, pages 157-233
• Tennent, Theology in the Context of World Christianity, 135-162
• McGrath, The Christian Theology Reader, read at least 10 of the 38 selections pages 284-338

Holy Spirit
• Graham Cole, He Who Gives Life OR Sinclair Ferguson, The Holy Spirit
• Tennent, Theology in the Context of World Christianity, 163-192

April 17-18

Church
• Alexander Schmemann, For the Life of the World
• Cyprian, On the Unity of the Catholic Church
• Tennent, Theology in the Context of World Christianity, 193-220
• Placher, ed., Essentials of Christian Theology, pages 221-256
• McGrath, *The Christian Theology Reader*, read at least 10 of the 32 selections from pages 406-452 and at least 10 of the 36 selections from pages 453-499

**Eschatology**

• Stanley Grenz, *Millennial Maze OR* Anthony Hoekema, *The Bible and the Future*
• Tennent, *Theology in the Context of World Christianity*, 221-248
• Placher, ed., *Essentials of Christian Theology*, pages 327-365
• McGrath, *The Christian Theology Reader*, read at least 8 of the 26 selections from pages 534-566

**COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

1. **Research Paper (50%)** – Students will write a 2,000 word paper on a topic from the course: the person and work of Christ, predestination, conversion, justification, sanctification, the work of the Holy Spirit, perseverance, the nature and mission of the church, sacraments, or eschatology. Due May 19, 2015.

2. **Final Exam (50%)** – Throughout the semester, students will be given a list of questions focused on the assigned readings. The final exam will consist of only questions selected from the list of questions. Due date May 5, 2015.

**GRADING SCALE**

Listed below are the assignments that will determine your final course grade.

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A (97-100), A- (94-96), B+ (91-93), B (88-90), B- (86-87), C+ (83-85), C (80-82), C- (78-79), D+ (75-77), D (72-74), D- (70-71), F (below 70)

**ACADEMIC STANDARDS**

Class attendance and participation are a central part of this course. If you should miss a class, you are expected to contact another student regarding the information covered.

Late papers will be graded down 33% for each 24 hours late.

All written assignments should be submitted in either Word or PDF format. Assignments should be double spaced with 1” margins on all sides of each page, and should be printed in Times New Roman 12 point type. Assignments must be submitted electronically.