AP/MC 687
THE BIBLE AND RACE

Overview

This course is a study of the history of human relationships viewed through the themes of Creation, Fall, Redemption and Consummation. Racism, prejudice and discrimination exhibited by humans throughout history and the spiritual and social implications of the Gospel will be explored. Topics include:

- The human relationship as demonstrated in Creation
- The digression of human relationships, spiritually and socially, as a result of the Fall
- The biblical solution to racism through the Cross of Calvary and the church’s responsibility to model that truth
- The eschatological implications of human relationships in light of eternity.

Course Objectives

- Understanding of the past and present dilemma of human relationships due to sin.
- Comprehension of the failure of the church to be a role model as light and salt in the world in this area.
- Knowledge of the immeasurable work of God on Calvary to heal racism.
- Development of a comprehensive plan to overcome this ethnic problem through redemptive dialogue.

Requirements

1. In-Class Participation: Every student will be required to be involved in an active dialogue of the issues and sharing personal insights and experiences pertaining to the subject.
2. Cross-Cultural Worship Brief: Every student will be required to write a minimum 2-page, double-spaced paper on the worship style of someone of a different race. Attending a service or listening to a sermon via YouTube can accomplish this paper.
3. Book Reviews: Every student will be required to write a 2-page, double-spaced summary of each of the required readings.
4. Reaction Paper: Every student will be required to write a minimum 15-page reaction paper. The final paper must be double-spaced, 12 pt. font, Turabian style.

Evaluations

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Reaction Paper Rubric

The final reaction paper rubric is as follows:

A. Share your personal journey and view on race relations before arriving in this class.
B. Address what you learned, agreed with and/or disagreed with from the classroom discussions.
C. Discuss your current outlook on race relations as a result of taking this course.
D. Write out an action plan discussing your life and ministry concerning gospel-centered race relations.

Required Materials


Jarvis J. Williams. *One New Man: The Cross and Racial Reconciliation In Pauline Theology.*

Recommended Materials


Class Policies

LATE WORK:
All late work will be penalized the equivalent of one letter grade per day beyond the due date unless arrangements are made ahead of time. Extenuating circumstances will be considered as appropriate. If you anticipate a problem, contact the professor as soon as possible.

ATTENDANCE:
Class participation is essential for the format of this course. Attendance and active participation are required for all class sessions. According to seminary policy, a letter grade penalty will be assessed for an absence of more than 3 hours.