TH502-A: Theology Survey II with Dr. Jack Davis

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Snapshot of Course Requirements
TH502A requires timely completion of the following five course requirements:
1. Required Reading and Reading Project - 10% of your grade
2. Two Examinations (midterm, final; worth 60% of your grade)
3. Research paper or Personal statement of faith - 30% of your grade
4. Interactivity (required for course grade to be submitted to registration office)
5. Course Checkout/Reading Report (after you have finished all course requirements above—includes reading report)

Purpose and Objectives of Course
Theology Survey II is a continuation of Theology Survey I. This course has been designed to establish firm doctrinal foundations concerning Christ, the Holy Spirit and the church. Topics include the person and work of Christ; predestination, conversion, justification, sanctification and the gifts of the Holy Spirit; perseverance; the nature and mission of the church; baptism and the Lord’s Supper; and eschatology.

This course is the second in a two-semester survey of Evangelical theology. We begin with the nature of Christ concerning his humanity and deity. This proceeds into his work on the cross and his resurrection. The lessons then focus on the works and gifts of the Holy Spirit and conclude with the church, the sacraments and words on eschatology and the millennium.

Course Requirements

Please Note: In case of discrepancies between the course requirements mentioned in the audio material and the requirements given in this syllabus, the syllabus takes precedence. It is highly recommended that you do not turn in all of your written work at one time. Doing so will not allow you to benefit from the feedback of the instructor.

Required Textbooks
Each student will be required to report what percentage of the required textbooks he/she has read.

"A Brief Glossary of Theological Terms" (from J. Davis, *Theology Primer*). This is optional.
Reading Project
Students are required to complete additional reading on one or more topics covered in the course. This project is due by the course due date. For bibliographic suggestions of the various course topics, see the entries at the end of each chapter of Handbook of Basic Bible Texts. A minimum of 500 pages of additional reading are required.

Reading Report
Students must turn in a reading report indicating the additional reading completed and the percentage of the required textbooks completed by the course due date. The reading project is to consist of:

1. A listing of works read, with pages and cumulative total.
2. The sheets in which you interact briefly with each of your sources.
3. The required textbooks reading report listing the percentage read of each of the required textbooks listed above. (You may include this information on your Course Checkout Form).

The interaction sheets should include the author and title of the work cited, a quote from the work that seemed especially significant to you, and your interaction/comments. Sources consulted should include both books and scholarly journals (where available).

Examinations
Two examinations (unmarked, non-study Bible allowed, no notes or books) will be given during the course and will involve responding in short essay form to four out of six of the study guide Focus questions and in long essay form to two out of three study guide Develop exercises in the covered lessons:

- **Midterm:** Covers lectures and readings from Lesson 1 through Lesson 9.
- **Final:** Covers lectures and readings from Lesson 10 through Lesson 17.

Note that the Focus and Develop questions do not cover all possible exam questions.

Research Paper or Personal Statement of Faith
Papers must be 10-15 pages in length, typed, and double-spaced. Topics for research papers must be approved in advance with the instructor.

The statement of faith should be comprehensive. It should cover the major topic headings in the Handbook of Basic Bible Texts such as scripture, attributes of God, Trinity, creation, providence, the person and work of Christ, the Holy Spirit, the church, sacraments, and eschatology. A sample Statement of Faith is available for your review (also posted under Resources).

Taking an Exam
There are two ways you may take an exam for this course:

1. **Electronically** (preferred method): To take an exam electronically, click "Tests & Quizzes" on the left menu (under Project Tools).
   - Select the exam you plan to take. You must provide proctor information (including your proctor's email address) to the Semlink office prior to taking your exam. You cannot login to and/or take an exam without a proctor present.
   - Before taking your exam, your proctor will review important information with you and will then log you into the exam when you are ready to begin. Your proctor must remain present throughout the duration of the exam. You may use your own computer (e.g. a laptop) or a computer provided by your proctor.
   - Ensure you have a reliable internet connection.
   - This format allows you to type your essay responses directly into Sakai.

2. **Paper-based Exam:** To take your exam by paper, click "Tests & Quizzes" on the left menu (under Project Tools). Select the exam you plan to take (it will include "paper exam" in the title).
   - The exam will be available in PDF format. You will need to provide proctor information in order to access your exam (including your proctor's email address).
   - Your proctor will need to print your exam, and preferably have access to a scanner to submit your exam.
   - When you have completed your exam, your proctor may either 1) scan and upload your exam to Sakai, 2) email a scanned copy to the Semlink office; 3) mail to the address provided.
   - This format requires you handwrite your responses on notebook or blank white paper.
If you plan to take an exam in one of the GCTS libraries, you do not need to request your exam through the Semlink office. You may take the exam any time provided the library is open and able to accommodate your request. Library computers can be used to take the exam, but are limited and not always available at all times of day. Use of your own laptop computer is highly recommend. Check with the library also for special summer and holiday hours, or other changes to their schedule that may affect your ability to take your exam. Boston/CUME, Charlotte, and Jacksonville students may need to contact the library to set up a time to take an exam.

Submitting Assignments

Assignments can be submitted electronically through the Drop Box tool in Sakai. On the left menu, under "Project Tools," select "Drop Box." To add a file, click “Add” and upload from there.

Some guidelines for this process:

- Paper submissions should be in either .doc, .docx or .pdf format.
- Submitting your work through drop box is considered a formal (and final) submission. Nothing further will be needed on your part.
- All submissions are time/date stamped and will be retrieved by the Semlink office and routed to your professor for grading.
- Assignments may be returned to you electronically, in most cases through your Sakai drop box or via email. If your assignment was graded by hand, it will be scanned and delivered to you as a PDF file.
- Remember to use a full heading, including your name, professor, course, and date.

Please let the Semlink office know if you have any further questions about electronic submission. semlink@gordonconwell.edu or 978-646-4144.

Interactivity

As a member of the Association of Theological Schools, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary recognizes the value of interactivity in distance learning and complies with the standards for accreditation set by ATS which include interactivity as a compulsory component of any distance learning program that wishes to continue granting credit for its courses. The purpose of Semlink interactivity is to enhance learning by providing an online environment for students to engage meaningfully and substantively with professors, teaching fellows, and other students in order to achieve an enriching and academically challenging distance learning experience.

There are two interactivity requirements for this course:

1. **An online discussion forum:** converse with other students and with instructors on the Semlink forum. You are required to participate four (4) times in the discussions relating to your area of study. To ensure successful completion of this requirement, please complete your participation in the discussion forums at least one week prior to your course due date. This will allow sufficient time for you to resubmit any responses if necessary.

2. **Email-based conversation** with your Semlink teaching fellow. You are required to email a total of three (3) times, including your original response to the conversation starter. Please allow a minimum of one month to complete this conversation to allow time for the teaching fellow to respond. Allow five business days for a response to each of your submissions.

To begin your interactivity (and for more details about this requirement), see the Interactivity section under Modules. This section will explain in more detail what is expected for this requirement.

If you fail to complete the interactivity requirements, you will fail your course.

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Take final exam.<br>Finish paper or Personal Statement of Faith and submit to the Semlink office along with the required reading report.