



# The Orlando Institute

Equipping Leaders to Disciple the Nations

DT200

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Biblical Theology

## Syllabus

I. Class Objectives: By the end of this class you should have:

1. deepened your scripturally based convictions about God, the Bible, and God's view of humanity.
2. developed a greater commitment to and engagement in biblical theology and appreciation for its relevance for ministry.
3. grasped major concepts within these areas, some of the conflicting viewpoints and responded to selected contemporary issues.
4. applied insight to your personal life and ministry, focusing on changing the world.

II. Class Sessions

1. Introduction to Biblical Theology
2. God
3. The Word of God
4. Salvation
5. The Future of Life
6. Denominations
7. World Religions
8. Culture Conflict: Worldviews
9. A Way Forward
10. Changing Cultures

III. Textbooks

Malik, Charles. (1980). *The Two Tasks*. Wheaton College.  
Rahner, Karl. (1978). *Foundations of the Christian Faith*. NY: Seabury.

IV. Assignments

1. Read the main textbooks as assigned. Read one additional theology book from the suggested reading. You will indicate in writing that you have read these books. Due one week before the end of class.
2. Write a paper on the shape of the theological task: What is the purpose of mankind and the world?

V. Grades

Textbooks	30%
Paper	30%
Final Exam	<u>40%</u>
Total	100

## VI. Bibliography of Additional Readings

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(The Old Roman form - ca AD 340-400)

I believe in **God the Father**, maker of heaven and earth,  
and in **Jesus Christ**, His only son, Our Lord.

Who was born of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary

and was crucified under Pontius Pilate and was buried.

He was raised from the dead the third day and ascended into heaven

where He sits at the right hand of the Father,

from there He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

and in **the Holy Spirit**,

**the holy Church,**

**the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body,**

**and life everlasting.**

## THEOLOGICAL MOVEMENTS

60-100	John		Paul Clement	Origen	Peter Irenaeus		
318-1200	Athanasius						
		Augustine			Gregory	Basil	Justinian Chrysostom
1275						Aquinas	John of Damascus
						John of the Cross	
1525	Luther		Calvin		Paul III		Lucaris
1560	Simons	Melanchthon	Butzer	Arminius	Pius IV	Loyola	
1700	Spener	Schliermacher	Owen	Wesley	Benedict XIV		
1850		Ritschl	Hodge	Watson	Pius IX		
			Warfield				
1950	Pieper	Bultmann	Barth	Chafer	Wiley		Lossky
1960		Moltmann	Berkhof	Buswell	Thiessen	Rahner	Ware
1980		Pannenberg	Bloesch	Pinnock	Henry	John Paul II	Meyendorff
						Segundo	
2000			Grudem	Erickson	Oden	Benedict XVI	Fiorenza

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<u>Pelagian</u>	<u>Catholic</u>	<u>Anglican</u>	<u>Lutheran</u>	<u>Neo-Orthodox</u>	<u>Wesleyan</u>	<u>Arminian</u>	<u>Sublapsarian</u>	<u>Infralapsarian</u>	<u>Supralapsarian</u>
Create	Create	Create	Create	Create	Create	Create	Create	Create	Election and reprobation Create
Gift of free will to all	Permission of fall, loss of righteousness	Permission of fall, partial depravity	Permission of fall, total depravity	Permission of fall, partial depravity	Permission of fall, total depravity	Permission of fall, total depravity	Permission of fall, total depravity	Permission of fall, total depravity	
Gift of law and gospel to illumine way to God	Unlimited atonement reconciliation	Unlimited atonement reconciliation	Unlimited atonement satisfaction	Election of all	Unlimited atonement, satisfaction	Unlimited atonement, redemption possible	Unlimited atonement, redemption possible	Unconditional election	Permission of fall, total depravity
Gift of Spirit to call all to God	Gift of Church as agent of sufficient grace in co-operation with Spirit	Gift of Church as agent of sufficient grace in co-operation with Spirit	Gift of means of grace	Unlimited atonement, satisfaction	Remission of original sin (sufficient ability)	Unconditional election (based on foreseen faith)	Unconditional election of those who will be in Christ	Limited atonement to redeem elect	Limited atonement to redeem elect
Gift of Christ to expiate sin and set example	Election of those who will co-operate with means	Election of those who will co-operate with means	Election of those who will not resist means of grace	Gift of Spirit to save all	Election of all who co-operate with sufficient grace	Gift of Holy Spirit to call all to Christ	Gift of Spirit to save elect	Gift of Spirit to save elect	Gift of Spirit to save elect
Salvation of all who walk in the right	Salvation through means of sacraments	Salvation through means of sacraments	Gift of Spirit to save through means of grace	Salvation of all ultimately	Gift of Spirit to call all to Christ,	Spirit saves non-resisters efficaciously	Efficacious grace (resistable or irresistible grace)	Irresistible grace	Irresistible grace
Sanctification of all who walk in the right	Sanctification through means of grace	Sanctification through means of grace	Sanctification of elect through means of grace	Sanctification of all ultimately	Salvation of all who cooperate	Sanctification by grace of non-resisters	Sanctification of elect by grace (efficacious grace/irresistible grace)	Sanctification of elect by grace	Sanctification of elect by grace
Perserverance through co-operation	Perserverance of all who use means of grace	Perserverance of all who use means of grace	Perseverance by grace	Perseverance by grace	Perseverance of all who cooperate	Perseverance by grace	Perseverance by grace	Perseverance by grace	Perseverance by grace
Naturalistic	Sacerdotal	Sacerdotal	Sacerdotal	Universalist	Universalistic	Particularistic	Consistent Particularist	Consistent Particularist	Consistent Particularist