



The Orlando Institute

Equipping Leaders to Disciple the Nations

DT100

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Biblical Doctrine

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 sharing with other people on doctrinal issues and sharing the gospel.

II. Class Sessions

1. Introduction to Theology
2. Revelation, Inspiration, Inerrancy, Cannonicity, Transmission, Presevation, Authority
3. The existence, attributes, names, providence of God and the Trinity
4. Humanity and the Fall
5. The Person and Work of Christ
6. Salvation
7. The Christian Life
8. The Church
9. Last Things
10. The Center of Theology

III. Textbooks

Erickson, Millard. (1998). *Introducing Christian Doctrine*. Grand Rapids: Baker.

IV. Assignments

1. Read the main textbook 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. Doctrinal Survey Project - The purpose of this project is to help you gain stronger awareness of biblical doctrine by studying the Bible and the history of theology, and by discovering and evaluating other peoples' religious views. You will receive three copies of a specially designed survey. Take the survey with three different people, looking for as much variety as possible, e.g. student, businessman, homemaker, etc. Do not survey ministry faculty or students. Out of these three surveys pick two which are the most interesting. In one or two pages for each of these two, evaluate where the individual is correct and/or incorrect in his or her doctrinal views, from a biblical perspective. If he or she has non-biblical views try to determine which biblical

doctrine(s) he/she has ignored or altered. Hand in all three surveys, plus the two evaluations. Turning in the completed surveys will count for 2/3 of your grade on this project. The remaining 1/3 will be determined by the quality of your written evaluations. This project should take about 5 hours. It is due two weeks before the end of class.

3. Memory Project - Each student will memorize the following assigned content by the session indicated and will write it out in class or say it to the fellowship group, as directed by the faculty. All students must use the NASB for this assignment.

- a. Romans 6:23 - due week one
- b. Col. 1:13-17 - due week two
- c. Phil. 1:6, 23-24 - due week three
- d. I Peter 5:1-3 - due week four
- e. The Apostles' Creed - due week five

4. Contemporary Issues Paper due

This paper is an attempt to assist graduate students in learning how to relate various facets of theology to current social or religious issues. The paper will be due the last week of class. Each paper should include:

- a. Biblical references and/or exegesis evincing your understanding of relevant doctrinal issues from a scriptural perspective,
- b. quotes and bibliography from the non-evangelical, non-Christian, or cultic perspectives,
- c. quotes and bibliography from evangelicals who have written on this subject (especially important if there are areas of disagreement among evangelicals)
- d. a clear and convincing argument, demonstrating what you think the proper evangelical position should be and why.

Suggestions for Contemporary Issues Paper topics. Topics will fall in one of four categories:

- 1) Social or Political Issues. Examples: "The Ethical Debate on _____".
- 2) Doctrinal Issues and Errors. "What are the steps in salvation?" "Are tongues for everyone?"
- 3) Evaluation of a Controversial Sect. (Especially important to argue whether the group is a cult or just a Christian sect with some unusual, but not heretical, teachings.) "Witness Lee and the 'Local Church'"
- 4) Controversial Evangelical Issue. "Miracles and 'Power Encounters': a Biblical strategy for 20th century evangelism?"

V. Grades

Textbook	25%
Doctrine Survey Project	25%
Memory Work	15%
Contemporary Issues	<u>35%</u>
Total	100

VI. Bibliography of Additional Readings

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- Rahner, Karl. (1968). *Spirit in the World*. NY: Herder & Herder.
- Ramm, Bernard. (1985). *An Evangelical Christology*. Nashville: Nelson.
- Robb, Edmund. (1986). *Betrayal of the Church: Apostasy and Renewal in the Mainline Denominations*. Crossway.
- Saucy, Robert. (1972). *The Church in God's Program*. Chicago: Moody.
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- Swindoll, Charles. (2003). *The Grace Awakening*. Brilliance Audio: CD.
- Warfield, B. B. (1966). *The Plan of Salvation*. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans.
- Wilhoit, James. (2008). *Spiritual Formation as if the Church Mattered*. Baker.
- Wilkin, Robert L. (2005). *The Spirit of Early Christian Thought: Seeking the Face of God*. Yale.
- Wright, N.T. (2003). *The Resurrection of the Son of God*. Augsburg-Fortress.

THEOLOGY CLASS SURVEY

Please answer the following questions for a class project.

1. Do you believe there is a God,

and if so then what is God like?

2. How do you relate to God?

Can you know Him personally?

Since we sometimes do wrong (sin), how are we made right with God?

3. Would you like to know more about Jesus Christ and the free gift of salvation he offers?

THE APOSTLE'S CREED

(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	Constantine								
			Augustine				Gregory	Basil	
									Justinian Chrysostom
1275									John of Damascus
									Aquinas
									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	
									Segundo
2000				Grudem	Erickson	Oden		Benedict XVI	Fiorenza

Sections of Systematic Theology in Major Theologians' Writings

Author	Intro.	Bible	God	Man	Christ	Salv	HS	Chr.Life	Church	End	Total
Arminius	210	30	180	180	240	620	50	110	80	-	1700
Bavinck	7	103	58	76	106	49	18	80	30	24	551
Berkhof	300	350	600	900	700	435	-	190	700	450	4635
Boice	35	65	78	40	100	55	35	100	150	20	720
Buswell	15	30	153	118	115	82	-	75	74	257	919
Calvin	-	50	118	85	167	310	-	67	396	17	1210
Chafer	55	107	209	248	229	168	173	363	150	172	1874
Erickson	750	110	90	205	185	120	40	20	125	95	1800
Finney	9	17	144	-	38	-	6	-	-	-	214
Gill	-	-	308	35	114	117	-	154	142	117	987
Hammond	11	16	26	26	33	16	8	-	25	13	174
Lindsell	-	33	42	13	60	39	6	92	27	13	325
Muller	88	52	61	50	63	92	-	56	144	31	637
Shedd	57	89	395	257	230	70	-	-	30	164	1292
Strong	50	131	275	200	111	110	-	-	93	75	1045
Thiessen	27	39	123	160	66	61	-	-	36	78	59
Thomas	-	49	28	30	57	52	12	25	219	-	473
Warfield	-	537	246	32	1014	313	49	517	39	46	2793
Watson	50	80	110	42	70	190	10	50	50	-	650
Wenger	37	65	51	26	28	44	5	19	42	45	362
Wiley	125	90	270	136	72	130	31	170	108	183	1315
Williams	30	15	150	110	115	120	250	30	-	-	410

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 (original edition August 21, 1975)

<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