

Syllabus for Theology III (BST 603)
Christology (Christ), Pneumatology (Spirit),
Soteriology (Salvation)
Front Range Bible Institute (Spring 2023)
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I. Course Description

Theology III includes a study on (1) the doctrine of Christology (study of the person and work of Christ), (2) the doctrine of Pneumatology (study of the Holy Spirit), and (3) the doctrine of Soteriology (study of salvation).

The course will include classroom lectures that are primarily based upon the professor's notes, although the format will not be in a pure lecture form. Students are encouraged to participate by asking and answering questions and taking notes. Detailed notes will be provided, but the student is encouraged to make additions in the margins based upon classroom discussions that will expand and elaborate.

The course will include quizzes from the materials studied. In the place of a semester paper or class project, the students will be required to memorize major Bible verses throughout the Scripture that deal with the doctrines of Christology, Pneumatology, and Soteriology. Such memorization will enrich the student's life and provide an immeasurable depth in a lifetime of evangelizing and teaching.

II. Course Objectives

- A. One objective of this class is to have students become familiar with orthodox Christian theology in the areas of Christology, Pneumatology, and Soteriology. To accomplish this, the professor will expose the students primarily to the orthodox views, but will also expose students to heretical and aberrant views as they have arisen throughout the ages. This will especially deal with a focus on the following issues: (1) A greatly expanded and memorized knowledge of the person and work of Jesus Christ, (2) A greatly expanded and memorized knowledge of messianic prophecy, (3) A greatly expanded and memorized knowledge of the person and work of the Holy Spirit, (4) A greatly expanded and memorized knowledge of biblical teaching on the doctrine of salvation, (5) A greatly expanded and increased knowledge of sovereign grace, and how God is at work to graciously redeem unworthy sinners.
- B. A second objective of this class is that this theological learning process would achieve its true end of producing a greater love for God and a greater desire for genuine worship. Jesus said that the Father seeks true worshippers who worship in spirit and truth. The goal of theology is more than acquisition of knowledge, it is to produce true worshippers of God.

- C. A third objective of this course is that students take the knowledge they acquire, and commit large portions of it to memory so that classroom learning results in a deeply memorized base of truth for future service.

III. Required Course Materials

- A. All: Professor's syllabus and notes on Theology III (supplied).
- B. All: *Christian Theology* by Millard Erickson, Baker Books (required reading for all students).
- C. All: *Messiah in the Old Testament* by Walter Kaiser (required reading).
- D. All: "Predestination Answer Sheet" by Tim Dane.
- E. Key Elements of the Gospel by Tim Dane.
- F. Master's students: George Zemek's *A Biblical Theology of the Doctrines of Sovereign Grace* (supplied by the professor).
- G. Master's Students: Stephen J. Wellum *God The Son Incarnate* (Wheaton: Crossway, 2016).
- H. All: Your own computer or at least access to a computer (You do not need to have a laptop in class, but you may use one for note-taking).
- I. Logos Libronix Bible Software Program (highly **recommended** as a personal study tool, but not required for the class. Group discount may be possible through FBI).

IV. Course Requirements

- A. Attend all classes (if a student must miss a class, he/she must obtain a DVD copy and watch the lecture).
- B. Reading
 - i. Read Millard Erickson's *Christian Theology* (355pp.)
 - 1. Christology (677-858)
 - 2. Pneumatology (859-898)
 - 3. Soteriology (899-1032)
 - ii. Read "Predestination Answer Sheet" by Tim Dane.
 - iii. Read Walter Kaiser's *The Messiah in the Old Testament* (242 pp.).
 - iv. Suggested additional resource: Read George Zemek's *A Biblical Theology of the Doctrines of Sovereign Grace*.
 - v. Suggested additional resource: Read Stephen Wellum *God The Son Incarnate* (467pp.).
- C. Take notes as appropriate.
- D. Take all quizzes.
- E. **Weekly:** Memorize Scripture weekly and turn in written Scripture verses the following week. Scripture memorization guidelines: The goal is to help you know and memorize key texts of God's Word with relation to key doctrines of the faith (which in this course relates to Christ, the Spirit, and Salvation). Review the verses with a goal to memorizing them. When you feel you have a good grasp on knowing them, type/write out each verse with your name and week on the top. I am giving you a considerable amount of Scripture on these topics and I recognize the challenge of memorizing so much Scripture. For this reason I allow you to look back to your Bible on each one of the verses. Your recall of all

these verses may not be perfect, but this exercise will be a great tool for helping you become closely familiar with many key passages.

- F. **Weekly:** Respond to the weekly discussion questions and to other students' responses in weeks 2-10 as explained below.
- G. Turn in a reading report at the end of class in which you state that you completed all required reading (or indicate the percentage).

V. Threaded Discussions (done by email).

- A. In each of weeks 2-10, students are to participate with the professor and with each other in an online threaded discussion involving various topics.
- B. Questions for threaded discussion are given in weeks 2-10. Each week the student must do the following:
 - i. (1) First, the student must first make a direct reply to the question as posed by the professor (roughly 50-100 words). (Reply to all).
 - ii. (2) Second, the student may interact with any of the other students' answers (roughly 25-50). (Reply to all).
 - iii. Try to do this early in the week to give people a chance to see and interact. Be tactful and kind in your interactions.

VI. Course Grading Criteria

- A. 20% Reading
- B. 20% Christology Quiz
- C. 20% Pneumatology Quiz
- D. 20% Soteriology Quiz
- E. 20% Scripture Memorization and online threaded discussions

VII. Course Schedule

Class	Date	Topic (subject to change)	Weekly scripture memorization and threaded discussion questions. The Scripture memorization and threaded discussion questions should be sent back by email by the next class.
1	4-6	Introduction to Christology: Historical theology The person of Christ The deity of Christ The humanity of Christ	Scripture 1: Gen. 12:1-3 (cf. 21:12; 35:9-12, not required for memorization); 49:10; Num. 24:17. Threaded discussion 1: Do you think that Jesus was capable of sinning while here on earth? That is, was he impeccable, incapable of sinning?
2	4-13	Christology:	Scripture 2: 2 Sam. 7:12-13; Ps. 16:10.

		Messianic Christology Angel of the Lord	Threaded discussion 2: Do you believe in the eternal generation of the Son? State your belief on this issue, and support it with Scripture and theological argumentation.
	4-20	Dr. Al Albano	
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	5-4	Dr. Al Albano	
3	4-20	Christology: The sinlessness of Christ	Scripture 3: Ps. 110:1, 4; Is. 9:6-7. Threaded discussion 3: Explain how “imputation” takes places at three levels with reference to man’s sin and Christ’s redeeming work (Imputation of Adam’s sin to humanity, imputation of man’s sin to Christ, imputation of Christ’s righteousness to the believer).
4	4-27	Christology: The atoning death of Christ	Scripture 4: Mic. 5:2; Zech. 6:12-13; 9:9; 12:10. Threaded discussion 4: What do believe about “the atonement”? Tell what you believe and support it with Scripture.
5	5-4	Christology: The resurrection of Christ The ascension of Christ The outpouring of Christ’s Spirit The promise of a second coming Hand out Christology Quiz	Scripture 5: Isa. 52:13-53:12. Threaded discussion 5: Does the ascension of Christ, His seating at the right hand of God, and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit mean that the kingdom of God has been inaugurated? Think carefully about what the Bible actually says and does not say.
6	5-11	Pneumatology: Historical theology Biblical terms	Scripture 6: John 3:5; 6:63; 1 Cor. 2:14; 2 Cor. 3:16-18; 5:5; Eph. 1:13; 4:30; Titus 3:4-7. Threaded discussion 6: Explain why you think

		and titles Turn in Christology Quiz	the Holy Spirit should (or should not) be understood (1) as a personal being and (2) as divine.
7	5-18	Pneumatology: Personality of the Spirit Deity of the Spirit	Scripture 7: Matt. 11:25-30; 20:28; 23:37. Threaded discussion 7: Give some examples of continuity between the work of the Holy Spirit in the OT and the NT.
8	5-25	Pneumatology: Roles of the Spirit in the Old and New Testaments Hand out Pneumatology Quiz	Scripture 8: Rom. 3:21-26; 8:28-30. Threaded discussion 8: Should Christians believe in unconditional, individual election? Support your answer with Scripture and theological argumentation.
9	6-1	Soteriology: Key terms from the Old and New Testaments Turn in Pneumatology Quiz	Scripture 9: John 6:35; 8:12, 24, 58; 10:9, 11; 11:25-26; 14:6; 15:1-5. Threaded discussion 9: Explain the Arminian concept of “prevenient grace” and either refute it (or support it) with Scripture and theological argumentation.
10	6-8	Soteriology: Justification (Divine provision and human response) Hand out Soteriology Quiz	
11	6-15	Soteriology: Sanctification (Divine provision and human response)	All reading reports turned in.

		Glorification (deliverance from a cursed world and the future wrath that is coming upon a cursed creation)	
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