



Syllabus

THE 460: Systematic Theology I

Genesis Bible Institute

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Many Christians think of systematic theology as something reserved for the highly educated or academic elite. The truth is most Christians actually do systematic theology without even realizing it. In this course you will obtain a thorough and carefully organized view of the major doctrinal topics of the Bible. Each topic is based on scriptural references and provides a clear and concise explanation to help you understand theology in greater depth. We pray this course creates a hunger to want to study and explore systematic theology in greater detail to enrich and deepen your Christian life.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon completion of this course you will be able to:

- Define and explain 60 theological terms;
- Discuss your role in bringing the gospel to “unconverted evangelicals”;
- Explain the major doctrines of the Bible and their application to everyday life;
- Explain what the Bible teaches about itself and the four essential characteristics of the Doctrine of the Word of God: the authority of Scripture, the clarity of Scripture, the necessity of Scripture, and the sufficiency of Scripture;
- Describe God’s purpose in creating man and what it means to be made in the image of God;
- Describe Jesus’ humanity and deity and how both are united into the one person of Christ;
- Contrast the doctrine of preservation and the viewpoint of Arminianism;
- Defend the validity of Christ’s resurrection;
- Defend the inerrancy and infallibility of Scripture;
- Apply six communicable attributes to your life;
- Quote five verses from memory: 2 Timothy 3:16-17 and Hebrews 4:14-16.

REQUIRED READING

- Study Guide: Systematic Theology: An Organized Teaching of Bible Doctrine.
- Grudem, Wayne. Edited by Jeff Purswell. *Bible Doctrine: Essential Teachings of the Christian Faith*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan. 1999. Print.

ASSIGNMENTS AND GRADING

- *Study Guide Answers* (worth 90 points / 90% of grade). The Study Guide consists of 6 units. You will analyze the core doctrinal teachings of the Bible, Fill in the blank, True/False, and Multiple Choice questions, define 60 theological terms and write six 5-paragraph essays. These essays will give you the opportunity to engage specific essential teachings of the Christian faith. See the *Genesis Writer's Manual* for an overview on how to write a 5-paragraph essay. Also, consult the "5-paragraph Essay Rubric" to review the expectations for such an essay.
- *Final Exam* (worth 10 points / 10% of grade). The Final Exam consists of questions to measure your knowledge of course concepts. Your Scripture memory verses will also be on the test.

Summary of Assignments and Grading		
Study Guide Answers	90 points	90%
Final Exam	10 points	10%
Total	100 points	100%