

Syllabus

THE 295: CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Mention the word "doctrine" in Christian circles and you will receive mixed reactions. Some might cringe, thinking doctrine is either too complicated to understand or simply irrelevant to their lives. Others might feel doctrine is uninteresting or downright boring. In this course, you will discover that doctrine is fascinating, relevant, and the foundation for a joy-filled life in Christ. You will examine the core beliefs of the Bible and how these foundational truths inform our Christian faith. Special attention is given to the unity of the Bible and how Jesus is the central figure of both the Old and New Testaments.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon completion of this course, you will be able to:

- Recite Genesis 1:26-27 from memory
- Demonstrate mastery of 12 essential doctrines of the Bible
- Explain how doctrine provides the foundation of your faith from creation to the cross to Christ's reign
- Identify eight characteristics of a biblical church and explain why it is vital for every believer to be a part of a local church
- Describe how the Old Testament uses various means to reveal Jesus, including prophecies and promises, Christophanies, foreshadowing types, and titles
- Discuss important terms related to Jesus' work on the cross, including propitiation, justification, and ransom
- Reflect on how God is working in your life, recording these observations in a Spiritual Growth Journal
- Prove that Christ's resurrection took place, using biblical, circumstantial, and historical evidence to make your argument

REQUIRED READING

Mark Driscoll and Gerry Breshears' *Doctrine: It's All About Jesus*. Revised 10-Year Limited Edition, published 2021.