



LAMP THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

SYS202: Systematic Theology V: Salvation

Learning Site: _____ Facilitator: _____

Facilitators Contact information: _____

Class meeting at: _____ Hours: _____

Course Description:

Systematic theology offers a comprehensive, orderly overview of the major doctrines of the Christian faith as a framework for authentically Christian thinking and living. This course examines the doctrine of Soteriology (Salvation) in the areas of atonement, redemption accomplished and redemption applied. In addition, the student needs to consider the practical aspects of this area of theology.

Course Goals

The goal of this course is that the student will gain a solid grasp of the basic questions, issues, and formulations in the doctrine of Soteriology. He will learn how to approach questions in the doctrine of Soteriology from a biblical, historical, and systematic theological perspectives. In addition, it will allow the student to become familiar with the reformed views and to learn questions currently under discussion in the church today. The main emphasis is to think through the implications of doctrine of Soteriology for church life in general, pastoral ministry (in particular) and to assist the student in ascertaining and articulating the theology with which he/she does ministry.

Course Objectives: The successful student should:

- Use critical thinking skills to analyze theological claims.
- Know key theological terms and concepts.
- Experience the relationship between theology and Christian devotion.

Method of Instruction:

The primary means for this course are reading, writing, listening to lectures and group discussions lead by an approved LAMP facilitator. The student must be willing to engage in self-study, complete all the assignments and satisfactory sustain a final exam for the course in order to receive a final grade. To reap the most benefit from this method, the student should keep up to date with the assignment schedule.

Determination of Grade:

1. Assigned Reading 20%
2. Audio Lectures 20%
3. Class Attendance and Involvement: 20%
4. Writing Assignments 20%
5. Final Exam: 20%

Required Textbook and Materials

- The Westminster Standards (Confession of Faith, Larger and Shorter Catechism)
 - Order from Christian Education and Publications (1-800-283-1357)
- Williamson, G.I.; Westminster Confession of Faith for Study Classes
 - Order from P & R Publishing (1-800-631-0094) or
 - Order from Christian Education and Publications (1-800-283-1357)
- Berkhof, Louis; Manual of Christian Doctrine (Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co.)
 - Order from Christian Education and Publications (1-800-283-1357)
- Foundations – Section on Soteriology (lessons 38-45)
 - Order from Ligonier Ministries (1-800-435-4343 or www.ligonier.org)
- Gerstner, Westminster Confession of Faith 12 Audiotape Series [item # WESO1AC]
 - Order from Ligonier Ministries (1-800-435-4343 or www.ligonier.com)
- Spirit, Church & Last Things (only lessons 6-14) free download
 - <http://www.covenantseminary.edu/worldwide/en/ST240/ST240.asp>
- Humanity, Christ & Redemption (only lessons 28-38) free download
 - <http://www.covenantseminary.edu/worldwide/en/ST220/ST220.asp>
- Murray, John: *Redemption Accomplished and Applied* (Eerdmans Publishing 1984)
 - Order from Amazon.com

Recommended Textbooks and Materials:

- Warfield, Benjamin B. *The Plan of Salvation* (Simpson Publishing, Avinger TX 1989)
- Peterson, Robert A: *Calvin's Doctrine of the Atonement* (New Jersey: Presbyterian & Reformed publishing, 1983)

Course Requirements:

1. As you read Williamson listen to the corresponding Gerstner audiotape and answer all the questions in each section in Williamson.
2. As you listen to the assigned Foundations audiotapes lectures, follow along with the audiotape outline and answer the “study questions.”
3. Read the assigned chapters in Berkhof and answer all questions found at the end of each chapter.
4. Memorize bible passages and select questions on WSC
5. The student should keep an organized notebook with all notes, questions and answers with the appropriate labeling for future reference.
6. Student should participate in all class discussions.
7. Student should be prepared for any quiz, test or exam that the professor may deem appropriate.

Writing Standards - Summary Paper:

1. Students are required to submit a summary paper of at least 6 pages, for the course. The summary will encompass three areas:
 - a. Logos: How has your study of this subject impacted your understanding of God's word?
 - b. Ethos: How has your study of this subject impacted your view of the world as a Christian?
 - c. Pathos: How has your study of this subject impacted your passion for the Christian Life and/or ministry?

The materials for the Summary Paper can be taken from the weekly “**Assignment Schedule**”

2. Prepare a detailed teaching outline and class handouts to address the area of doctrine covered in this course:
 - a. Subject matter needs to be approved by the Course Facilitator
 - b. The material should be formatted for at least 6 lessons
 - c. The material should be formatted with a particular age group in mind, for example children, middle school, high school, college, adult. The age group should correlate with the area of ministry you are currently ministering to or have a particular calling to reach.
3. All writing must be typed, double spaced, 12 pt font and a 1" margins. Use proper grammar, clear transitions, and support your assertions with evidence. For footnotes and bibliography use inside citation MLA Style. Papers exceeding page limitations by more than one page will be marked down accordingly.

Assignment Schedule:

Pre-Course Orientation

- Prior to the first class each student should read WCF Chapters 10 through 18
- Review of Syllabus, books and materials

Lesson 1: Date of class: _____ **Date of assignment due:** _____

1. Read Berkhof pages 224-229 and answer questions for review at the end of the sub-section.
2. Listen to Foundations 38 "Common Grace" and answer Study Questions in Lecture Outline.
3. Listen to Spirit, Church & Last Things lesson 6 and write a 200 word response for the lesson.
4. Memorize Acts 14.17

Lesson 2: Date of class: _____ **Date of assignment due:** _____

1. Listen to Foundations 39 "Election & Reprobation" and answer Study Questions in Lecture Outline.
2. Read Murray Part I on "Redemption Accomplished" (pages 9-78) and Part II Chapter 1 "The order of Application" and write 500 word response.
3. Listen to Spirit, Church & Last Things lessons 7 & 8 and write a 200 word response for each lesson.
4. Memorize Hebrews 2.17

Lesson 3: Date of class: _____ **Date of assignment due:** _____

1. Read Williamson Section on Effectual Calling (WCF 10) and answer Study Questions at the end of the section.
2. Listen to Gerstner lessons dealing with Chapter 10 and answer Study Questions in Lecture Outline
3. Listen to Foundations lesson 40 Effectual Calling and answer Study Questions in Lecture Outline
4. Listen to Spirit, Church & Last Things lessons 10 & 11 and write a 200 word response for each lesson
5. Memorize WSC #31

Lesson 4: Date of class: _____ **Date of assignment due:** _____

1. Read Murray Part II Chapter 2 “Effectual Calling” and write 200 word summary response.
2. Listen to Covenant’s Humanity, Christ & Redemption lessons 28 & 29 and write a 200 word response for each lesson.
3. Memorize 2 Timothy 1.9

Lesson 5: Date of class: _____ **Date of assignment due:** _____

1. Read Williamson Chapter 11 on Justification and answer Study Questions at the end of the section.
2. Read Murray Part II Chapter 5 “Justification” and write 200 word summary response
3. Read Berkhof pages 256-264 and answer questions for review at the end of the sub-section
4. Listen to Foundations lesson 42 “Justification by Faith Alone” and answer Study Questions in Lecture outline.
5. Listen to Gerstner lessons dealing with Chapter 11 and answer Study Questions in Lecture Outline.
6. Listen to Covenant’s Humanity, Christ & Redemption lesson 33 follow along the “study guide” (PDF) and write a 200 word response.
7. Memorize WSC #33

Lesson 6: Date of class: _____ **Date of assignment due:** _____

1. Read Williamson Chapter 12 on Adoption and answer Study Questions at the end of the section.
2. Read Murray Part II Chapter 6 “Adoption” and write 200 word summary response
3. Listen to Gerstner lessons dealing with Chapters 12 and answer Study Questions in Lecture Outline.
4. Listen to Foundations lesson 43 “Adoption and Union with Christ” and answer Study Questions in Lecture outline.
5. Listen to Covenant’s Humanity, Christ & Redemption lessons 34 & 35 follow along the “study guide” (PDF) and write a 200 word response for each lesson
6. Listen to Spirit, Church & Last Things lessons 12 and write a 200 word response for the lesson
7. Memorize WSC #34

Lesson 7: Date of class: _____ **Date of assignment due:** _____

1. Read Williamson Chapter 13 on Sanctification and answer Study Questions at the end of the section.
2. Read Murray Part II Chapter 7 “Sanctification” and write 200 word summary response
3. Read Berkhof pages 265-273 and answer questions for review at the end of the sub-section
4. Listen to Gerstner lessons dealing with Chapter 13 and answer Study Questions in Lecture Outline.
5. Listen to Foundations lesson 44 Sanctification and answer Study Questions in Lecture outline.
6. Listen to Covenant’s Humanity, Christ & Redemption lessons 36 follow along the “study guide” (PDF) and write a 200 word response.
7. Memorize WSC #35

Lesson 8: Date of class: _____ **Date of assignment due:** _____

1. Read Williamson Chapter 14 on Saving Faith and answer Study Questions at the end.
2. Read Murray Part II Chapter 3 “Regeneration” and write a 200 word summary response.
3. Read Berkhof pages 248-254 and answer questions for review at the end of the sub-section
4. Listen to Gerstner lessons dealing with Chapter 14 and answer Study Questions in Lecture Outline.
5. Listen to Foundations lesson 41 Saving Faith and answer Study Questions in Lecture outline.
6. Listen to Covenant’s Humanity, Christ & Redemption lessons 30 follow along the “study guide” (PDF) and write a 200 word response.
7. Listen to Spirit, Church & Last Things lessons 9 and write a 200 word response for the lesson
8. Memorize WSC #86

Lesson 9: Date of class: _____ **Date of assignment due:** _____

1. Read Williamson Chapter 15 on Repentance unto Life and answer Study Questions at the end.
2. Read Murray Part II Chapter 4 “Faith & Repentance” and write a 200 word summary response.
3. Listen to Gerstner lessons dealing with Chapter 15 and answer Study Questions in Lecture Outline.
4. Listen to Covenant’s Humanity, Christ & Redemption lessons 31 & 32 follow along the “study guide” (PDF) and write a 200 word response for each lesson
5. Memorize WSC #87

Lesson 10: Date of class: _____ **Date of assignment due:** _____

1. Read Williamson Chapter 16 on Good Works and answer Study Questions at the end of each section.
2. Listen to Gerstner lessons dealing with Chapter 16 and answer Study Questions in Lecture Outline.
3. Listen to Spirit, Church & Last Things lessons 13 & 14 and write a 200 word response for each lesson
4. Memorize Ephesians 2.10

Lesson 11: Date of class: _____ **Date of assignment due:** _____

1. Read Williamson Chapter 17 on Perseverance of the Saints and answer Study Questions at the end.
2. Read Murray Part II Chapters 8 “Perseverance” and write a 200 word summary response.
3. Read Berkhof pages 274-277 and answer questions for review at the end of the sub-section
4. Listen to Gerstner lessons dealing with Chapter 17 and answer Study Questions in Lecture Outline.
5. Listen to Foundations lesson 45 Perseverance of the Saint and answer Study Questions in Lecture outline.
6. Listen to Covenant’s Humanity, Christ & Redemption lessons 37 follow along the “study guide” (PDF) and write a 200 word response.
7. Memorize John 10.28-29

Lesson 12: Date of class: _____ **Date of assignment due:** _____

1. Read Williamson Chapters 18 on the assurance of Grace and Salvation and answer Study Questions at the end.
2. Read Murray Part II Chapters 9 - 10 “Union with Christ” and “Glorification”; write a 200 word summary response for each chapter.
3. Listen to Gerstner lessons dealing with Chapter 18 and answer Study Questions in Lecture Outline.
4. Listen to Covenant’s Humanity, Christ & Redemption lessons 38 follow along the “study guide” (PDF) and write a 200 word response.
5. Memorize 1 John 3.2

Class Schedule:

- based on a six-week schedule/two lessons a week
- Class Facilitator must set a date when the students will met together as a class and discuss the Pre-Course Orientation

Class 1: Dialog lessons 1 and 2

Class 2: Dialog lessons 3 and 4

Class 3: Dialog lessons 5 and 6

Class 4: Dialog lessons 7 and 8

Class 5: Dialog lessons 9 and 10

Class 6: Dialog lessons 11 and 12