

ST3526 SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY I

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ST3526 SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY I
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COURSE PURPOSE

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This course is a study of theology proper, the doctrine of Scripture and the doctrine of God. Included in the course will be a brief history of theological thought, the doctrine of revelation, the doctrine of Scripture, the existence and know ability of God, the names and attributes of God, the doctrine of the Trinity, the Divine Decree, predestination and providence.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

1. The student will gain an overview of theological development.
2. The student will be able to articulate historic theological systems.
3. The student will gain knowledge of the importance of Biblical inerrancy.
4. The student will develop a deeper understanding of the nature of God, predestination and providence from a Biblical and Reformed perspective.

COURSE TEXTS

Required Texts:

Reymond, Robert. *A New Systematic Theology*. Nashville, Tennessee: Thomas Nelson Publishers, 1998.

Boettner, Loraine. *The Reformed Doctrine of Predestination*. Phillipsburg, N.J.: P&R Publishing, 1991.

Pink, A.W. *The Attributes of God*. Wilder Publishing, 2009.

Sproul, R.C. *Chosen by God*. Carol Stream, Il., 1994

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

1. Read texts
2. Write a theological paper on the inerrancy of Scripture or the doctrine of election. This paper should include the following:
 1. Title page
 2. Table of contents
 3. Introduction
 4. Thesis statement
 5. Body (should include)
 - 1) definition of the doctrine
 - 2) historical overview of the doctrine
 - 3) biblical defense of the doctrine
 - 4) application of the doctrine to your discipline of study
 6. Conclusion - giving a summary of the paper's contents
 7. Footnotes
 8. Bibliography with at least 15 references
 9. Paper should be no less than twelve pages and no more than fifteen pages - typed (double spaced; *Times New Roman* 12 point type)
 10. Papers without footnotes or bibliography will receive a **zero**.

GRADING

1. Completion of reading - 15% - due December 14
2. Theological Paper - 35% - due December 7
(Best possible grade for papers received after this date is D.) See Student Handbook
3. Final Examination – 50% - due December 14
(**No exams** will be accepted after this date.)

All course materials must be submitted by the last day of class. Thereafter, course materials may be submitted for up to six (6) weeks after the end of the semester directly to the office of the Registrar with the permission of the professor. If a student submits course materials after the end of the semester but within the six (6) weeks grace period, the student's grade will be lowered by one letter grade. The course materials will not be accepted after the six (6) week grace period and a failing grade will be posted to the student's transcript.

BTS FORMAT AND STYLE STANDARDS

NOTE: All papers must be formatted in accordance with Turabian Chicago standards including the title page. Any paper not conforming to these standards will automatically be dropped one letter grade.

Course Outline

Start Date: 09/13/2010 Complete Date: 12/14/2010

See printed Systematic I instructional syllabus for course outline and development.

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