

ST505: The Person and Work of Christ Online Course Syllabus

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I. Goals

1. Knowledge:

- To become acquainted with the orthodox doctrine of Christ, including but not limited to His Eternity, His Sonship, His Incarnation, His Perfection, His Passion, His Resurrection, Ascension, Session, and His Return to judge all men, the Salvation provided by Him, and His Authority and Power over the Church.
- To know the Biblical evidences for these doctrines, and their contextualization in the history of the Church.
- To know the relevant parts of the *Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms*.
- To know the love of Christ for all the nations of the world and the mission of the Church to all people.

2. Skills:

- To be able to tell the story of Jesus and His love to all men, in simplicity and fervor
- To be able to teach, illustrate, and explain the orthodox doctrines.
- To be able to refute all heresies, innovations, and novelties that are fashioned by Satan and the imaginations of men.

3. Character:

- To be people of faith, to rest in Christ for full and complete righteousness, for He is the only and complete Savior.
- To have Christ formed in us in His love, humility, zeal, earnestness, grace, and holiness.
- o To burn with the love of Christ, and with desire that the image of Christ might be formed in all men.

II. Online Course Procedure

<u>Methods:</u> Instruction will be by lecture, written assignments, a research paper, and final examination.

<u>Modules</u>: You have up to fifteen weeks to complete this online course. The course is divided into thirteen modules, designed to be completed in order over the course of thirteen to fourteen weeks. To see a detailed outline of the structure, click the "Modules" link on the left side of this page.

<u>Discussion Forum Requirement</u>: In the discussion forum you can make comments related to the contents of this course, raise questions for your instructor, and interact with the instructor and your fellow students on matters related to the course. Please do not discuss the contents of any quizzes or tests in this forum. As you progress through the course, you are expected to make at least five meaningful contributions to the forum or roughly a one paragraph each.

<u>Conferences</u>: Your course instructor will want to meet with you at least monthly using the conferencing capabilities of Canvas. Contact your instructor about setting up a conference within the first couple of weeks of the course.

Mentor: Unless you are also a residential student, you will need to obtain the services of a course mentor who will meet with you on a monthly basis to interact with you regarding your studies and to proctor the course exam. Ideally, your course mentor will be a pastor, youth pastor, or other spiritual authority in your church who can guide and counsel you as you pursue biblical and theological training. In the course materials there is a mentor agreement form that your mentor will need to sign and return to New Geneva Seminary before you begin the course.

III. Special Reading and Memorization

Read by second class period: *Westminster Confession:* Chapter VII and VIII; *Westminster Larger Catechism:* Questions 30-56; *Heidelberg Catechism:* Questions 12-19.

Memorize by second class period: Westminster Shorter Catechism, Questions 20-28.

IV. Assignments

Study questions are included in each module. Completed question forms should be uploaded using the Canvas upload link in each assignment page.

Due Dates:

Turretin questions covering Vol. II: Topic 13: pages 271-287 Week 2: Week 3: Turretin questions covering Vol. II: Topic 13: pages 287-310 Week 4: Turretin questions covering Vol. II: Topic 13: pages 310-332 Week 5: Turretin questions covering Vol. II: Topic 13: pages 332-361 Week 6: Turretin questions covering Vol. II: Topic 13: pages 361-373 Week 7: Turretin questions covering Vol. II: Topic 14: pages 375-397 Week 8: Turretin questions covering Vol. II: Topic 14: pages 397-426 Week 9: Turretin questions covering Vol. II: Topic 14: pages 426-445 Week 10: Turretin questions covering Vol. II: Topic 14: pages 445-472 Week 11: Turretin questions covering Vol. II: Topic 14: pages 472-483 Week 12: Turretin questions covering Vol. II: Topic 14: pages 483-499

V. Lectures

<u>Lecture One</u>: Review: The System of Christian Truth: The Nature of the Godhead.

Lecture Two: The System of Christian Truth: The Deity of the Son.

<u>Lecture Three</u>: The Eternal Generation of the Son; Fellowship and Communication in the Trinity.

<u>Lecture Four</u>: Covenant of Redemption: The Mediator; The Incarnation.

<u>Lecture Five</u>: The Hypostatical Union: Communication of Properties; History of the Debate: Part One; The Councils: Nicea, Constantinople I

<u>Lecture Six</u>: The Hypostatical Union: History of the Debate, Part II; The Councils: Ephesus and Chalcedon

Lecture Seven: The Human Nature of Christ; His Sufferings; His Descent into Hell

<u>Lecture Eight</u>: Unity and Uniqueness of Christ; Threefold Office Necessary; Prophetic, Priestly, Royal Offices

Lecture Nine: Satisfaction of Christ; Scope and Intent of the Atonement

Lecture Ten: Christ's Intercession; His Resurrection; His Ascension and Session

Lecture Eleven: The Second Coming

Lecture Twelve: The Kingdom of Christ

<u>Lecture Thirteen</u>: Review, Discussion, or for making up time lost by the digressions of the Professor

VI. Final Examination

The final exam must be taken in the presence of your course mentor. It is an objective, short answer examination over all the content of the course, including reading and lectures. The question list will be extremely valuable for you in preparation for this examination.

VII. Research Paper

The research paper may cover any topic related to the Doctrine of Christ. All principles of good grammar, footnotes, and bibliography are required.

VIII. Course Grade: Your grade for this course will be distributed as follows:

• Weekly assignments: 35% of grade

• Research Paper: 35% of grade

• Final examination: 20% of grade.

• Participation (forums, conferences, mentor involvement, course evaluation): 10% of Grade

IX. Required Book List

Francis Turretin, *Institutes of Elenctic Theology*, Vol II, ISBN – 0875524524.

Recommended Book List

Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms

Heidelberg Catechism

Berkhof, Louis. Systematic Theology

Berkhof, Louis. Manual of Christian Doctrine

Calvin, John. *Institutes of the Christian Religion*.

Girardeau, John L. The Federal Theology: Its Import and Its Regulative Influence

Hodge, Charles. Systematic Theology Strong, A. Systematic Theology Turretin, F. Institutes of Elenctic Theology Witsius, Herman. The Economy of the Covenants between God and Man.

This list is by no means presumed to be exhaustive. There are many, many fine books and commentaries on the subject of this course.