

# *Basic Theology 1*

## *Training U Fall 2022*

### *Syllabus*

#### **I. Description**

This course will give you a basic overview of ten essential doctrines of the Christian faith. Part II, offered in Spring 2023, will give you a basic overview of ten more. Systematic theology is the approach of looking at the doctrines of Scripture in a comprehensive, or “systematic,” way.

#### **II. Text**

We will be reading *Christian Beliefs: 20 Basics Every Christian Should Know* by Wayne Grudem. This book is a very condensed version of Grudem’s work, *Systematic Theology*, which is the standard theology text for most evangelical theology students.

Grudem’s work is excellent, but I don’t agree with everything he writes. For example, many students may articulate the doctrine of election differently than Grudem. That’s ok! The point of reading books other than Scripture is to help sharpen and develop what we believe the Scripture teaches. Therefore, reading solid biblical scholars with whom we disagree can often sharpen our own position even more.

The reading and class meeting schedule below will allow you to read and contemplate material before we meet together. This will be very beneficial for you, but you’ll be able to follow class discussions and teaching without reading.

#### **III. Schedule**

August 24 - Introduction

August 31 - The Doctrine of Scripture

Reading: Ch. 1

September 7 - Knowing God: Theology Proper and the Christian Life

Reading: Ch. 2

September 14 - Three Persons, One Essence: The Beauty of Trinitarian theology  
Reading: Ch. 3

September 21 - This is my Father's World: The Doctrine of Creation  
Reading: Ch. 4

September 28 - Talking to God: Understanding Prayer  
Reading: Ch.5

October 5 - Powers and Principalities: Understanding Angels, Satan, and Demons  
Reading: Ch. 6

October 12 - NO CLASS - FALL BREAK

October 19 - What is Man That You Are Mindful of Him?  
Reading: Ch. 7

October 26 - Rebellion Against a Perfect God: Sin  
Reading: Ch. 8

November 2 - Our Lord Jesus Christ: Understanding Christology  
Reading: Ch. 9

November 9 - The Atonement  
Reading: Ch. 10

\*A note about reading. Please do not feel guilty about reading. That's not the point! However, I do think you will find the reading informative and beneficial. So, enjoy the book, read at your pace, and have a good time with the book.