

Basic Theology II

Training U Spring 2023

Syllabus

I. Description

This course will give you a basic overview of ten essential doctrines of the Christian faith. Part I, offered again in the future, will give you a basic overview of ten others. 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

February 22 - Introduction

March 1 - Up From the Grave He Arose: Understanding the Resurrection
Reading: Ch. 11

March 8 - The “E” Word: What Does Scripture Teach About Election?
Reading: Ch. 12

March 15 - I Got Saved! Understanding Conversion
Reading: Ch. 13

March 22 - Made Right and Brought Home: Justification and Adoption
Reading: Ch. 14

March 29 - SPRING BREAK - NO CLASS

April 5 - Special Class for Easter - The Cross of Christ

April 12 - Washed Clean and Kept Forever: Sanctification and Perseverance
Reading: Ch. 15

April 19 - The Wages of Sin is Death
Reading: Ch. 16

April 26 - The Bride of Christ
Reading: Ch. 17

May 3 - Jesus is Coming Back Again: Thinking About Eschatology
Reading: Ch. 18

May 10 - Once to Die, and Then to Face the Judgement
Reading: Ch. 19

May 17 - Heaven
Reading: Ch. 20

*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.