

To Know and Love God: An Introduction to Theology

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Introduction:

To Know and Love God is an elective theology class for juniors and seniors. This course is designed to take students into the depths of God's Word. The course will introduce students to the two primary ways to study theology. The first semester will focus on "Biblical Theology" which seeks to understand the storyline of the Bible by tracing the development of themes throughout the Old and New Testaments. The second semester will focus on "Systematic Theology" which seeks to categorize and organize the doctrines of the Bible. Students should expect to spend a significant portion of time reading and observing the biblical text and interacting with theological texts.

Expectations:

Students should expect to spend 60 minutes a day for this course. The class will be highly interactive so please come prepared to discuss your reading and share your insights. Part of the course will be spending time with the biblical text. Relevant portions of the biblical text will be assigned in class.

Textbooks:

Biblical Theology (Quarters 1 & 2)

The King in His Beauty, Thomas Schreiner

Biblical Theology, Nick Rourke and Robert Cline

God Dwells Among Us, GK Beale and Mitchell Kim

Systematic Theology (Quarters 3 & 4)

Systematic Theology, Wayne Grudem

The Unfinished Reformation: What divides Catholics and Protestants, Greg Allison and Chris Castaldo

Everyone's a Theologian, R.C. Sproul

Assignments:

- Reading from the text books and assigned portions of the Scriptures.
- Write responses to prompts designed to interact with the reading as assigned on pacing guide.
- Complete one 1000 word essay for a topic related to Biblical Theology
- Complete one 1000 word essay for a topic related to Systematic Theology

Grading:

Reading and Homework: 40%

Writing Assignments and Presentations: 40%

Class Participation: 20%

Course Overview:

Quarter 1 — Biblical Theology

- Old Testament Narrative
- Old Testament Poetry
- Old Testament Prophets

Quarter 2 — Biblical Theology

- New Testament Gospels
- New Testament Epistles
- New Testament Apocalypse

Quarter 3 — Systematic Theology

- Theology Proper
- Angelology
- Bibliology
- Christology
- Ecclesiology

Quarter 4 — Systematic Theology

- Eschatology
- Hamartiology
- Pneumatology
- Soteriology
- Anthropology