

**ASSEMBLIES OF GOD THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY**

**HISI 504 THEOLOGY OF JONATHAN EDWARDS**

**John H. Gerstner, Ph.D.**

**Independent Studies Program**

**COURSE SYLLABUS**

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This course examines the theology of Jonathan Edwards in detail. Taking a topical approach, the course covers Edwards's teachings regarding all the major points of Systematic Theology with particular emphasis on Edwards's unique theological contributions.

**OBJECTIVES**

On completion of the course, you should be able to:

- A. To familiarize the student with the life and ministry of Jonathan Edwards.
- B. To acquaint the student with some of the primary debates among historians regarding the teachings of Edwards.
- C. To explore with the student the details of Edwards's teachings on the major points of Systematic Theology.
- D. To lead the student to an appreciation of Edwards's unique contribution to the Church of Jesus Christ.
- E. To bring the student to see and embrace the beauty and glory of the God whom Edwards loved.

**TEXTBOOKS**

***Required***

Confort, Joseph A. *Samuel Hopkins and the New Divinity Movement*. Grand Rapids: Christian College Consortium. pp. 163-6.

Gerstner, John H. "Edwardsean Preparation for Salvation...." *The Westminster Theological Journal* 42 (Fall, 1979) pp. 5-71.

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Goen, C.C. *Jonathan Edwards: A New Departure in Eschatology*.

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Logan, Samuel T. "The Doctrine of Justification in the Theology of Jonathan Edwards," *The Westminster Theological Journal* 46 (Spring 1984). pp. 26-52.

Murray, Iain. *Jonathan Edwards, A New Biography*. Edinburgh: The Banner of Truth Trust, 1987.

Scheick, William, ed. *Critical Essays on Jonathan Edwards*. Boston: G.K. Hall and Co., 1980.

Stein, Stephen. "Quest for the Spiritual Sense: The Biblical Hermeneutics of Jonathan Edwards." *Harvard Theological Review* 70 (Jan-April 1977). pp. 99-113.

Warfield, B.B. "Edwards and the New England Theology" in *Biblical and Theological Studies*, Vol. 10.

**Recommended Reading** (These are noted in the Programmed Lecture materials.)

Cherry, Charles Conrad. *The Theology of Jonathan Edwards: A Reappraisal*. Garden City, N.Y.: Doubleday and Co. 1966.

Hodge, Charles A. *Systematic Theology*. Vol II. Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co. n.d.

Miller, Perry. *Jonathan Edwards*. New York: Bell Publishing Co., 1967.

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Storms, C. Samuel. *Tragedy in Eden: Original Sin in the Theology of Jonathan Edwards*. Lanham, MO.: University Press of America, 1985.

Winslow, Ola Elizabeth. *Jonathan Edwards 1703-1758: A Biography*. New York: Farrer, Straus and Giroux, 1979.

**Collateral Reading** (The student should read a minimum of 500 pages from the following selection of books on Jonathan Edwards.)

Allen, Alexander Viets Griswold. *Life and Writings of Jonathan Edwards*. Edinburgh: T. & T. Clark, 1889.

- Anderson, Wallace Earl. "Mind and Nature in the Early Philosophical Writings of Jonathan Edwards." Doctrinal dissertation, University of Minnesota, 1961.
- Davidson, Edward H. *Jonathan Edwards: The Narrative of a Puritan Mind*. Boston: Houghton Mifflin Co., 1966.
- Delattre, Roland Andre. *Beauty and Sensibility in the Thought of Jonathan Edwards: An Essay in Aesthetics and Theological Ethics*. New Haven: Yale University Press, 1968.
- Elwood, Douglas J. *The Philosophical Theology of Jonathan Edwards*. New York: Columbia University Press, 1960.
- Fiering, Norman Sanford. *Jonathan Edwards's Moral Thought and Its British Context*. Published for the Institute of Early American History and Culture. Williamsburg, Va. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 1981.
- Fisher, George Park. "The Philosophy of Jonathan Edwards." *North American Review* 128 (March 1879). pp. 284-303.
- \_\_\_\_\_. "The Voice of Edwards for Today." *Congregationalist and Christian World* 88 (3 October 1903). pp. 469-471.
- Gerstner, John H. "American Calvinism until the Twentieth Century." *In American Calvinism: A Survey*. ed. Jacob T. Hoogstra. Grand Rapids: Baker Book House, 1957, pp. 13-39.
- \_\_\_\_\_. "Jonathan Edwards and God." *Tenth: An Evangelical Quarterly* (January 1980). pp. 2-71.
- \_\_\_\_\_. *Steps to Salvation: The Evangelistic Message of Jonathan Edwards*. Philadelphia: Westminster Press, 1960.
- Haroutunian, Joseph G. "Jonathan Edwards: Theologian of the Great Commandment." *Theology Today* I (October 1944) pp. 361-377.
- Holbrook, Clyde A. "Edwards and the Ethical Question." *Harvard Theological Review* 60 (April 1967). pp. 163-175.
- \_\_\_\_\_. "Edwards Re-examined." *Review of Metaphysics* 13 (June 1960). pp. 632-41.
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- \_\_\_\_\_. "Jonathan Edwards Addresses Some 'Modern Critics' of Original Sin." *The Journal of Religion* 63 (July 1983). pp. 211-30.
- \_\_\_\_\_. "Jonathan Edwards and his Detractors." *Theology Today* (October 1953). pp. 384-96.

- \_\_\_\_\_, ed. "Introduction" to Original Sin. Vol. III of *The Words of Jonathan Edwards*. New Haven: Yale University Press, 1970. pp. 1-101.
- Hopkins, Samuel. *The Life and Character of the Late Reverend Mr. Jonathan Edwards, President of the College of New Jersey*. Boston: S. Kneeland, 1765.
- Lesser, M. X. *Jonathan Edwards: A Reference Guide*. Boston: G. K. Hall and Co., 1981.
- Logan, Samuel T. "The Hermeneutics of Jonathan Edwards." *The Westminster Theological Journal* 43 (Fall 1980). pp. 79-86.
- Manspeaker, Nancy. *Jonathan Edwards: Biographical Synopses*. New York: E. Mellen Press, 1981.
- Mayhew, George N. "The Relation of Theology of Jonathan Edwards to Contemporary Penological Theory and Practice." Doctrinal dissertation, University of Chicago, 1935.
- Miller, Perry. *Errand into the Wilderness*. Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1956.
- \_\_\_\_\_. *Images or Shadows of Divine Things by Jonathan Edwards*. New Haven: Yale University Press, 1948.
- \_\_\_\_\_. *Jonathan Edwards*. The American Men of Letters Series. New York: William Sloane Associates, 1949.
- Ridderbos, Jan. *De Theologie van Jonathan Edwards*. The Hague: Johana Nederbragt, 1907.
- Schafer, Thomas Anton. "The Concept of Being in the Thought of Jonathan Edwards." Doctoral dissertation, Duke University, 1951.
- \_\_\_\_\_. "Jonathan Edwards and Justification by Faith." *Church History* (December 1951). pp. 55-67.
- \_\_\_\_\_. "The Role of Jonathan Edwards in American Religious History." *Encounter* (Summer 1969). pp. 212-22.
- Smith, John E. "Jonathan Edwards as Philosophical Theologian." *Review of Metaphysics* 30 (December 1976). pp. 306-24.
- \_\_\_\_\_, ed. "Introduction" to *Religious Affections*. Vol. II of *The Works of Jonathan Edwards*. New Haven: Yale University Press, 1959. pp. 1-83.
- \_\_\_\_\_. "Testing the Spirits: Jonathan Edwards and the Religious Affection." *Union Seminary Quarterly Review* 37 (Fall-Winter 1981-82). pp. 27-37.
- Stein, Stephen J., ed. "Introduction" to *Apocalyptic Writings*. Vol. V of *The Works of Jonathan*

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Storms, C. Samuel. "Jonathan Edwards on the Freedom of the Will." *Trinity Journal* 3 (Fall 1982). pp. 131-69.

\_\_\_\_\_. "Jonathan Edwards and John Taylor on Human Nature: A Study of the Encounter Between New England Puritanism and the Enlightenment." Doctoral dissertation, University of Texas at Dallas, 1985.

### **COURSE LECTURER**

John H. Gerstner Ph.D., Pittsburgh Theological Seminary (deceased)

Dr. John Gerstner (deceased) was Professor of Church History at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary for over thirty years. He was also a visiting professor at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School and a frequent speaker at universities, seminaries, conferences, and seminars. Toward the end of his life Dr. Gerstner served as professor-at-large for Ligonier Ministries, where he produced many audio and video lecture series. Dr. Gerstner was involved in over thirty publications, and was recognized as a foremost authority on the life and theology of Jonathan Edwards. His education credentials are:

Westminster Theological Seminary, MDiv.  
Westminster Theological Seminary, ThM.  
Harvard University, Ph.D.  
Tarkis College, D.D.

### **METHODOLOGY**

The Independent Studies Program provides the opportunity to study selected subjects at a distance without attending classes. Individuals taking an independent studies course use:

- a set of required textbooks,
- a lecture series on cassette tapes,
- a study guide and a set of specific course assignments.

### **COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

A. In order to receive three semester hours of credit, the student must complete the course requirements within 15 weeks. During this time, the student is expected to devote a minimum of 120 hours to the completion of the course including listening to the recorded lectures, doing the assigned readings, answering questions in this Programmed Syllabus as well as those in the printed Study Guide, completing examinations and research paper.

- B. The student must listen carefully to all of the 24 audio taped lectures by Dr. John H. Gerstner.
- C. The student must complete **all** of the required readings. **NOTE:** The student should complete the readings assigned in conjunction with a particular lecture **before** listening to that lecture on the tape.
- D. The student **must complete at least 500 pages** of reading outside of the assigned required and recommended textbooks. These can be taken from the Bibliography under Collateral Reading. The student must report on a separate sheet indicating title of the book, author, publisher, date of publication, pages read.
- E. The student should make careful use of the Study Guide prepared by Richard Case and **must** turn into the instructor or supervisor written answers to the questions both in the printed Study Guide as well as those in this Programmed Syllabus. This should be done in typewritten form.
- F. **Research Paper.** The student must complete a written project. This project may be either a traditional research paper **or** a direct application of Edwards's teachings to a specific, practical ministry situation.
1. Example of the former would be: (a) "Edwards's Understanding of the Role of Good Works in Justification," (b) "Edwards's Interpretation of the Nature of the Lord's Supper," (c) "Edwards on Free Will," or (d) "The Relations Among Reason, Passion, and Affection in Edwardsean Psychology." Such a paper must be a least twenty pages in length, it must be typed and double-spaced, and it must contain appropriate bibliographical notations.
  2. Examples of the latter would be: (a) an analysis of how individuals are examined for membership in a local church and an evaluation of those procedures according to Edwards's *Treatise on Religious Affections*, (b) an actual sermon which has been constructed according to Edwards's teachings in *Treatise on Religious Affections* along with an explanation of how that sermon embodies Edwards's teachings, (c) a thorough outline of an adult Sunday School course on Edwards, or (d) an analysis of how someone who is inquiring about becoming a Christian should be counseled according to the teachings of Edwards. The report on such a project must be at least twenty pages in length, it must be typed and double-spaced, and it must contain appropriate bibliographical notations.

3. In either of the above written projects, the student's paper must be typed following the latest edition of K.L. Turabian's *A Manual for Writers for Term Papers, Theses and Dissertations. 6th ed.* Submit one copy to the instructor and keep a copy for reference.

G. The student will be required to take a three hour final examination.

### **INTERACTIVITY ASSIGNMENT**

To fulfill the interactivity assignment for your course, do the following:

1. Register with the online forum at [www.ITScourses.org](http://www.ITScourses.org) to receive your user name and password.
2. Post an original answer to each interactivity question for your course (2 questions – 75 word minimum each).
3. Reply to one answer given to each question (75 word minimum).
4. Submit to AGTS a document containing:
  - a. The questions of the forum,
  - b. Your original answers to the questions,
  - c. Your replies to other students' answers, and
  - d. The students' answers to which you replied.

NOTE: Since the questions often synthesize the course, you should complete this assignment at the end of your course work.

### **COURSE GRADING**

Interactivity Assignment	5%
Final Examination	35%
Written Project	40%
Written Answers to all Questions	20%

### **GRADING PROCEDURE**

All course requirements are to be sent to:

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### **SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY**

To be supplied by faculty mentor when course is ordered.

## **SPECIFIC DATA**

Please refer to the catalog for specific data regarding all Independent Studies Program (ISP) policies. All questions regarding ISP courses should be referred to the Office of Continuing Education at the contact information below:

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## Lecture I

### INTRODUCTION TO THE LIFE AND WORK OF JONATHAN EDWARDS

**Required Reading:** Iain Murray: *Jonathan Edwards: A New Biography*.

**Recommended Reading:** Miller: *Jonathan Edwards*  
Winslow: *Jonathan Edwards*

1. Listen carefully to the material in the recorded lecture by Dr. Gerstner and write out the answers to the questions on the lecture as found in the printed Study Guide, page 83.
2. Familiarize yourself with the important works on Edwards's life and theology cited by John Gerstner in this lecture.
3. What character traits do Jonathan Edwards's *Resolutions* reveal?
4. What level of godly piety did Edwards's wife demonstrate?
5. In what way does Edwards's description of his delight in God's sovereignty serve as a summary of his theology?
6. What opportunity did Edwards's dismissal from his Northampton pulpit afford him?

## Lecture II

### THE DISCOVERY OF EDWARDS IN THE TWENTIETH CENTURY AND EDWARDS ON THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN REASON AND REVELATION

- Required Reading:**
- Gerstner: "Outline of the Apologetics of Jonathan Edwards" in *Bibliotheca Sacra* 133 (Jan-Mar, 1933). pp. 3-10; 99-107.
- Hickman: Edwards on "The Insufficiency of Reason as a Substitute for Revelation" in Vol. II, pp. 479-85.
- Hickman: Edwards on "Man's Natural Blindness in Religion" in Vol. II, pp. 253-5.
- Hickman: Edwards on "A Divine and Supernatural Light" in Vol. II, pp. 12-17.
- Hickman: Edwards on "*Religious Affections*" in Vol. I, pp. 264-67.

**Recommended Reading:** Cherry: *The Theology of Jonathan Edwards: A Reappraisal*.

1. Listen carefully to the material in the recorded lecture by Dr. Gerstner and write out the answers to the questions on the lecture as found in the printed Study Guide, page 83.
2. According to the lecturer, who was the single most important leader in the Twentieth Century revival of Edwardsean scholarship and what was his view of Edwards?
3. What were the four basic elements in Locke's epistemological process and how were they adapted by Edwards?

## Lecture III

### THE DOCTRINE OF THE SCRIPTURES - PART I

- Required Reading:**
- Hickman: Edwards on "Objections Concerning the Apostle's Apprehension of the Second Coming Answered" in Vol. II, pp. 466-8
- Hickman: Edwards on "Observations Concerning the Mysteries of Scripture" in Vol. II, pp. 495-99.
- Hickman: Edwards on "*Religious Affections*" in Vol. I, pp. 281-294.

1. Listen carefully to the recorded lecture by Dr. Gerstner and write out the answers to the questions on the lecture as found in the printed Study Guide, page 83.
2. According to Edwards, how did inspiration actually come about?
3. What is the role of the Scripture in producing the holy affections of which true religion in great part consists?
4. What were some of the criticisms leveled at Scripture in Edwards's day and how did he deal with them?
5. According to *Religious Affections*, Part III, Section 5, what role would Edwards accord to what has traditionally been called "the testimony of the Holy Spirit" in the establishing of certainty within the believer of the verity of God's Word?

## Lecture IV

### THE DOCTRINE OF THE SCRIPTURES - PART II

**Required Reading:** Hickman: Edwards on "Observations on the Scriptures: Their Authority and Necessity" in Vol. II, pp. 474-9.  
Stein: "Quest for Spiritual Sense: the Biblical Hermeneutics of Jonathan Edwards" in the *Harvard Theological Review* 70 (Jan-Apr 1977), pp. 99-113.

**Recommended Reading:** Logan: "The Hermeneutics of Jonathan Edwards" in *The Westminster Theological Journal* 46 (Spring 1984), pp. 26-52.

1. Listen carefully to the recorded lecture by Dr. Gerstner and write out the answers to the questions on the lecture as found on page 84 of the printed Study Guide.
2. Did Edwards believe in a closed canon? What for Edwards was the extent of the canon and how did this preclude further revelation?
3. Since Edwards never wrote a specific commentary on books of the Bible, to what sources may we go to discover Edwards's thoughts on the Bible?
4. What does Edwards mean by "the double sense of Scripture"?
5. Is regeneration necessary to understand the Bible?

## Lecture V

### THE DOCTRINE OF GOD - PART I

**Required Reading:** Hickman: Edwards on "Religious Affections" Part III, Section III, in Vol. I, pp. 278-81.  
Hickman: Edwards on "Divine Sovereignty" in Vol. II, pp. 107-110.

1. Listen carefully to the material by Dr. Gerstner in the recorded lecture and write out the answers to the questions as found on page 84 of the printed Study Guide.
2. How is God incomprehensible, yet knowable?
3. Why, according to Edwards, must a true love to God begin with a delight in His holiness?
4. How did Edwards view the doctrine of sovereignty as essential to Christian belief?
5. Did Edwards stress the sovereignty of God at the expense of the rationality of God?
6. How is the term **sovereign grace** in reference to God's mercy a tautology?

## Lecture VI

### THE DOCTRINE OF GOD - PART II

**Required Reading:** Hickman: Edwards on "A Dissertation Concerning the Nature of True Virtue" in Vol. I, Chapters 1-2, pp. 122-7.  
Hickman: Edwards on "The Justice of God in the Damnation of Sinners" in Vol. II, pp. 668-80.

1. Listen carefully to what Dr. Gerstner has to say on this subject in the recorded material and write out the answers to the questions on page 84 and 85 of the printed Study Guide.
2. What is a moral agent and what properties does it possess?
3. Does God love the wicked and sinners in damnation?
4. Is there anything in the elect themselves that disposes God to show a love of complacency toward them?
5. Is God unfair in judging the sins of some and not of others?
6. Why does man want to exalt God's mercy at the expense of His justice?
7. Upon what basis, mentioned by the lecturer, may some have supposed that Edwards departed from Trinitarianism?

## Lecture VII

### *THE ABSOLUTE DECREES OF GOD - PART I*

**Required Reading:** Hickman: Edwards on "Freedom of the Will" in Vol. I, pp. 3-93.  
Hickman: Edwards on "Concerning the Divine Decrees" in Vol. II, pp. 525-43.

**Recommended Reading:** Hickman: Edwards on "God's Sovereignty in the Salvation of Men" in Vol. II, pp. 849-55.

1. Listen carefully to the material by Dr. Gerstner on this subject in the recorded lecture and write out the answers to the questions on the lecture as found on page 85 of the printed Study Guide.
2. Why have some thought the concept of covenant incompatible with the absolute decrees of God?
3. How does Edwards define **will**, and does the will determine its own willing?
4. Distinguish between natural and moral inability.
5. How did Edwards discover predestinarian preaching to be exceedingly successful in evangelism?
6. Define "the decrees of God."

## Lecture VIII

### THE ABSOLUTE DECREES OF GOD - PART II

**Required Reading:** Hickman: Edwards on "Freedom of the Will" in Vol. I, pp. 3-93  
(remainder of material)  
Hickman: Edwards on "God's Chief End in Creation" in Vol. I, pp. 106-21.

1. Listen carefully to the recorded lecture by Dr. Gerstner on this subject and write out the answers to the questions on the lecture as found on pages 85 and 86 of the printed Study Guide.
2. If man is morally unable, how can he possess liberty?
3. How does Edwards maintain human responsibility and theistic determinism?
4. What is the foundation of Edwards's necessitarianism?
5. Why does God choose to save some and not others?
6. What is God's chief end in creation?

## Lecture IX

### THE DOCTRINE OF ANGELS - PART I

**Required Reading:** Hickman: Edwards on "Miscellaneous Observations" in Vol. II, pp. 604-17.

1. After listening to the recorded lecture by Dr. Gerstner on this subject, write out the answers to the questions on the lecture as found on page 86 of the printed Study Guide.
2. What are angels, according to Edwards?
3. What do the biblical names given to angels imply?
4. How was the probation of angels like that of man?
5. Did the angels fully understand the redemptive work of Christ prior to its revelation in his Passion and Exaltation?
6. Why did Satan fall?

## Lecture X

### THE DOCTRINE OF ANGELS - PART II

**Required Reading:** Hickman: Edwards on "True Grace Distinguished from the Experience of Devils" in Vol. II, pp. 41-51.

1. Be careful to listen to the material on this subject recorded by Dr. Gerstner and write out the answers to the questions on the lecture as found on pages 86 and 87 of the printed Study Guide.
2. What is Satan's means of setting up and preserving his dominion?
3. What is the relationship of Satan to the rest of the devils?
4. How are unbelievers generally in the possession of Satan?
5. How does Satan attack those who are seeking God's grace?
6. Why are Satan's attacks against the godly evidence of his extreme folly?

## Lecture XI

### MAN AND THE FALL - PART I

**Required Reading:** Hickman: Edwards on "Original Sin" in Vol. I, pp. 146-233.

**Recommended Reading:** Storms: *Tragedy in Eden: Original Sin in the Theology of Jonathan Edwards.*

1. With the outline material before you listen to the recorded lecture by Dr. Gerstner and then write out the answers to the questions on the lecture as found on page 87 of the printed Study Guide.
2. How is man's depravity externally manifested?
3. How does remaining sin in believers serve as evidence of universal depravity?

## Lecture XII

### MAN AND THE FALL - PART II

**Required Reading:** Hickman: Edwards on "Original Sin" in Vol. I, pp. 146-233  
(remainder of material)  
Storms: *Tragedy in Eden: Original Sin in the Theology of Jonathan Edwards*, pp. 207-224.

1. Listen carefully to the recorded lecture following the outline in the Study Guide and then write out the answers to the questions on this material as found on page 88 of the printed Study Guide.
2. What, according to the lecturer, is the most excruciating problem in Christian theology and how does Edwards deal with it?
3. How could man, created good, have chosen to disobey God?
4. What does the lecturer see as the main problem with Augustine's formulation of the origin of sin?
5. Does Edwards's explication of sufficient and efficient grace solve the problem of how man sinned?

## Lecture XIII

### THE IMPUTATION OF ADAM'S SIN

**Required Reading:** Hickman: Edwards on "Original Sin" pp. 146-233 (conclusion)  
Storms: *Tragedy in Eden: Original Sin in the Theology of Jonathan Edwards*, pp. 224-58.  
Warfield: "Edwards and the New England Theology" in *Biblical and Theological Studies*.

**Recommended Reading:** Chas. Hodge: *Systematic Theology*, Vol. II, pp. 207-09.  
John Murray: *The Imputation of Adam's Sin*, pp. 42-70.

1. With the outline prepared by Richard Case before you, listen carefully to the recorded lecture by Dr. Gerstner and then write out the answers to the questions on page 88 of the printed Study Guide.
2. How does Warfield view Edwards's doctrine of imputation?
3. How have Edwards's followers corrupted his teaching?
4. How does Edwards's theory of causation fit into his scheme of imputation?
5. How does Edwards's position avoid realism?

## Lecture XIV

### THE DOCTRINE OF SIN

**Required Reading:**

Hickman: Edwards on "Men Naturally are God's Enemies" in Vol. II, pp. 130-42.

1. The outline in the Study Guide will help you to follow the recorded lecture material by Dr. John Gerstner. Write out the answers to the questions over this material on page 89 of the printed Study Guide.
2. What explains man's depravity after the Fall?
3. Why is the world more sinful after the preaching of the Word than before?
4. Why is sin more heinous than virtue is praiseworthy?
5. What is the place of sin in God's plan of redemption?

## Lecture XV

### JESUS CHRIST AS MEDIATOR - PART I

**Required Reading:** Hickman: Edwards on "The Excellency of Christ" in Vol. I, pp. 680-89.

1. After listening to the recorded lecture by Dr. John Gerstner, write out the answers to the questions over this material on page 89 of the printed Study Guide.
2. In what "most amiable" manner are the moral and natural perfections of God manifested in Jesus Christ?
3. Why is it necessary for Christ to be fully human and fully divine?
4. How is Christ's divinity intimately linked to His mediatorial ministry to men?
5. How does Watt's view work against the covenant of redemption?

## Lecture XVI

### JESUS CHRIST AS MEDIATOR - PART II

**Required Reading:** Hickman: Edwards on "Christ Exalted" in Vol. II, pp. 213-17.  
Hickman: Edwards on "Jesus Christ the same Yesterday, Today, and Forever" in Vol. II, pp. 949-55.

1. Listen carefully to the recorded lecture by Dr. Gerstner on this subject and then write out the answers to the questions over the material as found on page 90 of the printed Study Guide.
2. What is the relationship of the humanity of Christ to the Holy Spirit?
3. How does Edwards make an analogy between the union of Christ and believers and the union of the human and divine natures in Christ?
4. In what two respects is Christ immutable?

## Lecture XVII

### THE ATONEMENT OF CHRIST

**Required Reading:** Hickman: Edwards on "Of Satisfaction for Sin" in Vol. II, pp. 565-78.  
Confort: *Samuel Hopkins and the New Divinity Movement*, pp. 163-6.

1. Again the student must write out the answers to the questions on page 90 of the printed Study Guide which covers the material by Dr. Gerstner on the recorded lecture.
2. How did Edwards's immediate followers differ from him on the doctrine of the Atonement?
3. Why is repentance without reference to sacrifice insufficient to appease God's wrath?
4. In classical seventeenth century Reformed Theology, what is seen as the relation between the active and passive obedience of Christ?
5. According to Edwards, why did Jesus as a man not have the obligations that other men have under the law?

## Lecture XVIII

### THE DOCTRINE OF SEEKING

- Required Reading:**
- Hickman: Edwards on "The Manner in which Salvation Is to Be Sought" in Vol. II, pp. 51-7.
  - Hickman: Edwards on "The Folly in Looking Back in Fleeing out of Sodom" in Vol. II, pp. 64-77.
  - Hickman: Edwards in Occasional Sermons #II on Hosea 5:15 in Vol. II, pp. 830-8.
  - Gerstner: "Edwardsean Preparation for Salvation...." in *The Westminster Theological Journal* 42 (Fall, 1979), pp. 5-71.

1. The student must give careful attention to the recorded lecture on the Doctrine of Seeking as taught by Jonathan Edwards and commented upon by Dr. Gerstner. Write out the answers to the questions over this material as found on page 91 of the printed Study Guide.

## Lecture XIX

### THE DOCTRINE OF REGENERATION

**Required Reading:** Hickman: Edwards on "God Glorified in Man's Dependence" in Vol. II, pp. 3-7.

1. The outline by Richard Case on The Doctrine of Regeneration will help you to follow the recorded material by Dr. Gerstner on this subject. The student then will write out the answers to the questions found on the recorded lecture on page 91 of the printed Study Guide.
2. How is Edwards's term "new sense of the heart" expressive of the work affected by the Holy Spirit in regeneration?
3. Why must regeneration proceed faith?
4. Given Edwards's view that men have a natural ability to seek God, does he believe that unregenerate man is thus able to please God in his works?
5. How does Edwards's idea of continuous creation assist him in maintaining the doctrine of *sola gratia* and of man's possibility in regeneration without falling into antinomianism?

## Lecture XX

### JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH ALONE

**Required Reading:** Hickman: Edwards on "Justification by Faith Alone" in Vol. I, pp. 622-54.  
Logan: "The Doctrine of Justification in the Theology of Jonathan Edwards" in *The Westminster Theological Journal* 46 (Spring, 1984). pp. 26-52.

1. Justification by Faith Alone was an important element in the teaching of Jonathan Edwards. After listening to the lecture by Dr. Gerstner covering this subject, write out the answers to the questions on pages 91 and 92 of the printed Study Guide.
2. Was it necessary for man to do anything prior to God's gift of faith? If not, how may we understand Edwards's doctrine of seeking?
3. How does Edwards differ from the earlier scholastic Reformed theologians in his emphasis on justification by faith-union?
4. What does Edwards mean by moral and natural "fitness"?
5. Why would Edwards not allow someone to claim to know Christ as Savior without also having bowed to him as Lord?
6. What did Edwards mean when he preached that justification is ultimately by works?

## Lecture XXI

### THE DOCTRINE OF SANCTIFICATION

**Required Reading:** Hickman: Edwards on "*Religious Affections*" in Vol. I, pp. 314-36; 340-3.

1. Jonathan Edwards placed great emphasis on the Doctrine of Sanctification as can be seen in the lecture recorded over the subject by Dr. John Gerstner. The student should write out the answers to the questions on this lecture as found on page 92 of the printed Study Guide.
2. Why did sanctification as a theme occupy such a prominent place in Edwards's pulpit ministry?
3. Why is it important to distinguish between necessary and meritorious works?
4. What does Edwards mean by his insistence that Christian practice is the chief sign to others and to ourselves of truly godly affections?
5. What does Edwards, in his second letter to Gillespie, mean by "believing that I am in a good estate, is no part of ingredient in the essence of saving faith"?

## Lecture XXII

### THE CHURCH AND THE SACRAMENTS

**Required Reading:** Hickman: Edwards on "Inquiry Concerning Qualifications for Communion" in Vol. I, pp. 434-479.

1. Listen carefully to the lecture by Dr. Gerstner on Jonathan Edwards's teachings on the subject of The Church and the Sacraments. Write out the answers to the questions as found on page 92 and 93 of the printed Study Guide.
2. How does Edwards understand "visible sainthood"?
3. How did Edwards answer his opponents' contention that since all Israel partook of the Passover, all the church should partake of communion?

## Lecture XXIII

### THE LATTER-DAY GLORY AND THE SECOND COMING

**Required Reading:**

Hickman: Edwards on "Thoughts on the Revival of Religion in New England" in Vol. I, pp. 381-3.

Goen: *Jonathan Edwards: A New Departure in Eschatology* pp. 151ff.

Scheick: "The Grand Design: Jonathan Edwards's History of the Work of Redemption" in *Critical Essays on Jonathan Edwards*. pp. 177ff.

1. After listening to Dr. Gerstner's lecture on this subject, the student should write out the answers to the questions over the lecture as found on page 93 of the printed Study Guide.
2. Why did Edwards believe that the millennium might begin in America?
3. How was Edwards's millennial position adapted to give impetus to the American revolution?
4. What was unique about Edwards's understanding of and approach to the history of redemption?

## Lecture XXIV

### THE DOCTRINES OF HELL AND HEAVEN

<b>Required Reading:</b>	Hickman: Edwards on "Future Punishment of the Wicked Unavoidable and Intolerable" in Vol. II, pp. 78-80.
Hickman:	Edwards on "Wrath upon the Wicked to the Uttermost" in Vol. II, pp. 122-30.
Hickman:	Edwards on "The End of the Wicked Contemplated by the Righteous" in Vol. II, pp. 207-13.
Hickman:	Edwards in Occasional Sermons #VII (Romans 2:8,9) and #VIII (Romans 2:10) in Vol. II, pp. 878-905.

1. Dr. Gerstner's concluding lecture in this course covered Edwards's teaching on the Doctrine of Hell and Heaven. Write out the answers to the questions covering the lecture, such questions found on page 93 of the printed Study Guide.
2. According to Edwards why is hell absolutely necessary?
3. Why are there degrees of punishment?
4. What are degrees of reward?
5. What is Edwards's understanding of heaven?