

ASSEMBLIES OF GOD THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

THE 624 Christ and Humanity in the Plan of God

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COURSE SYLLABUS

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Making use of the “two Adams” concept of Romans 5, this course will consider the plan of God in the creation and fall of humans, focusing on the person and work of Christ as the redeemer of fallen humans. The work of the Holy Spirit among people and upon Jesus of Nazareth will be emphasized.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of this course, the student will have demonstrated in classroom discussions, examinations, and papers

1. the ability to summarize the language and concepts of the theological topics which are the focus of the course.
2. the ability to compare the evangelical formulations of these theological topics with the larger context of contemporary theological discussion and development.
3. the ability to assess the unique contributions and challenges of the Pentecostal tradition to the formulation of these theological topics,
4. the ability to defend the biblical foundations for the expression of these theological topics.
5. the ability to select theological materials for implementation in the ministry of the Church to the modern age.
6. the ability to synthesize research data on a theological topic and present the findings in a cogent manner

TEXTBOOKS

Grenz, Stanley J. *The Social God and the Relational Self: A Trinitarian Theology of the Imago Dei.*

The Matrix of Christian Theology. Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press, 2001.

Kärkkäinen, Veli-Matti. *Christology: A Global Introduction.* Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, 2003.

Moltmann, Jürgen. *The Way of Jesus Christ.* Minneapolis, MN: Fortress Press, 1993.

Sherlock, Charles. *The Doctrine of Humanity.* Contours of Christian Theology, ed. Gerald Bray.

Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1996.

COURSE OUTLINE

DATE	TOPIC	READING
8/26/08	Introduction to Course	
9/2/08-10/7/08	➤ Doctrine of Humanity	

9/9/08	Chapel (1:30-2:45) Class begins at 3:00	
9/16/08	<i>Book Critique of the Sherlock book due</i>	Sherlock, Charles. <i>The Doctrine of Humanity</i> . Contours of Christian Theology, ed. Gerald Bray. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1996.
9/30/08	<i>Book Critique of the Grenz book due</i>	Grenz, Stanley J. <i>The Social God and the Relational Self: A Trinitarian Theology of the Imago Dei</i> . The Matrix of Christian Theology. Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press, 2001.
10/14/08	EXAM ONE—Doctrine of Humanity	
10/21/08	<i>Fall Study Week—No Class</i>	
10/28/08-12/9/08	➤ Doctrine of Christ	
11/4/08	<i>Critique of the Moltmann book due</i>	Moltmann, Jürgen. <i>The Way of Jesus Christ</i> . Minneapolis, MN: Fortress Press, 1993.
11/18/08	<i>Critique of the Kärkkäinen book due</i>	Kärkkäinen, Veli-Matti. <i>Christology: A Global Introduction</i> . Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, 2003.
12/2/08	<i>Term Paper Due</i>	
12/2/08	Chapel 1:30-2:45 Class begins at 3:00	
12/9/08	EXAM TWO—Doctrine of Christ	

METHODOLOGY

The primary method of instruction will be the lecture, with ample time devoted to the discussion of the ideas gleaned from the assigned textbook reading. The student will be expected to take notes consistently during the sessions.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

1. The student is expected to attend all class sessions. Absences should be for extreme circumstances only. Barring a serious medical emergency, credit cannot be granted for courses in which a student has been absent from more than two class sessions. Exceeding the absence limits shall be regarded as an unofficial withdrawal and result in a grade of F.
2. The student is expected to submit a 3-5 page typed critique of each of the assigned texts. They will be due according to the schedule listed in the Course Outline above.. The critique should evidence graduate level interaction with the arguments(s) of the book. The student should also

be prepared to participate in class discussion of the text at the class session at which the critique is due.

3. The student should sustain successfully two exams covering the lecture material. The exams will be essay in nature and will be given on the dates shown on the Course Outline above. Exams may not be taken late unless an emergency has necessitated the absence.
4. The student will submit a ten-page research paper on a topic germane to the course. The instructor must approve the topic. The paper should conform to the Turabian (7th edition) format, employing footnotes to document source usage. (Note: students in the counseling programs may use Turabian chapters 18-19, "Parenthetical Citations"). The paper should make use of ten to twelve sources, no more than one-half of which may be from Internet sources, and will be graded on (in order of importance) content, composition, grammar, and form. The paper is due at class time December 2, 2008 . Late work will receive a grade penalty commensurate with the lateness.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

It is assumed that students at AGTS will endeavor to be honest and of high integrity in all matters pertaining to Seminary life. A lack of respect and integrity is evidenced by cheating, fabricating, plagiarizing, misusing facilities, removing books and other property not one's own, and disrupting classes.

Cheating is defined as "intentionally using or attempting to use unauthorized materials, information or study aids in any academic exercise." It is assumed that whatever is submitted by a student is the work of that student and is new work for that course. Fabrication is "intentional and unauthorized falsification or invention of any information or citation in an academic exercise or form." Plagiarism is "intentionally or knowingly representing the words or ideas of another as one's own in any academic exercise." One who facilitates any of the above is equally responsible with the primary violator.

Penalties may include restitution, an "F" on an individual paper, exam, or course; loss of campus employment; disciplinary probation; removal from extracurricular activities; and suspension. (*AGTS Student Handbook*).

GRADING PROCEDURE

Examinations	50%
Term Paper	20%
Book Critiques	30%

Grades are recorded and averaged on the basis of the following grade scale: A=94-100; A-=90-93; B+=87-89; B=84-86; B-=80-83; C+=77-79; C=74-76; C-=70-73; D+=67-69; D=64-66; D-=60-63; F=0-59.

All assigned work for the course must be submitted for the student to receive a passing grade for the course. The grade of I (Incomplete) may be granted only for extenuating circumstances upon the written request of the student.

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