

ASSEMBLIES OF GOD THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

THE 532 Systematic Theology II

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COURSE SYLLABUS

COURSE DESCRIPTION

An overview of the theological areas of pneumatology, soteriology, ecclesiology, and eschatology.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

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

1. a basic familiarity with the language and concepts of the theological topics which are the focus of this course;
2. an understanding of the evangelical formulations of these theological topics within the larger context of contemporary theological discussion and development;
3. comprehension of the unique contributions and challenges of the Pentecostal tradition to the formulation of these theological topics;
4. an acceptable grasp of the biblical foundations for the expression of these theological topics; and,
5. an understanding of the relationship of theology to the ministry of the Church in the modern age.

TEXTBOOKS

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Erickson, Millard J. Christian Theology. 2d ed. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Book House, 1998.
Horton, Stanley M., ed. Systematic Theology: A Pentecostal Perspective. Revised Edition.
Springfield, MO: Logion Press, 1995.

RECOMMENDED TEXTBOOK

Harvey, Van A. A Handbook of Theological Terms. New York, NY: The Macmillan Co., 1964.

COURSE OUTLINE

- I. Pneumatology (1/8-1/24)
 - A. The person of the Holy Spirit
 - B. The deity of the Holy Spirit
 - C. The works of the Holy Spirit
 - D. The baptism in the Holy Spirit
 - E. The fruit of the Holy Spirit

- F. The gifts of the Holy Spirit
- II. Soteriology (1/29-2/14)
 - A. The Holy Spirit in salvation
 - B. Grace
 - C. Election
 - D. Conversion
 - E. Justification
 - F. Regeneration
 - G. Union with Christ
 - H. Adoption
 - I. Sanctification
 - J. Perseverance
 - K. Means of grace

MIDTERM EXAMINATION–TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

- III. Ecclesiology (2/26-3/26)
 - A. Meaning and uses of the word church
 - B. The nature of the church
 - C. The inauguration of the church
 - D. The organization of the church
 - E. The ministry of the church
 - F. The ordinances of the church
- IV. Eschatology (3/28-4/18)
 - A. Individual eschatology
 - 1. Death
 - 2. Immortality of the soul
 - 3. The intermediate state
 - B. General eschatology
 - 1. Rapture views
 - 2. Millennial views
 - 3. Resurrection(s)
 - 4. Judgment(s)
 - 5. Eternal state

FINAL EXAMINATION–THURSDAY, APRIL 25 (7:30-10:00 A.M.)

METHODOLOGY

The primary method of instruction will be the lecture, with ample time devoted to the discussion of the ideas gleaned from the assigned readings. 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. The limits established by the Seminary will be observed. ("Barring a serious medical emergency, credit cannot be granted for courses in which a student has been absent beyond the equivalent of more than 2 weeks" - Catalog, 70.)
2. The student should complete all of the readings indicated on the attached sheet as the topics are discussed in the classroom.
 3. The student should sustain successfully a midterm and final exam covering the lecture material and the assigned readings. The final exam will not be comprehensive. Exams may not be taken late unless an emergency has necessitated the absence. Both will be essay exams and will be given on the following dates: Midterm exam – February 19, 2002; Final exam - April 25, 2002 (7:30 A.M. to 10:00 A.M.).
 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 format in Kate L. Turabian, A Manual for Writers of Term Papers, Theses, and Dissertations (current edition), employing footnotes to document source usage. (Note: students in the counseling programs may use the author-date format of chapter 10, "Parenthetical References and Reference Lists"). 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 grammar, composition, form, and content. The paper is due April 4, 2002. Late work will receive a grade penalty commensurate with the lateness.

GRADING PROCEDURE

Examinations	67%
Term Paper	33%

Grades are recorded and averaged on the basis of the following grade scale: A=12; A-=11; B+=10; B=9; B-=8; C+=7; C=6; C-=5; D+=4; D=3; D-=2; F=1.

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) will be granted only for extenuating circumstances upon the written request of the student. Except in the case of severe extenuating circumstances the course grade will be reduced by one letter grade.

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SPECIFIC DATA

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