



## **ST 5102 - Theology II: Christ, Man, Sin, and Salvation (3 cr.)**

Madison Extension

Fall Semester 2011

Tuesdays, Aug. 30 – Dec. 13

6:30 PM – 9:30 PM

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### **Course Description**

"This course covers the study of the person and work of Christ. It treats the nature of man, both as a creature and as a sinner, including original sin, imputation of sin, and the nature and consequences of individual acts of sin. Discussion focuses on both the atoning work of Christ and on the application of the work of Christ by the Holy Spirit that runs from election through conversion and justification all the way to glorification.

"(TEDS online catalog)

### **Course Objectives**

Upon completion of the course students should be able to:

Offer a biblical case for the divinity of Jesus

Describe and critically discuss the kenotic, two-minds, and reduplicative accounts of the view that Jesus is fully human and fully divine

Explain Jesus' work as prophet, priest, and king

Explain and evaluate the penal substitution, the Christus Victor, and governmental views of the atonement

Describe the atonement in terms that are faithful to the biblical text and meaningful to biblically illiterate non-Christians

Outline and critically discuss the debate between Calvinists and Arminians with regard to:

- the fall
- the nature of election
- the extent of the atonement
- the role of grace
- the possibility of apostasy

Offer an account of salvation encompassing justification, sanctification, and glorification

## Required Texts

Millard Erickson, *Christian Theology* 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. (Baker,

Joel B. Green and Mark D. Baker, *Recovering the Scandal of the Cross* 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. (InterVarsity Press, 2011)

Robert A. Peterson and Michael D. Williams, *Why I Am Not an Arminian* (InterVarsity Press, 2004)

Jerry L. Walls and Joseph R. Dongell, *Why I Am Not a Calvinist* (InterVarsity Press, 2004)

Jonathan R. Wilson *God So Loved the World A Christology for Disciples* (Baker, 2001)

## Seminar Schedule

Week 1: Introduction to the Doctrine of Humanity, the Origin of Humanity, and the Imago Dei 8/30)

Required Reading, Erickson, Chapters 21-24

Week 2: The Imago Dei (Continued), the Constitutional Nature of the Human and the Universality of Humanity (9/6)

Required Reading, Erickson, Chapters 24-26

Week 3: The Nature, Source and Results of Sin (9/13)

Required Reading, Erickson, Chapters 27-29

Week 4: The Results (continued) the Magnitude and Social Dimension of Sin (9/20)

Required Reading, Erickson, Chapters 29-31

Week 5: The Deity and Humanity of Christ (9/27)

Required Reading, Erickson, Chapters 32-34

Week 6: Two Natures in One Person (10/4)

Required Reading, Erickson, Chapters 35-36

Wilson, Introduction and Part One

Week 7: Introduction to the Work of Christ (10/11)

Required Reading, Erickson, Chapters 37-38

Green and Baker, Chapters 1-5

Week 8: The Atonement (10/18)

Required Reading, Green and Baker, Chapters 6-10

Wilson, Part Two

Week 9: The Atonement-Continued (10/25)

Required Reading, Erickson, Chapters 39-40

Wilson, Part Three

Week 10: Midterm Exam (11/1)

Week 11: Introduction to Salvation (11/8)

Required Reading, Erickson, Chapter 43

Peterson and Williams, Chapters 1-2

Walls and Dongell, Chapters 1-2

Week 12: Predestination and Perseverance (11/15)

Required Reading, Erickson, Chapters 43-44

Peterson and Williams, Chapters 3-4

Walls and Dongell, Chapters 3-4

Week 13: Calvinism and Arminianism (11/22)

Required Reading, Peterson and Williams, Chapters 5-7

Walls and Dongell, Chapters 5-6

Week 14: Subjective and Objective Aspects of Salvation (11/29)

Required Reading, Erickson, Chapters 45-46

Peterson and Williams, Chapters 8-9

Week 15: Sanctification and Glorification, and the Intermediate State  
(12/6)

Required Reading, Erickson, Chapters 47-49, 57

Week 16: (Class does not meet: take-home final exam) (12/13)

**Grading**

A = 93-100    A- = 90-92    B+ = 87-89    B = 83-86    B- = 80-82    C+ = 77-79  
C = 73-76    C- = 70-72    D+ = 67-69    D = 63-66    D- = 60-62    F = below 60

Midterm Exam, Take Home, 45%

Final Exam, Take Home, 45%

Write a dialogue (12-15) between a Calvinist and an Arminian. Offer what you take to be the best biblical, theological, and philosophical arguments for each side, and write the dialogue in such a way that the representatives of both positions are "speaking the truth in love." (Note: I prefer to receive papers as e-mail attachments.) (A draft of the dialogue is due at least ten days before the date of the week 15 meeting. You have the last week of class to respond to my comments on your draft and revise your dialogue.)

Class Discussion: 10%