



# *SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY*

9 Tuesday Evenings, beginning October 4th  
6-7 PM

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## **Description**

It is often thought that theology is only for professional theologians and is irrelevant for everyone else. However, the truth is that every person is a theologian. That is, *everyone* has beliefs about God and how we relate to him, and what we believe about God will shape the way we behave in every sphere of our lives. Systematic Theology will give you an introductory study of the doctrines of God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, man, sin, salvation, and more, so that you can live in a biblically informed way.

## **Student Learning Objectives**

By the end of the course, you should:

1. Have a better understanding of the Christian doctrines of Scripture, God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, man, sin, the Church, salvation, and the end times.
2. Be equipped to identify various false teachings regarding various doctrines.
3. Be able to explain the relevance of each doctrine to the Christian's every day life.

## **Textbook**

Due to the high costs of systematic textbooks and the desire to make this class accessible for everyone, there is no assigned textbook. We will be drawing from many sources for this class. However, we would encourage you to check out the recommended systematic theology texts listed at the bottom of this syllabus.

## Class Expectations

This class will utilize lectures, discussion, and written exercises for learning. It is expected that each class participant is committed to being at each class on time ready to participate. Though this class will not earn any kind of credits toward an accredited degree, it will equip all students with a greater understanding of Christian doctrine and its relevance to their daily lives. Thus, all students should value the potential growth to their personal lives shown in their commitment level to the class.

## Homework

**1. Memorize The Apostles' Creed** - Written around 300 years after the death of Christ, the Apostles' Creed summarizes foundational Christian belief. We will commit to memorizing this basic creed together.

For Week 2	I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
Week 3	I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.
Week 4	He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
Week 5	He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.
Week 6	He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
Week 7	I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
Week 8	the communion of the saints, the forgiveness of sins,
Week 9	the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## Course Schedule

Date	Topic
October 4th	The Doctrine of Scripture
October 11th	Theology Proper: The Doctrine of God
October 18th	Anthropology & Hamartiology: The Doctrines of Man and Sin
October 25th	Christology: The Doctrine of Christ
November 1st	Pneumatology: The Doctrine of the Holy Spirit
November 8th	Soteriology 1: The Doctrine of Salvation
November 15th	Soteriology 2: The Reformed Doctrines of Grace
November 29th	Ecclesiology: The Doctrine of the Church
December 6th	Eschatology: The Doctrine of Last Things

## Recommended Reading for Further Study

Akin, Daniel L., ed. *A Theology for the Church*. Nashville: B&H, 2014.

Bavinck, Herman. *Reformed Dogmatics*, vol. 1, *Prolegomena*. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2003.

———. *Reformed Dogmatics*, vol. 2, *God and Creation*. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2004.

———. *Reformed Dogmatics*, vol. 3, *Sin and Salvation in Christ*. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2006.

———. *Reformed Dogmatics*, vol. 4, *Holy Spirit, Church, and New Creation*. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2008.

Beeke, Joel R. & Paul M. Smalley. *Reformed Systematic Theology*, vol. 1, *Revelation and God*. Wheaton: Crossway, 2019.

Bray, Gerald. *God is Love: A Biblical and Systematic Theology*. Wheaton: Crossway, 2012.

Calvin, John. *Institutes of the Christian Religion*. Peabody: Hendrickson, 2008.

Erickson, Millard J. *Christian Theology*, 3rd ed. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2013.

*ESV Systematic Theology Study Bible*. Wheaton: Crossway, 2017.

Frame, John M. *Systematic Theology: An Introduction to Christian Belief*. Philipsburg: P&R, 2013.

Grudem, Wayne. *Systematic Theology: An Introduction to Biblical Doctrine*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1994.

Horton, Michael. *The Christian Faith: A Systematic Theology for Pilgrims on the Way*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2011.

Letham, Robert. *Systematic Theology*. Wheaton: Crossway, 2019.

MacArthur, John & Richard Mayhue. *Biblical Doctrine: A Systematic Summary of Bible Truth*. Wheaton: Crossway, 2017.

Sproul, R.C. *Everyone's a Theologian: An Introduction to Systematic Theology*. Sanford: Reformation Trust, 2014.