Test Description – THEO 530

A Describe the knowledge and skills required to pass the test

1. Know the principal agents and ideas that shape classic and contemporary systematic theology in relation to Christ, the Holy Spirit, salvation, the church and eschatology.
2. Know contemporary theological issues regarding the study of Christology, including the Person and work of Christ.
3. Able to identify the various theories concerning the Atonement of Christ.
4. Able to identify the competing classic and moderning understandings of the nature of salvation as defined by various Christian groups.
5. Able to describe the nature, function, and task of the NT Church
6. Able to correlate theological propositions and hermeneutical procedures with special reference to the doctrines of ecclesiology and eschatology.
7. Understanding of competing views concerning biblical Eschatology in regard to the Second coming of Christ.

B List the topics covered in the test

1. The virgin birth, the deity and humanity of Christ and the hypostatic union.
2. Theories of the atonement of Christ including the Calvinistic and Arminian understandings of the extent of the atonement.
3. The Person and work of the Holy Spirit.
4. Predestination, subjective and objective aspects of salvation, sanctification, glorification and the means of grace.
5. The nature and role of the church, church government, ordinances/sacraments, and issues relating to church unity.
6. The resurrection of the dead, the Second Coming of Christ, various views concerning the millennium and the Great Tribulation, the Rapture of the Church, Heaven, Hell and the final state.

C What is the format of the test? (multiple choice, true/false, matching, Essay)

D How many Questions are on the test? (35 objective and 3 essay)

E List suggested study resources.

1. Erickson, *Christian Theology*
2. Elwell, *Evangelical Dictionary of Theology*