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COURSE SYLLABUS

THEO 107

THEOLOGICAL SURVEY I

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This is the first of two courses in a general survey of Bible doctrine designed to introduce the student to the major areas of systematic theology. This course presents the following areas of doctrine: Prolegomena, doctrine of the Trinity, doctrine of the Father, doctrine of the Bible (bibliology), and the doctrine of Prophecy (eschatology). The theology survey is continued in THEO 108.

RATIONALE

The word theology means "a study of God." This course, thus, offers a systematic and practical overview of those key subjects directly related to God Himself. This course is foundational for the TH.G. program of Liberty Bible Institute, but more importantly, the Christian would be handicapped in service to our Lord Jesus without a basic grasp of the major doctrines of the Bible. The course introduces the basics of conservative Christian doctrine plus inculcates an appreciation for Baptist and denominational distinctives as related to Bible doctrine.

I. PREREQUISITES

None

II. REQUIRED RESOURCE PURCHASES

Click the following link to view the required resources for the term in which you are registered: <http://bookstore.mbsdirect.net/liberty.htm>

III. ADDITIONAL MATERIALS FOR LEARNING

- A. Computer with basic audio/video output equipment
- B. Internet access (broadband recommended)
- C. Microsoft Word
(Microsoft Office is available at a special discount to Liberty University students.)

IV. MEASURABLE LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

- A. Utilize the acquired skills and analysis from this course to advance one's understanding of theological issues.
- B. Think one's way through each of the doctrines presented in this course.
- C. Cordially interact with others of differing theological perspectives.

- D. Explain the entire inductive method to another person.
- E. Explain the basic concepts and definition of the doctrines studied in this course.
- F. Reflect upon the implications of theology for Christian life and personal ministry.
- G. Entertain questions of personal interest concerning the world and God.
- H. Make practical application of truths and principles associated with each major doctrinal study.

V. COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND ASSIGNMENTS

A. Textbook and additional readings

B. Discussion Board forums (4)

Discussion Boards (DB) are due at the end of weeks 2, 4, 6 and 8 of this class. Each DB will require an initial post and at least two responses. The student can access each DB through the communications link to the left in blackboard.

C. Research Paper

1. Your research paper should systematically present and discuss a specific aspect of a selected doctrine rather than generalize about the entire doctrine.
2. Your paper must have a title page, table of contents page, outline page, body of the paper and conclude with a bibliography.
3. The papers must be typed, double-spaced and use 11 or 12 point Times New Roman or similar easy to read font.
4. Ten sources is a basic minimum for you to consult in conducting your research. Of course, study Bibles and your course texts are not to be included in the ten plus references. No more than four sources cited in your bibliography should be from internet sources unless the book or article is published on line.
5. The paper must be in the APA format.
6. The body of your paper is to be at least ten pages in length. Again, we are not counting the title page, table of contents or bibliography pages.

D. Reading Assignment

The student will be required to read 200 additional pages (other than the text) on topics studied in class. This assignment is due in Module/Week 8. The student can utilize the bibliography located in the syllabus for sources or find sources in their personal or church library.

E. Tests (3)

There are three tests throughout the course. They will be taken at the end of weeks 2, 5, and 8. The tests are open book and students can utilize class notes. Each test will be made up of multiple choice, true and false, or matching questions. The student will have one hour to take each test. Tests are located within the module in which they are given.

VI. COURSE GRADING AND POLICIES

A. Points

Discussion Board forum threads (4 at 50 pts ea)	200
Discussion Board forum replies (4 at 50 pts ea)	200
Research Paper	200
Reading Assignment	100
Test 1 (Module 2)	100
Test 2 (Module 3)	100
Test 3 (Module 5)	100
Total	1000

B. Scale

A = 900–1000 B = 800–899 C = 700–799 D = 600–699 F = 0–599

C. Disability Assistance

Students with a documented disability may contact Liberty University Online's Office of Disability Academic Support (ODAS) at LUOODAS@liberty.edu to make arrangements for academic accommodations.

VII. BIBLIOGRAPHY

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Key to Abbreviations

- BE - Broadly evangelical
CH - Charismatic
ER - Evangelical Reformed
EW - Evangelical Wesleyan
EA - Evangelical Anglican
LP - Liberal Protestant
LA - Liberal Anglican
D - Dispensational
F - Feminist
EB - Evangelical Baptist
RC - Roman Catholic
EE - Ecumenical Evangelical
L - Lutheran
W - Wesleyan
LR - Liberal Reformed

COURSE SCHEDULE

THEO 107

Textbooks: Willmington, *Great Truths from God's* (2003).
Buck, *Theological Survey I Workbook* (2004).

WEEK/ MODULE	READING & STUDY	ASSIGNMENTS	POINTS
1	Willmington: pp. 7-34 Buck: pp. 7-20	Course Requirements Checklist	0
		Class Introductions	0
		DB Forum 1 Thread	50
2	Willmington: pp. 103-113 Buck: pp. 21-24	DB Forum 1 Replies	50
		Test 1	100
3	Willmington: pp. 35-58 Buck: pp. 25-33	DB Forum 2 Thread	50
4	Willmington: pp. 59-82 Buck: pp. 34-44	DB Forum 2 Replies	50
5	Willmington: pp. 83-103 Buck: pp. 45-51	DB Forum 3 Thread	50
		Test 2	100
6	Willmington: pp. 431-456 Buck: pp. 52-68	DB Forum 3 Replies	50
7	Willmington: pp. 457-482 Buck: pp. 69-80	DB Forum 4 Thread	50
		Research Paper	200
8	Willmington: pp. 483-506 Buck: pp. 81-90	DB Forum 4 Replies	50
		Test 3	100
		Reading Assignment	100
TOTAL			1000

DB = Discussion Board

NOTE: Each course week (except week 1) begins on Tuesday morning at 12:00 a.m. (ET) and ends on Monday night at 11:59 p.m. (ET). The final week ends at 11:59 p.m. (ET) on Friday.