



SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY I

Description:

“Systematic Theology I: has been designed to benefit you in three specific ways: to provide you with firm *doctrinal foundations* for your Christian life and ministry; to help you prepare a coherent *biblical*

framework for the reading, teaching, and application of the Scripture; and to help you have a greater sense of *freedom and assurance* in responding to questions about your Christian faith. The course will be theology intensive but will also emphasize practical application of the material learned.

“Systematic Theology I: is the first of two courses of study in evangelical theology. The course begins with the nature of theology, moves to the Scriptures and concludes to study the doctrine of the Trinity and God’s attributes.

A. Course Requirements:

Complete the reading of all the textbooks; attend all classes and complete a final project.

B. Required Textbooks:

Erikson, Millard J. *Christian Theology*. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2007.

Bruce, F.F., Packer, J.I., Comfort, Philip. *The Origin of the Bible*, Tyndale, 2003.

C. Class Topics and Reading Assignments:

- **September 28, Theology and Revelation**
Read Erikson 17-84
- **October 12, Authority and Inspiration**
Read Erikson pages 224-245, 266-285 and Bruce 3-36
- **October 26, Scripture and the Canon**
Read Bruce, 51-94
- **November 2, The Formation of the Canon and Biblical Inerrancy**
Read Erikson 246-265 and Bruce 37-48, 155-214

- **November 16, Hermeneutics**
Read Bruce 97-151, 217-272
- **November 30, The Nature of God**
Read Erikson pages 289-345
- **December 7, The Trinity**
Read Erikson pages 346-367

D. Final Projects

- **Option one:** Write a short paper (approx 10 pages) describing in detail the history, development and practical application(s) of one of the following topics: biblical authority, inspiration of the Scriptures, formation of the canon, biblical inerrancy. Due date: December 22, 2008
- **Option two:** Write out a personal 'doctrinal statement' covering all the main doctrines we covered in the class. A clear, well written document with corresponding Scriptural references in a must. Due date: December 22, 2008