COURSE SYLLABUS

Building Systematic Theology

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Course Description

Many of us have read systematic theology, but we seldom consider the process behind its development. This course analyzes the steps of building systematic theology, especially the formation of technical terms, theological propositions, and doctrinal statements. It examines the legitimacy of systematic theology, the place of human logic in the process, and the dangers and benefits of this tool. It is based on the DVD lessons of Dr. Richard L. Pratt, Jr.

Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course, you should be able to:

- Develop a greater appreciation for systematic theology, and become aware of its benefits and dangers.
- Understand the process of developing systematic theology, including the proper use of human logic, the proper use of the Scriptures, and the proper method of defining technical terms, making theological propositions, and designing doctrinal statements.
- Make changes in your life as a response to the teachings of this course. It should change the way you use systematic theology and help you analyze contemporary theological expressions.

Course Lecturer

Richard L. Pratt, Jr., ThD
Education:
- Harvard University, ThD
- Union Theological Seminary, MDiv

Teaching Career:
- Old Testament Department Chair at Reformed Theological Seminary in Orlando, FL

Other Career Highlights:
- President and founder of Third Millennium Ministries

Publications:
- *Every Thought Captive*, *Pray With Your Eyes Open*, *He Gave Us Stories*, and *Designed for Dignity*

Course Methods

Throughout this course, a number of methods will be used to engage the students in learning and processing information, interacting with other students (when possible), and applying the learning to their lives. These methods include the following:

- **Video-based teaching**
  The primary teaching session in each lesson is provided in video format. If you do not have the bandwidth required to view the video, we provide the option of listening to the lesson or reading the lesson from a transcript.

- **Additional Resources**
  Lessons may be accompanied by additional readings, activities, etc. that students may use to supplement their learning.

Course Requirements

To earn a Certificate of Completion, you must complete the course requirements. Course requirements include:

1. Viewing the following for each lesson:
   - **Lesson Overview:** A brief outline of what the lecturer will cover in the lesson.
   - **Lesson Objectives:** Objectives describe the learning outcomes you should achieve by the end of the lesson.
   - **Lectures:** 90-minute lessons that can be viewed as many times as needed.
   - **Further Study:** Suggested further study that will help you dig deeper into the material.

2. Earning a 70% or higher score on each lesson Quiz and the Final Exam.

   Quizzes and the Final Exam will cover the material presented in the lectures.

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