

COURSE SYLLABUS

ST302: Christology

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Course Description

Since Jesus' ascension, Christians have asked questions about Him. What was His nature? What role did He play in creation? For whom did He die? Students move through an in-depth study of Christ in an attempt to understand His person, nature, teachings, and work. The study of Christ brings learners face-to-face with the most important event in history as individuals unpack the Bible's teachings regarding Jesus Christ. Learners will be stimulated intellectually and spiritually as they visit the decisions reached by the early church councils and explore the questions raised since then.

Course Objectives

Upon completion of the course, the student should be able to do the following:

- Define and explain *christology*.
- Understand the decisions about Jesus reached by the early church councils.
- Defend the orthodox truths about Jesus' person, nature, teachings, and work.
- Answer scripturally questions regarding Christ.
- Appreciate the intellectual and spiritual importance of christology.

Course Lecturer



Dr. C. Fred Dickason is the Former Professor of Theology at the Moody Bible Institute. Dr. Dickason served for decades as professor and for 29 years as Chairman of the Theology Department (1968–1995). Beloved by his students for his quick wit and deep insights into the Scriptures, Dr. Dickason was considered one of the finest teachers in higher academia. In 1972, the students at Moody voted to name the school's arch in Dickason's honor, and in 1976 he received the Faculty Citation Award from the alumni association for his outstanding contributions to Christianity. Nationally, his teaching gifts were recognized in 1974 when he was named an Outstanding Educator of America. He is widely regarded as one of the world's leading experts on angelology and demonology, and he is regularly cited for his knowledge of the spiritual realm. He has been an active member of the Evangelical Theological Society for decades. His works are used by various counselors, and he personally helps minister to those that have been involved in the occult.

Education:

- Iowa State College, B.S.
- Dallas Theological Seminary, Th.M. and Th.D.

Course Texts

Though not required, you may choose to read the textbooks shown below to supplement your learning.

Walvoord, John F. *Jesus Christ Our Lord*. Chicago: Moody Press, 1969.

Berkhof, Louis. *Systematic Theology*. Rev. and enlarged. 2nd ed. Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1941.

Berkouwer, G. C. *The Work of Christ*. Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1965.

Bettenson, Henry. *Documents of the Christian Church*. 2nd ed. New York: Oxford University Press.

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Chafer, Lewis Sperry. *Systematic Theology*. 8 vols. Dallas: Dallas Theological Seminary, 1948.

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Heick, Otto W. *A History of Christian Thought*. Philadelphia: Fortress Press, 1965.

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Orr, James. *The Resurrection of Jesus*. London: Hodder & Stoughton, 1908.

Pentecost, J. Dwight. *Things Which Become Sound Doctrine*. Westwood, New Jersey: Fleming H. Revell Co., 1965.

_____. *Things to Come*. Findlay, OH: Dunham Publishing Co., 1958.

Ryrie, Charles C. *Biblical Theology of the New Testament*. Chicago: Moody Press, 1959.

Saphir, Adolph. *Christ Crucified*. 5th ed. London: James Nisbet, 1889.

Smeaton, George. *The Apostles' Doctrine of the Atonement*. Edinburgh: T & T. Clark, 1870.

Walvoord, John F. *The Millennial Kingdom*. Findlay, OH: Dunham Publishing Co., 1959.

_____. *The Rapture Question*. Findlay, OH: Dunham Publishing Co., 1957.

_____. *The Revelation of Jesus Christ*. Chicago: Moody Press, 1966.

_____. *Jesus Christ Our Lord*. Chicago: Moody Press, 1969.

Warfield, Benjamin Breckenridge. *Christology and Criticism*. New York: Oxford University, 1929.

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Course Methods

The lecture content for each lesson is provided in two easy-to-use formats: audio and PDF text (if available). Students can choose the medium (or combination of media) that most closely aligns with their individual learning styles.