

COURSE SYLLABUS

We Believe in God

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Course Description

This course briefly surveys what theologians call *theology proper* or the doctrine of God. It deals with questions such as: Who is God? What are His attributes? What is His eternal plan? What are His works in history? At the most fundamental level, the Scriptures were given to teach us about who God is and what He has done for us. In fact, knowing God is essential for us to understand ourselves and our world. This course is based on the lecture series, *We Believe in God*, produced by Third Millennium Ministries and hosted by Rev. Dr. Thurman Williams with contributions from a variety of professors.

Course Objectives

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

- Introduce the primary concerns of systematic theologians in regard to theology proper.
- Discuss a systematic approach to discerning God's attributes.
- Survey God's plan and works, especially His decrees, creation and providence.

Course Lecturer



Thurman Williams, DMin

Education:

- Covenant Theological Seminary, DMin
- Chesapeake Theological Seminary, MDiv

Career Highlights:

- Associate Pastor at Grace and Peace Fellowship, St. Louis
- Pastor of New Song Community Church, West Baltimore
- Minister of Outreach and Youth at Faith Christian Fellowship Church, Baltimore
- Staff member at Young Life

Recommended Reading

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

Berkhof, Louis. *Systematic Theology*. GLH Publishing Reprint, 2017.

Hodge, Charles. *Systematic Theology, Volume 1*.

Textbooks can be ordered through your local bookstore, various online bookstores, or through your preferred eReader when available.

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 Objectives:** Objectives describe the learning outcomes you should achieve by the end of the lesson.
 - **Reading:** Suggested readings that will supplement your learning.
 - **Lectures:** 60-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.