

COURSE SYLLABUS

The Christian and Old Testament Theology

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Course Description

This course examines the foundational theology of the Old Testament as applied to the New Testament and the Church. It also identifies the focal point for the Old and New Testaments and discusses the continuity and discontinuity between the Testaments concerning: saving faith, the people of God, the Law, worship, atonement, the kingdom of God, the Messiah, and the New Covenant. Throughout the course, Kaiser examines how Old Testament theology is vital to contemporary Christian living.

Course Objectives

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

- Articulate Old Testament theological themes.
- Understand the problematic issues of Old Testament theology.
- Appreciate the significance of the Old Testament for the Church.
- Apply Old Testament theology to life and ministry.

Course Lecturer



Walter C. Kaiser, Jr., PhD

Education:

- Brandeis University, MA and PhD
- Wheaton College, BA and BD

Teaching Career:

- President Emeritus and Distinguished Professor of Old Testament and Ethics, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary
- Distinguished Colman M. Mockler Professor of Old Testament Studies, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary

- Professor, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School (1966-1993)
- Professor of Bible and Archaeology, Wheaton College (1958-1966)
- Leader of more than 20 graduate and undergraduate study tours abroad, while lecturing and preaching at thousands of schools and churches around the globe

Other Career Highlights:

- Advisory Editor, *Christianity Today*
- During his presidency at Gordon-Conwell (1997-2006), theological enrollment increased from 900 to 2,200 students
- Added five PhD programs during his tenure as Academic Dean and Senior Vice President for Education at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School (1980-1993)
- Chairman for the Evangelical Seminary Dean's Council (1982-1993)
- President of the Evangelical Theological Society (1977)
- Regularly consulted for his expertise by several Christian publications and organizations

Publications:

- Author of more than 40 books, including *Toward an Exegetical Theology*, *Toward Old Testament Ethics*, *Recovering the Unity of the Bible*, *Biblical Ethics: A Guide for Preaching and Teaching*, and his magnum opus, *Toward an Old Testament Theology*

Recommended Reading

Though not required, you may choose to read the textbook shown below to supplement your learning. Dyrness, William. *Themes in Old Testament Theology*. Downer's Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1979.

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

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.

Course Requirements

Course requirements include:

- Listening to all 24 audio lectures.
- Completing a final self-assessment form in which you will reflect on the content in the course and evaluate your life in light of what you have learned. The specifics of this assessment are provided in the course materials.

Course requirements noted in this syllabus will be validated before a Certificate of Completion is awarded to any student. No numeric or letter grade will be awarded for this course.