

COURSE SYLLABUS

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, you 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



C. Fred Dickason, Jr., ThD

Education:

- Dallas Theological Seminary, ThM and ThD
- Iowa State College, BS

Teaching Career:

- Chairman of the Theology Department, Moody Bible Institute (1968-1995)
- Professor of Theology, Moody Bible Institute
- Received the Faculty Citation Award from the Moody alumni association for his outstanding contributions to Christianity (1976)

- Named an Outstanding Educator of America (1974)
- Voted by students at Moody to have the school's arch named in his honor (1972)

Other Career Highlights:

- Ordained at Grace Bible Church in Dallas, TX
- Regular guest lecturer and speaker at biblical conferences throughout the Midwest
- Regularly featured guest on radio station WMBI, Chicago, answering questions on various theological topics while applying biblical principles to current events
- Regarded as one of the world's leading experts on angelology and demonology
- Regularly cited for his knowledge of the spiritual realm
- Member of the Evangelical Theological Society
- Minister to those who have been involved in the occult

Publications:

- Contributed several articles to the *Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society* and to *Moody Monthly*, one of the most acclaimed Christian family magazines in the United States
- Books include *Angels: Elect and Evil* and *Demon Possession and the Christian*

Recommended Reading

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.

Boettner, Loraine. *The Person of Christ*. Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1943.

Buswell, J. Oliver, Jr. *A Systematic Theology of Christian Religion*. 2 vols. Grand Rapids: Zondervan Publishing House, 1962, 1963.

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

Fairbairn, Patrick. *The Typology of Scripture*. Philadelphia: Daniels & Smith, 1852.

Feinberg, Charles Lee. "The Hypostatic Union." *Bibliotheca Sacra*. XCII (July-Sept. 1935). pp. 412-26. Dallas: Dallas Theological Seminary, 1935.

Gutherie, Donald. *A Shorter Life of Christ*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan Publishing House, 1970.

Harrison, Everett F. *A Short Life of Christ*. Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1968.

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

- Henry, Carl F. H., ed. *Jesus of Nazareth: Saviour and Lord*. Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1966.
- Hodge, Charles. *Systematic Theology*. 3 vols. New York: Charles Scribner & Sons, 1877.
- Machen, J. Grescham. *The Virgin Birth of Christ*. New York: Harper, 1930.
- Morris, Leon. *The Apostolic Preaching of the Cross*. 1st ed. Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1955.
- _____. *The Cross in the New Testament*. Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1965.
- Murray, Andrew. *The Power of the Blood of Jesus*. London: Marshall, Morgan, & Scott, 1936.
- 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.

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

Course Assessment and Requirements

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

1. Listening to all 24 audio lectures.

2. 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.