

SYLLABUS

I. OBJECTIVES

- A. To study the scriptural teaching on the doctrine of salvation.
- B. To identify differing theological viewpoints in this doctrine.
- C. To interact with problems in this area of doctrine.
- D. To expose to some of the vast literature, past and present.
- E. To help clarify the understanding of the gospel message.
- F. To increase appreciation for the grace of God.
- G. To relate being saved to how the believer should live.

II. COURSE CONTENT

A study of the doctrines relating to the substitutionary work of Christ for the world and the application of these truths to man with an emphasis on the resultant life of the believer under the direction of the Spirit. 3 credits.

III. REQUIREMENTS

A. Reading

1. Read in Basic Theology (pp. 277-339) before each class the respective sections to be discussed during those classes.
2. Read the chapters in So Great Salvation as indicated in the class schedule. Expect questions on exams from this material.
3. Read The Day Christ Died (pp. 3-27, 71-100, 175-215, 233-299). Expect questions from these sections on the final exam. If you choose to read the entire book, you may eliminate one of the short papers, and I will give you an automatic grade of 90 in place of that paper.

B. Exams

There will be a one hour exam at 6:30 p.m. on September 30; another one at 6:30 p.m. on October 28; and the final will be two hours on December 9. If I have to miss a week for some reason, then there will be classes December 9-10, and the final will be held the following week.

C. Writing

Five written papers are assigned in the class schedule (four if you choose to read all of The Day Christ Died).

D. Absences

Three unexcused absences are permitted, but remember that each session consists of three classes. Three tardies equal one absence. Absences 4-6, one grade reduction; 7-9, two grades; 9-12, three grades; above 12, no credit.

Note: All written work (exams, quizzes, papers) handed in to the professor must include student's mailbox number. Papers without box numbers will not be returned.

IV. METHODS

A. Lecture and discussion.

B. Questions are generally welcomed if they are relevant to the subject under consideration.

C. Grading:

Written papers	20%
One hour exams	20% each
Final exam	40%

Your class participation can tilt your final grade one way or the other. In class there will be discussion, oral (and maybe written) quizzing, visuals, and lecturing. I reserve the privilege of adding or subtracting requirements as we go along during the semester.

V. MATERIALS

A. Basic Theology, Charles C. Ryrie. Victor Books.

B. So Great Salvation, Charles C. Ryrie. Victor Books.

C. The Day Christ Died, J. Bishop. Harper & Row.

VI. TENTATIVE CLASS SCHEDULE

9/9 Introduction and need for this study; motives, tenses and need of salvation; incarnation and person of Christ.

9/10 Offices of Christ, His life sufferings; the events of holy week.

9/23 One page paper (due at 6:30 p.m.) quoting relevant sentences from (1) a theology that clearly denies substitutionary atonement, and (2) one that clearly affirms it, and (3) a third one of your choice. Be sure to give bibliographic data for the books quoted.

Chapters 1-3 in So Great Salvation due.

In class we will discuss substitution and false theories.

- 9/24 Redemption, reconciliation, propitiation.
- 9/30 Exam at 6:30 p.m. Justification. Family fellowship. Adoption. Chapter 12 in So Great Salvation.
- 10/1 Short paper with two parts: (1) three different definitions of the sin nature (identify sources); (2) how three commentaries or theologies handle the fourth commandment (sabbath) in relation to Sunday. In class we will discuss judgment of the sin nature and end of the law.
- 10/14 A short paper on "What I Learned About the Doctrine of Election From Using the Concordance on the Words for Foreknowledge and Chosen." In class we will discuss election.
- 10/15 Limited or unlimited atonement. Chapters 7-8 in So Great Salvation due.
- 10/28 Exam at 6:30 p.m. Conviction and regenerating works of the Spirit.
- 10/29 Terms of salvation; faith; repentance. Chapters 9-11 in So Great Salvation.
- 11/11 Short paper evaluating five different tracts for their (1) accuracy and (2) clarity in presenting the gospel.
Chapters 4, 13 in So Great Salvation. In class, assurance and security.
- 11/12 Chapter 14 in So Great Salvation due. We will discuss meaning and views of sanctification and the "victorious life."
- 11/25 Short paper defining standing and state and illustrating with six examples for each from Ephesians. Chapters 5-6 in So Great Salvation. Fruit, carnality.
- 11/26 Habits of holiness, prayer, rewards, review.