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THEOLOGY 408

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Texts:

Lectures in Systematic Theology by H.C. Thiessen, revised by, V.D. Doerksen.
Perspectives on Evangelical Theology edited by K. Kantzer and S. Gundry.
The Rapture by C. Ryrie.

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Determination of grade:

- (1) Each of three exams counts 25% for a total of 75%.
- (2) Quizzes and class participation together count 25%.

<u>Ryrie/Glickman</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Thiessen</u>	<u>Supplement (from Kantzer/Gundry, unless otherwise specified)</u>
January 12	Introduction and Theism	1-4	
January 14	Theism	3-4	14
January 19	Bibliology	5-7	
January 21	Theology Proper	8	2
January 26	Trinitarianism	9	
January 28	Sovereignty	10, 12, 28	
February 2	Creation	11, 15-17	
February 4	EXAM		
February 9	Angelology	13-14	
February 11	Hamartiology	18-20	
February 16	Christology	21-23	
February 18	Christology	24	
February 23	Christology, contemporary		4, 5
February 25	Atonement	25-26	
March 9	Pneumatology	27	
March 11	Soteriology	29-31	
March 16	EXAM		
March 18	Soteriology	32-34	
March 23	Ecclesiology	35-38	13
March 25	Ecclesiology	same	
March 30	Ecclesiology, contemporary		11, 12
April 1	Eschatology	39	
April 6	Eschatology, millennialism	40-42	16
April 15	Eschatology, pre-tribulationism	43	<u>The Rapture (all)</u>
April 20	Eschatology	44-47	
April 22	EXAM		
April 27	To Be Announced		
April 29	To Be Announced		

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4. What is your definition?
5. Where does the Bible claim inerrancy?
6. List steps in an argument for showing the inspiration of all of the N.T.
7. What do the Dead Sea scrolls contribute to inspiration and biblical criticism?
8. On what bases do you reject the O.T. apocrypha?

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2. According to Allis what is the covenant of grace and the scriptural support for it?
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1. How does Buswell define sin?
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Chapters 23 and 34

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2. What passages limit the extent of the atonement?
3. What passages are the most difficult to explain in a limited view?
4. What are the views as to who is (or are) reconciled by the death of Christ?
5. What is another label for "definitive sanctification"?
6. A verse each to show that the Father, Son, Spirit and believer share in the process of sanctification.
7. Be able to explain Heb 6 and 10 in relation to eternal security.

Chapters 36, 37 and 38

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2. Be able to debate this proposition: There is no practical importance for the individual believer of the concept of the body of Christ.
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Chapter 41

1. What alternatives are there in amillennialism for the fulfillment of the Abrahamic covenant?
2. How do pretribs and posttribs each use 1 Thess. 5:1-10 to support their position?
3. Briefly compare the premill and amill interpretations of Dan. 9:24-27.
4. What is the two-compartment idea concerning believers who died in O.T. times?

SOME BASIC BOOKS IN THEOLOGY
(Listed more or less in order of priority for purchase)

SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY (works covering the entire field)

Chafer, Thiessen, Strong, Buswell, Berkhof, (all about equal priority after Chafer), then consider Hodge (A.A. and Charles), Shedd, Boettner, Warfield, Calvin.
Two brief books on doctrine for Bible classes are Chafer (Major Bible Themes) and Ryrie (A Survey of Bible Doctrine)

BIBLIOLOGY

Pache, The Inspiration and Authority of Scripture
Warfield, The Authority and Inspiration of the Bible
Pinnock, A Defense of Biblical Infallibility; Biblical Revelation
Lightner, The Savior and the Scriptures
Harris, The Inspiration and Canonicity of the Bible
Gaussen, The Plenary Inspiration of the Holy Scriptures
Vos, Can I Trust My Bible?

THEOLOGY PROPER

Tozer, The Knowledge of the Holy
Lightner, The First Fundamental: God
Packer, Knowing God
Boa, God, I Don't Understand

CHRISTOLOGY

Walvoord, Jesus Christ Our Lord
Warfield, The Person and Work of Christ
Orr, The Virgin Birth of Christ and The Resurrection of Jesus
Gromacki, The Virgin Birth

PNEUMATOLOGY

Walvoord, The Holy Spirit
Pache, The Person and Work of the Holy Spirit
Owen, The Holy Spirit
Ryrie, The Holy Spirit
Dillow, Speaking in Tongues

ANGELOLOGY

Barnhouse, The Invisible War
Dickason, Angels, Elect and Evil
Unger on Demons
Ernest, I Talked With Spirits

ANTHROPOLOGY

Davidheiser, Evolution and Christian Faith
Writings of Morris and Whitcomb (e.g. The Early Earth; The World That Perished; Biblical Cosmology and Modern Science)
Wilder Smith, Man's Origin, Man's Destiny
Sauer, The King of the Earth

SOTERIOLOGY

Morris, The Apostolic Preaching of the Cross
Packer, Evangelism and the Sovereignty of God
Lightner, The Death Christ Died
Horne, Salvation
Gromacki, Salvation Is Forever

ECCLESIOLOGY

Saucy, The Church in God's Program
Kuen, I Will Build My Church
Morris, Ministers of God

ESCHATOLOGY

Walvoord, Pentecost, Hoyt (The End Times), Wood (Is the Rapture Next?),
Pache (The Future Life and The Return of Jesus Christ), McClain (The Greatness
of the Kingdom), Price (The Coming Anti-Christ)

BIBLICAL THEOLOGY

Ryrie, Biblical Theology of the New Testament
Ladd, A Theology of the New Testament
Payne, The Theology of the Older Testament
Stevens, The Theology of the New Testament
Oehler, Old Testament Theology
Vos, Biblical Theology

CONTEMPORARY THEOLOGY

Brown, Colin, Philosophy and the Christian Faith
Reymond, Robert L., Introductory Studies in Contemporary Theology
Conn, Harvie, Contemporary World Theology
Leitch, Addison, Winds of Doctrine
Gundry/Johnson, Tensions in Contemporary Theology
Wirt, Sherwood, The Social Conscience of the Evangelical Furness, Charles, The Christian and

SOME OTHER VERY USEFUL WORKS

Baker's Dictionary of Theology
The New Bible Dictionary
Wycliffe Bible Commentary
Wycliffe Historical Geography of Bible Lands
Wycliffe or Zondervan Encyclopedia
The following commentary sets: Alford, Expositor's Greek Testament, A Bible
Commentary for English Readers (ed. by Ellicott), Everyman's Bible Commentary,
Robertson's Word Pictures, The Cambridge Bible for Schools and Colleges (O.T.
only), Cambridge Greek Testament for Schools and Colleges (N.T.)
For further help see Cyril J. Barber, The Minister's Library

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Bibliography is distributed separately. I will also give you some data on selected contemporary theologies as we have time.

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17	Postscript	10	36-37
22	Chapter 3	15	Cont. Theo.
24	4-5	17	Chapter 38
29	6	22	Exam
31	7-8	24	Chapter 40 and 42
Feb. 5	Exam	29	41
7	Contemporary theology	May 1	Contemporary theol.
12	Chapters 9 and 14		
14	10 and 11		
19	Contemporary theology		
21	Chapters 15 and 18		
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Chapter 19

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2. Explain Docetism and show how specific N.T. passages refute it.
3. What was the purpose of the virgin birth?

Chapter 20

1. Be able to exegete every phrase in Phil. 2:6-8.
2. Does kenosis mean that Christ performed His miracles in the power of the Spirit?

Chapter 21

1. Be able to exegete Rom. 4:25.
2. What are some of the significances of the ascension?
3. Explain the relation of the Spirit to the death of Christ.

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3. What are the limited and unlimited interpretations of 2 Pet. 2:1 and 1 John 2:2?
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Chapter 25

1. Be able to explain the problems in Acts 8:14-17 and 19:1-6.
2. Discuss whether or not the Spirit is referred to in Rom. 1:4 and 1 Pet. 3:18.
3. What is the anointing of the Spirit?
4. What criteria would have to be evident for you to authenticate a biblical example of tongues today?

Chapters 26 and 27

1. Explain the details of John 16:8-11.
2. What verses, using the word call, show a general call and an effectual call?
3. What is the relation between efficacious call, regeneration, faith?

Chapters 28 and 32

1. What are the biblical words and passages that support the doctrine of regeneration?
2. What is the Lutheran doctrine of regeneration?
3. Be able to explain Rom. 3:21-26 in detail.

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Chapter 42

1. Chart the future judgments of believers, living Jews at the second coming, living Gentiles at the second coming, unbelievers as to time, place, judge, basis, consequences.