



# MARANATHA BAPTIST SEMINARY

## **GST 613 SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY 3 ANTHROPOLOGY, HAMARTIOLOGY, SOTERIOLOGY COURSE SYLLABUS March 12-May 4, 2019**

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**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** A systematic study of the doctrines of Anthropology, Hamartiology and Soteriology in the Old and New Testaments. (3 credit hours)

**COURSE TEXTBOOK:** *Christian Theology* by Millard Erickson. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 1983, 1998, 2013, ISBN 978-0-8010-3643-9. Available on Logos.

### **COURSE GOALS**

1. To understand the biblical teaching concerning man, his origin, nature, sin, and resultant fall
2. To understand the biblical teaching concerning sin, its nature, the depravity it brings on the human race, its effects on mankind, and its penalty
3. To study the biblical teaching on God's plan of salvation. To establish an order in the salvation event, and to seek to comprehend as much as the finite mind is capable of the purposes and grace of God in salvation
4. To study and understand some of the important theological issues related to man, sin, and salvation
5. To deal with those issues as they relate to pastoral ministry, preaching, teaching, and discipleship
6. To see the centrality of God and His glory in all the component parts of salvation

## COURSE OBJECTIVES

1. You will study biblical teaching on the doctrines of anthropology, hamartiology, and soteriology.
2. You will become aware of major issues relating to these various doctrines.
3. You will be able to recognize aberrations and heresies which have developed in relationship to these three major biblical doctrines.

## WEEKLY ASSIGNMENTS

1. Read the assigned sections in Erickson for each week's assignment.
2. Respond to the discussion forum with your answer to the posted question.
3. Respond to at least two posts from fellow students.

## READING ASSIGNMENTS

1. Read the sections in Erickson on "Humanity" (477-575) (98 pages), "Sin" (575-675) (100 pages), and "Salvation" (899-1033) (134 pages). Then add enough additional seminary-level reading to make your total reading 1000 pages for the course.
2. You will also select a theologian and read his work on Soteriology. Be able to add to the class discussion by making appropriate remarks relative to his answers on the subjects we will be discussing. Choose from the following:

Berkhof, Louis. *Systematic Theology*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1939. Reformed.

Boyce, James P. *Abstract of Systematic Theology*. Christian Gospel Foundation, [1887]. Baptist. This book is also available online at: <http://founders.org/library/founders.html>. I have saved this site to my computer.

Buswell, James Oliver, Jr. *A Systematic Theology of the Christian Religion*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1962-63. Reformed.

Chafer, Lewis Sperry. *Systematic Theology*. Dallas: Dallas Seminary, 1947-48. Dispensational.

Dabney, Robert L. *Systematic Theology*. Edinburgh: Banner of Truth, 1985 reprint. Presbyterian.

Dagg, John Leadly. *Manual of Theology*. Available online at: <http://founders.org/library/founders.html>. Dagg was perhaps the first Baptist theologian to write a systematic theology in this country. He is Baptist and clearly oriented to Covenant Theology.

Demarest, Bruce. *The Cross and Salvation*. Wheaton: Crossway Books, 1997. This is a most helpful volume, read after the class notes were completed. Demarest takes a modified Calvinist position. The book's great strength is its organization. In dealing with the entire scope of soteriology, Demarest begins each chapter by listing the major issues involved. Then he outlines the various positions as they have appeared in history. He concludes each chapter with a biblical exposition of the related truth. This organization, combined with clarity of writing style, make the book a valuable resource.

Finger, Thomas N. *Christian Theology: An Eschatological Approach*. Scottdale, Penn.: Herald Press, 1987. Anabaptist/Mennonite.

Geisler, Norman. *Systematic Theology*. Minneapolis: Bethany House, 2003.

Gill, John. *A Body of Doctrinal Divinity*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1978 reprint. Baptist.

Grudem, Wayne. *Systematic Theology*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1994. Charismatic and Reformed.

Hodge, Charles. *Systematic Theology*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1970 reprint. Presbyterian.

Horton, Stanley M. *Systematic Theology: A Pentecostal Perspective*. Springfield, Mo.: Gospel Publishing House, 1994. Traditional Pentecostal, Church of God.

Lightner, Robert P. *Sin, the Savior, and Salvation: The Theology of Everlasting Life*. Nashville: Thomas Nelson Publishers, 1991.

Litton, Edward Arthur. *Introduction to Dogmatic Theology*. London: James Clarke, 1960 reprint. Anglican.

Mueller, John T. *Christian Dogmatics*. St. Louis: Concordia, 1934. Lutheran.

Mullins, E. Y. *The Christian Religion in Its Doctrinal Expression*. Philadelphia: Judson Press, 1917. Baptist.

Pieper, Francis. *Christian Dogmatics*. St. Louis: Concordia, 1950-57 reprint. Lutheran.

Pope, William Burt. *A Compendium of Christian Theology*. New York: Phillips and Hunt, [1875-1876]. Wesleyan.

Reymond, Robert. *A New Systematic Theology of the Christian Faith*, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition. Waco: Word, 1998.

Shedd, William G. T. *Dogmatic Theology*. Minneapolis: Klock and Klock, 1979 reprint. Presbyterian.

Strong, Augustus H. *Systematic Theology*. Valley Forge: Judson Press, 1907. Baptist.

Thiessen, Henry C. *Introductory Lectures in Systematic Theology*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1977 reprint. Baptist and Dispensational.

Thomas, W. H. Griffith. *The Principles of Theology*. London: Church Book Room, 1956. Anglican.

Wiley, H. Orton. *Christian Theology*. Kansas City: Nazarene Publishing Co., 1940-43. Nazarene.

Warfield, Benjamin B. *Biblical and Theological Studies*. Philadelphia: Presbyterian and Reformed, 1976 reprint. Presbyterian.

You may have another theologian you would like to read in place of one of these. I am willing to work with you within reason on this issue. Please check with me before using another theologian for this assignment.

3. You will read a total of 1000 pages of graduate level material relative to the doctrines of Man, Sin, and Salvation. Keep a list of all reading, indicating author, title (if a journal, title of article, name of journal, issue number and date), beginning and ending page numbers, and total number of pages from this source. You may include your textbook, theologian for the theologian summary, and research for your paper. Give a final total number of pages of all reading. ***Due date – May 31, 2019 – 11:55 p.m. CDT***

## RESEARCH ASSIGNMENTS

1. ***Theologian Summary:*** You will submit a summary of the theology of the person you chose in READING ASSIGNMENTS above, particularly indicating his orthodoxy or non-orthodoxy on significant issues. You will analyze the soteriology of the theologian you choose. ***Due date – April 26, 2019 – 11:55 p.m. CDT***
2. ***Research Paper:*** You will write a 15+ page paper dealing with one aspect of Anthropology, Hamartiology, or Soteriology. Indicate the question you are addressing, the biblical theology of the issue, the response to that question throughout church history, the current issues revolving around that issue, and finally your theology on the issue.
  - a. Some notes on the paper:
    - 1) Research should be from competent journals and scholarly books
    - 2) The intended audience should be any responsible theologian
    - 3) The Turabian/Vhymeister format must be followed for form and documentation
    - 4) Use footnotes
    - 5) Include a bibliography
  - b. Grading will be based on:
    - 1) thoroughness of research
    - 2) comprehension of the doctrine and problems related to it historically
    - 3) accuracy in representing positions and opinions
    - 4) ability to express yourself clearly and succinctly
  - c. ***Due Date: May 31, 2019***

3. **Personal Theology:** You will write a Personal Theology, a statement of your beliefs concerning Man, Sin, and Salvation. Deal with the relevant issues in each particular doctrine. This should be longer than a church doctrinal statement, but shorter than your textbook. **Due Date: April 26, 2019, 11:55 p.m.**

## TESTING

There will be a final exam, which will include material from class lectures and the reading. This test must be taken during final exam week, **April 29-30, 2019**

## GRADING

Research Paper	20%
Theologian Summary	15%
Personal Theology	20%
Final Exam	20%
Reading	15%
Participation/discussion forums	10%

## GRADING SCALE

94-100 A	82-81 C+
93-92 A-	75-80 C
91-90 B+	74-73 C-
85-89 B	64-72 D
84-83 B-	63-0 F

## COURSE CALENDAR

1. Theologian Summary – Due April 26, 2019, 11:55 p.m. CDT
2. Personal Theology – Due April 26, 2017, 11:55 p.m. CDT
3. Final Exam – April 29-30, 2019, 4:00 p.m. CDT
4. Research Paper – Due May 31, 2019, 11:55 p.m. CDT
5. Reading Report – Due May 31, 2019, 11:55 p.m. CDT