



CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE

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Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary seeks to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ by equipping students to serve the church and fulfill the great commission.

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is designed to teach foundational principles of Christian Theology. The course will cover the major Doctrines of Christian Theology, introducing each of them so the student can gain a general knowledge of Christian Doctrines.

Rationale: Spiritual formation in the lives of Christians comes from reflecting on and participating in the Gospel of Jesus Christ by the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. Christian Theology is the systematic presentation of the Bible's wisdom, instruction, and guidance in understanding and living the Gospel. This course is designed to teach you the doctrines of the Christian Faith that are derived from a right reading of the Bible.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

- The student will be able to define Christian Theology.
- The student will be able to explain the scope of basic Christian Theology to other people.
- The student will be able to describe the storyline of the Bible as reflected in theological confession.

- The student will be able to identify key passages of Scripture associated with major Christian doctrines.

SEBTS CORE COMPETENCIES

Spiritual Formation: Demonstrate the knowledge and skills necessary to pursue an authentically Christian way of life, manifested by trust in God, obedience to Christ's commands, and love of God and neighbor, and committed to the global mission.

Biblical Exposition: Demonstrate the ability to properly and effectively interpret, apply, and communicate the Scriptures.

Theological Integration: Demonstrate the ability to understand and apply the doctrines of Christianity to life and ministry.

Ministry Preparation: Demonstrate the knowledge, skills, and Christian disposition necessary for ministry and leadership in the church and among the nations.

Critical Thinking and Communication: Demonstrate the ability to think critically, argue persuasively, and communicate clearly.

REQUIRED TEXTBOOK

Jones, Beth Folker, *Practicing Christian Doctrine: An Introduction to Thinking and Living Theologically*. Baker Academic, 2014.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Online Video Lectures, Required Readings, and Cohort Attendance & Participation (see course schedule below)

COHORT INFORMATION

The course will launch meet five times (2/23, 3/16, 3/30, 4/13, 4/27) after church from 12:00-1:30. Lunch will be provided. (No childcare)

COURSE SCHEDULE

Week	Dates	Video Sessions	Required Reading	Cohort Meeting
1-2	2/10-2/22	Session 1 - Overview of Christian Theology Session 2 - Definition and Method	Introduction: To Practice Doctrine Chapter 1. Speaking of God: Theology and the Christian Life	Feb. 23 12:00-1:30
3-5	2/24-3/15	Session 3 - Doctrine of Revelation and Scripture Session 4 - Doctrine of God, part 1 Session 5 - Doctrine of God, part 2	Chapter 2. Knowing God: Doctrines of Revelation and Scripture Chapter 3. The God We Worship: Doctrine of the Trinity Chapter 4. A Delightful World: Doctrines of Creation and Providence	March 16 12:00-1:30
6-7	3/17-3/29	Session 6 - Doctrine of Humanity and Sin Session 7 - Doctrine of Christ	Chapter 5. Reflecting God's Image: Theological Anthropology Chapter 6. The Personal Jesus Christ: Christology	March 30 12:00-1:30
8-9	3/31-4/12	Session 8 - Doctrine of the Holy Spirit and Salvation	Chapter 7. The Work of Jesus Christ: Soteriology Chapter 8. The Holy Spirit and the Christian Life: Pneumatology	April 13 12:00-1:30
10-11	4/14-4/26	Session 9 - Doctrine of the Church Session 10 - Doctrine of Baptism and the Lord's Supper Session 11 - Doctrine of the Last Things Session 12 - The Mission	Chapter 9. Church in a Diverse World: Ecclesiology Chapter 10. Resurrection Hope: Eschatology Benediction: A Prayer for the Practice of Christian Doctrine	April 27 12:00-1:30