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# New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary

THEO5300 Systematic Theology 1

Hybrid 4 Fridays 8—10:50 AM

Meeting Dates

(8/ 28; 9/25; 10/9; & 12/ 4)

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<b>NOBTS Mission</b>	To equip leaders to fulfill the Great Commission and the Great Commandments through the local church and its ministries.
<b>Core Value: Spiritual Vitality</b>	Successful Systematic Theology students will advance in the core value of Spiritual Vitality by enhancing their doctrinal comprehension and appreciation and clarifying their doctrinal communication skills. The recommended Bible reading program ties this process to the spiritual disciplines of daily scripture reading and scripture memorization.
<b>Course Description</b>	This first course in systematic theology introduces the student to the methodology of theology (Prolegomena) and the doctrines of revelation, God, humanity, and the person of Christ. The biblical foundations and the relevant historical developments are considered in construction of a Christian understanding of each doctrine.
<b>Curriculum Competencies</b>	<b>Christian Theological Heritage:</b> To understand and interpret Christian theological heritage and Baptist polity for the church

<b>Course Objectives</b>	By the end of this course the student should: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Utilize</b> concepts and arguments related to systematic theology in the discussion of religious topics.</li><li>• <b>Value</b> systematic theology as it relates to life and Christian Ministry.</li><li>• <b>Develop</b> sound arguments for and critiques of religious perspectives.</li></ul>
<b>Required Textbooks</b>	The Bible, English Language  Akin, Daniel L., ed. <i>A Theology for the Church</i> . Nashville: B & H Publishing, 2007.  Erickson, Millard J. <i>The Concise Dictionary of Christian Theology revised edition</i> . Wheaton: Crossway Books, 2001
<b>Recommended Textbooks</b>	Elwell, Walter E., ed. <i>The Evangelical Dictionary of Christian Theology</i> , 2d ed. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1984. Erickson, Millard J. <i>Christian Theology</i> , 2d ed. Grand Rapids: Baker, 2001. Grudem, Wayne. <i>Systematic Theology</i> . Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1994.

**Plagiarism** is a very serious offense. It runs counter to everything that Christian discipleship and this institution represents. All counts of plagiarism will be dealt with in accordance with the NOBTS policy. For details of this policy, see the student handbook.

**Hurricanes, H1N1 virus, blizzards and most other disruptions to class meetings:** We will continue to meet the class on blackboard should any disruptions to our campus occur. Please insure that your email addresses are kept current in both IQweb and NOBTS Blackboard. Keep it current through the semester. This is the virtual community we are creating and will maintain through the semester. Enroll yourself in the Blackboard course. Please also enroll in your reading group forum. This is a subset of the general forum. Any questions on blackboard quizzes and forums should be directed to my grader, Mr. Paul South [pr@nobts.edu](mailto:pr@nobts.edu) and copied to me [medens@nobts.edu](mailto:medens@nobts.edu). Thanks in advance for making this work.

## Assignments

**Reading from *A Theology for the Church*:** Each student is expected to read pages vii-544 and 604-685 of *A Theology for the Church*. A simple report of reading will be submitted at the end of the semester. **(500 pts.)**

**Weekly quizzes** will be limited to vocabulary, identification of key people, and memory verses. The study guides for each quiz will be available on blackboard one week in advance of the quiz. The quizzes will be taken via blackboard. Each quiz will be “active” for 7 days beginning on Monday morning. The allotted time, once started is fifteen (15) minutes. **Never use the back button** or the test will end and you will be graded on what you have completed. Only the top ten quiz grades will be averaged for your grade. Each quiz is worth 50 pts. **(500 pts.)**

**Theological discussions** help students to integrate biblical and historical data into systematic, contemporary, and practical expressions.

**Topics for 15-20 page research papers** will be assigned. These papers require students to research, reflect, and respond critically and coherently. Papers shall be posted on blackboard before the class meeting on the date specified. After oral presentation each paper will be the basis for class discussion.

Class members have been assigned one of 5 topics as reflected in the list below. The assignments were made in a random manner. These assignments are communicated now with the understanding that each person may engage in a season of “horse trading”. If you have a deep desire for a subject or need to present a time other than your assigned time, you and you alone have responsibility to persuade the student owning “the desire of your heart.” Trades must be made by the end of break at mid-class August 28 and communicated to the professor by both students involved in writing by the end of mid-class break August 28, 2009. At that time topics are finalized.

Topics for these research papers are:

5. **Due Sept. 21, 2009:** Explore the relationship between the character of the God of the Bible as revealed in general and special revelation especially the Bible.
4. **Due Oct 5, 2009:** The Triune God who is both one and three. Explore the common characteristics of God as expressed in the Bible and Christian thought. Discuss the various ways unity and three-ness make the revelation of God in the Bible unique.
3. **Due Oct. 26, 2009:** Examine God’s role as creator, the nature and essential quality of His creation, and His providential care for it
2. **Due Nov. 9, 2009:** Discuss and explore Human constitution, purpose and destiny as creature, created in the likeness and image of God.
1. **Due Nov. 30, 2009:** Discuss the nature and consequences of Adamic Sin and personal human sins and relate this discussion to the necessity of a savior in the sovereignty of God.

Documentation of papers will be in accord with the current NOBTS style sheet. An example of proper usage and style is found in the course documents. Responses to papers will contain oral documentation.

**Failure to submit the paper as assigned on the date assigned will result in 5 point reduction in the final grade for each day. No excuses. This is a central part of our becoming a theological community and accountability is crucial. (900 pts.)**

**Participation in all seven (7) discussion forums** will be one of the primary means for us to express our growth as a theological community this semester. In addition to the five (5) student led discussion forums there will be two necessary but not critically graded forums: a personal forum (which will be the means of introduction to each other, communication of prayer concerns and struggles.) and secondly, a general discussion forum which will give professors, teaching assistant, and students opportunity to post any additional articles and provide a feedback to the lectures, power points, and so on. **(Participation in these two forums is required. 100 pts of the final grade is credited for participation.)**

The five student-led discussion forums require studied, researched and documented response from each student. In addition to responding to the original papers which open each forum, students are expected to read all other student postings in each forum and **respond with substance** to approximately 1/3 of the other postings. This part of participation in discussion will be graded 14 days after the forum is opened. **Each forum will restrict posting to a period of 2 weeks.** If additional, not-for-grade discussion is desired the student may open a thread in the general discussion. **(1000 pts.)**

Documentation of papers and responses within the discussion forums will be in accord with the current NOBTS style sheet. An example of proper usage and style is found in the course documents.

Students will take great care in responding to papers and other student postings on the discussion board. These exchanges are formal and civil. At no time will any person employ personal attacks, innuendos or sarcasm will be tolerated. Discussions are expected to be intense but on the issues of theology not personality or even style.

**Total of 3000 points possible.**

**Grading scale:** A: 93-100% B: 85-92% C: 77-84% D: 70-76% F: below 70%

One week before each Quiz you will find a study guide in our Blackboard course under the course documents tab.

<b>Lectures, Readings, Assignments Schedule</b>				
<b>Week of</b>	<b>Class Topic</b>	<b>Discussion Schedule</b>	<b><i>A Theology for the Church</i></b>	<b><i>A Concise Dictionary of Christian Theology</i></b>
Aug 17	Introduction to Course <b>The Doctrine of Revelation</b> Methodology Natural Revelation		Introduction, vii-70 Natural Revelation 71-117	<b><i>Systematic Theology; Analogy; Tradition; Accommodation; Anthropomorphism; Theophany</i></b>
<b>Class 8/ 28</b>	<b>Special Revelation</b>	<b>Quiz 1</b>	Special Revelation and the Word of God, 71-178	Bible, Inspiration of; Bible, Authority of; Bible, Inerrancy & Infallibility
Aug 31	<b>Doctrine of God</b>	<b>Quiz 2</b>	The Doctrine of God, The Nature of God 176-221	Theism; Monotheism; Polytheism
Sept 7	<b>Trinity</b>	<b>Quiz 3</b>	Attributes of God, 221-241	God, Attributes of; God, Doctrine of; Justice; Holiness

### Lectures, Readings, Assignments Schedule

Sept 14	The Doctrine of the Holy Spirit	<b>Papers for Topic 5 due in the professor's email 9/ 17.</b>	The person and work of the Holy Spirit 604-686	Father, God as; Impassibility of God; Trinity
<b>Class 9/ 25</b>	<b>Lecture "God and the Bible"</b> Oral presentation of topic 5 papers Guided discussion	<b>Quiz 4 Open Discussion for topic 5. Papers for topic 4 due in the professor's email 9/21.</b>		
Sept 28	<b>The Acts of God</b>	<b>Quiz 5</b>	The Work of God, 242-292	Deism; Pantheism; Panentheism; God, Names of; Sovereignty of God; Creation, Doctrine of; Evolution; Earth, Age of
<b>Class 10/ 9</b>	<b>Oral presentation of Topic 4 papers</b> Guided discussion	<b>Quiz 6 Close topic 5 and open topic 4 discussion.</b>		
Oct 12	<b>Angels and Prayer</b>	<b>Quiz 7 Papers for topic 3 due in the professor's email 10/10.</b>	Angels, 293-339	Predestination; Elect, Election; Theodicy; Evil, Problem of; God, Arguments for the Existence of
<b>Oct 19</b>	<b>Semester Break</b>	<b>Close topic 4 and open topic 3 discussion.</b>		
Oct 26	<b>Good and Evil in God's creation</b>	<b>Quiz 8 Papers for topic 2 due in the professor's email 10/23.</b>		Man, Origin of; Adam; Image of God; Righteousness, Original
Nov 2	<b>Mankind</b> Origin of Humanity Constituent Nature of Human Beings	<b>Quiz 9 Close topic 3 and open topic 2 discussion.</b>	Human Nature, 340-408	Soul; Spirit; Traducianism Dichotomy; Trichotomy; Body, Biblical View of the
<b>Nov 9</b>	<b>Sin</b> Nature, Source Results, Magnitude	<b>Quiz 10</b>	Human Sinfulness, 409-479	Fall of Man; Sin; Flesh; Imputation

Nov 16	<b>Person of Christ:</b> Deity of Christ Humanity of Christ	<b>Quiz 11</b> <b>Papers for</b> <b>topic 1 due in</b> <b>professor's</b> <b>email 11/16.</b>	Person of Christ 480-544	Depravity, Total; Federal Theology
Nov 23	Thanksgiving Week			
<b>Class</b> <b>12/4</b>	<b>Person of Christ</b>	<b>Close topic 2</b> <b>and open</b> <b>topic 1</b> <b>discussion.</b>		
Dec 7	Unity of Christ's Person Virgin Birth			
Dec 14	<b>Final Exam Week</b>	<b>Close general</b> <b>forum and</b> <b>topic 1</b> <b>discussions.</b>		

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## Fall Semester Bible Reading Plan

### September 1, 2009 – December 19, 2009

#### SEPTEMBER

- 1 Genesis 1:1-2:25, Matthew 1:1-25, Psalm 1:1-6, Proverbs 1:1-4
- 2 Genesis 3:1-4:26, Matthew 2:1-23, Psalm 2:1-6, Proverbs 1:5-6
- 3 Genesis 5:1-6:2, Matthew 3:1-17, Psalm 2:7-12, Proverbs 1:7
- 4 Genesis 7:1-9:7, Matthew 4:1-20, Psalms 3:1-8, Proverbs 1:8-9
- 5 Genesis 9:8-10:32, Matthew 4:21-5:12, Psalm 4:1-8, Proverbs 1:10-14
- 6 Genesis 11:1-12:20, Matthew 5:13-32, Psalm 5:1-6, Proverbs 1:15-16
- 7 Genesis 13:1-15:6, Matthew 5:33-6:4, Psalm 5:7-12, Proverbs 1:17-19
- 8 Genesis 15:7-17:27, Matthew 6:5-24, Psalm 6:1-5, Proverbs 1:20-23
- 9 Genesis 18:1-19:22, Matthew 6:25-7:12, Psalm 6:6-10, Proverbs 1:24-27
- 10 Genesis 19:23-21:21, Matthew 7:13-8:4, Psalm 7:1-8, Proverbs 1:28-31
- 11 Genesis 21:22-23:20, Matthew 8:5-27, Psalm 7:9-17, Proverbs 1:32-33
- 12 Genesis 24:1-54, Matthew 8:28-9:17, Psalm 8:1-9, Proverbs 2:1-5
- 13 Genesis 24:55-26:11, Matthew 9:18-38, Psalm 9:1-6, Proverbs 2:6-8
- 14 Genesis 26:12-27:29, Matthew 10:1-20, Psalm 9:7-12, Proverbs 2:9-10
- 15 Genesis 27:30-29:12, Matthew 10:21-42, Psalm 9:13-20, Proverbs 2:11-15
- 16 Genesis 29:13-30:43, Matthew 11:1-19, Psalm 10:1-6, Proverbs 2:16-19
- 17 Genesis 31:1-55, Matthew 11:20-12:8, Psalm 10:7-12, Proverbs 2:20-22
- 18 Genesis 32:1-33:20, Matthew 12:9-37, Psalm 10:13-18, Proverbs 3:1-2
- 19 Genesis 34:1-35:29, Matthew 12:38-13:9, Psalm 11:1-3, Proverbs 3:3-4
- 20 Genesis 36:1-43, Matthew 13:10-35, Psalm 11:4-7, Proverbs 3:5-6
- 21 Genesis 37:1-38:30, Matthew 13:36-58, Psalm 12:1-5, Proverbs 3:7-8
- 22 Genesis 39:1-41:7, Matthew 14:1-21, Psalm 12:6-8, Proverbs 3:9-10
- 23 Genesis 41:8-42:4, Matthew 14:22-15:9, Psalm 13:1-6, Proverbs 3:11-12
- 24 Genesis 42:5-43:14, Matthew 15:10-39, Psalm 14:1-7, Proverbs 3:13-14
- 25 Genesis 43:15-44:34, Matthew 16:1-20, Psalm 15:1-5, Proverbs 3:15-16
- 26 Genesis 45:1-46:27, Matthew 16:21-17:13, Psalm 16:1-6, Proverbs 3:17-18
- 27 Genesis 46:28-48:22, Matthew 17:14-18:9, Psalm 16:7-11, Proverbs 3:19-20
- 28 Genesis 49:1-50:26, Matthew 18:10-35, Psalm 17:1-5, Proverbs 3:21-24
- 29 Exodus 1:1-2:25, Matthew 19:1-22, Psalm 17:6-12, Proverbs 3:25-26
- 30 Exodus 3:1-4:31, Matthew 19:23-20:19, Psalm 17:13-15, Proverbs 27-28

#### OCTOBER

- 1 Exodus 5:1-6:30, Matthew 20:20-21:11, Psalm 18:1-6, Proverbs 3:29-32
- 2 Exodus 7:1-8:32, Matthew 21:12-27, Psalm 18:7-12, Proverbs 3:33-35
- 3 Exodus 9:1-10:20, Matthew 21:28-46, Psalm 18:13-19, Proverbs 4:1-2
- 4 Exodus 10:21-12:36, Matthew 22:1-22, Psalm 18:20-24, Proverbs 4:3-4
- 5 Exodus 12:37-14:20, Matthew 22:23-46, Psalm 18:25-29, Proverbs 4:5-6
- 6 Exodus 14:21-16:20, Matthew 23:1-22, Psalm 18:30-36, Proverbs 4:7-9
- 7 Exodus 16:21-18:27, Matthew 23:23-39, Psalm 18:37-42, Proverbs 4:10-13
- 8 Exodus 19:1-20:26, Matthew 24:1-14, Psalm 18:43-50, Proverbs 4:14-17
- 9 Exodus 21:1-22:20, Matthew 24:15-35, Psalm 19:1-6, Proverbs 4:18-19

- 10 Exodus 22:21-24:18, Matthew 24:36-51, Psalm 19:7-14, Proverbs 4:20-22
- 11 Exodus 25:1-26:14, Matthew 25:1-13, Psalm 20:1-9, Proverbs 4:23-24
- 12 Exodus 26:15-28:14, Matthew 25:14-30, Psalm 21:1-7, Proverbs 4:25-27
- 13 Exodus 28:15-29:25, Matthew 25:31-26:5, Psalm 21:8-13, Proverbs 5:1-2
- 14 Exodus 29:26-30:38, Matthew 26:6-25, Psalm 22:1-5, Proverbs 5:3-6
- 15 Exodus 31:1-32:35, Matthew 26:26-50, Psalm 22:6-10, Proverbs 5:7-8
- 16 Exodus 33:1-34:35, Matthew 26:51-75, Psalm 22:11-15, Proverbs 5:9-10
- 17 Exodus 35:1-36:19, Matthew 27:1-23, Psalm 22:16-21, Proverbs 5:11-14
- 18 Exodus 36:20-37:29, Matthew 27:24-44, Psalm 22:22-26, Proverbs 5:15-17
- 19 Exodus 38:1-39:31, Matthew 27:45-66, Psalm 22:27-31, Proverbs 5:18-20
- 20 Exodus 39:32-40:38, Matthew 28:1-20, Psalm 23:1-6, Proverbs 5:21-23
- 21 Leviticus 1:1-3:17, Mark 1:1-20, Psalm 24:1-10, Proverbs 6:1-3
- 22 Leviticus 4:1-5:19, Mark 1:21-45, Psalm 25:1-7, Proverbs 6:4-5
- 23 Leviticus 6:1-7:21, Mark 2:1-22, Psalm 25:8-15, Proverbs 6:6-8
- 24 Leviticus 7:22-8:36, Mark 2:23-3:12, Psalm 25:16-22, Proverbs 6:9-11
- 25 Leviticus 9:1-11:12, Mark 3:13-35, Psalm 26:1-7, Proverbs 6:12-15
- 26 Leviticus 11:13-13:17, Mark 4:1-20, Psalm 26:8-12, Proverbs 6:16-19
- 27 Leviticus 13:18-14:14, Mark 4:21-41, Psalm Ps 27:1-6, Proverbs 6:20-22
- 28 Leviticus 14:15-15:12, Mark 5:1-20, Psalm 27:7-14, Proverbs 6:23-26
- 29 Leviticus 15:13-16:34, Mark 5:21-43, Psalm 28:1-5, Proverbs 6:27-29
- 30 Leviticus 17:1-19:10, Mark 6:1-20, Psalm 28:6-9, Proverbs 6:30-31
- 31 Leviticus 19:11-20:27, Mark 6:21-46, Psalm 29:1-6, Proverbs 6:32-33

## NOVEMBER

- 1 Leviticus 21:1-22:33, Mark 6:47-7:16, Psalm 29:7-11, Proverbs 6:34-35
- 2 Leviticus 23:1-24:23, Mark 7:17-37, Psalm 30:1-6, Proverbs 7:1-3
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