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MOODY DISTANCE LEARNING

Course Number, Name, and Credit Hours

TH-3321 *Survey of Theology 1*, 4 credit hours, MDL only.

Course Description

Covers Bibliology (the claims of the Bible and their substantiation, revelation, and inspiration; the canon of Scripture), Theology Proper (the existence of God; antitheistic systems; the nature, attributes, and names of God; the doctrine of the Trinity; the decrees and works of God), Anthropology (the origin and nature of man, the Fall and its consequences, duty and destiny), and Christology (the preexistence of Christ, the Incarnation, the hypostatic union, His earthly ministry, His exaltation, and high priesthood).

Course Goals

This course is an introduction to the academic study of theology. It is designed to:

- Give you a brief but systematic study of Prolegomena (introductory matters) as well as the biblical teachings on the doctrines listed in the course description.
- Equip you with the basic knowledge and skills necessary to do theology as a disciple of Christ.
- Introduce you to biblical teaching regarding Scripture, God, Christ, and Humanity.
- Help you correctly understand and employ key theological terms and concepts.
- Encourage you to recognize the fundamental connection between theology and Christian living.

Course Objectives

After successfully completing this course, you will be able to:

1. Identify and explain key issues involved in the study of theology generally, and in the specific disciplines of Bibliology, Theology Proper, Anthropology, and Christology.
2. Correctly define and employ basic theological terms associated with these four disciplines.
3. State and defend your doctrinal views regarding these four disciplines.
4. Describe the place of the theological study of these disciplines in an overall program of Christian discipleship and spiritual formation.

Course Textbook(s) and/or Supplemental Information

BOOKS

Required textbooks for all Moody Online classes can be found on the [Required Textbooks](#) section of the Moody website.

WEBSITES

Averbeck, Richard E. "God, People, and the Bible: The Relationship Between Illumination and Biblical Scholarship." (www.bible.org/page.php?page_id=3439)

Hoeksema, Mark. "The Perspicuity of Scripture." (<http://www.reformedwitness.org/pmhtmlst/Scripture/Perspicty.html>)

Keathley, J. Hampton, III. "The Names of God." (<http://bible.org/article/names-god>)

MULTIMEDIA FILES (AVAILABLE ON BLACKBOARD)

Boa, Kenneth. "What the Bible Says About the Word of God, Part 1: Canon."

(<http://bible.org/seriespage/what-bible-says-about-word-god-part-1>).

Boa, Kenneth. "What the Bible Says About the Word of God, Part 4: Necessity and Sufficiency."

(<http://bible.org/seriespage/what-bible-says-about-word-god-part-4>)

Carson, D. A. "What Does Inerrancy Mean? Is It Essential To Christian Belief?"

(<http://www.thegospelcoalition.org/resources/video/What-does-inerrancy-mean-Is-it-essential-to-Christian-belief>)

Carson, D.A. "The Incarnation." (<http://thegospelcoalition.org/resources/a/Part-3-The-Incarnation-John-11-18>)

Driscoll, Mark. "Creation: God Makes." (<http://www.marshallchurch.org/media/doctrine/creation-god-makes>)

Grudem, Wayne. "Offices of Christ: Prophet, Priest, and King – Part 1."

(<http://itunes.apple.com/us/podcast/the-offices-christ-prophet/id322844869?i=82948610>)

Grudem, Wayne. "The Person of Christ – Part 1." (<http://itunes.apple.com/us/podcast/the-person-of-christ-1-of-3/id322844869?i=82948579>)

Grudem, Wayne. "The Person of Christ – Part 2." (<http://itunes.apple.com/us/podcast/the-person-of-christ-2-of-3/id322844869?i=82948649>)

Grudem, Wayne. "The Person of Christ – Part 3." (<http://itunes.apple.com/us/podcast/the-person-of-christ-3-of-3/id322844869?i=82948646>)

Keller, Timothy J. "How Can Christianity Be Both Monotheistic and Trinitarian?"

(http://download.redeemer.com/rpcsermons/QandA/How_can_Christianity_be_both_monotheistic_and_Trinitarian.mp3)

Piper, John. "Is the Bible Without Error?"

(http://www.desiringgod.org/media/audio/q_and_a/1794_is_the_bible_without_error.mp3)

Piper, John. "Open My Eyes That I May See."

(http://www.desiringgod.org/ResourceLibrary/Sermons/ByDate/1998/1024_Open_My_Eyes_That_I_May_See/)

Piper, John. "Why We Believe the Bible, Part 2"

(<http://www.desiringgod.org/ResourceLibrary/MediaPlayer/2286/Audio/>)

Schreiner, Thomas. "Radical Depravity."

(http://www.monergism.com/directory/link_details/14324/Radical-Depravity/c-951/)

Ware, Bruce. "The Trinity of Persons: Unity and Distinction, Equality and Differentiation"

(http://www.desiringgod.org/media/mp3/conferences/bcp2005/01_20050131_ware_pt1.mp3)

Assignments

DOCTRINAL POSITION ESSAYS

You are required to complete five (5) Doctrinal Position Essays. Each essay is to describe your doctrinal position regarding the topics covered in that particular unit. There is no pre-determined length expected for each essay – you are simply to write as much as necessary to present a thorough statement of your beliefs regarding each topic.

The five essays are to address the following topics:

1. **Prolegomena (Introductory Matters)** - Due at the end of Week 2.
2. **Bibliology (The Doctrine of the Bible)** - Due at the end of Week 4.
3. **Theology Proper (The Doctrine of God)** - Due at the end of Week 6.
4. **Anthropology (The Doctrine of Humanity)** - Due at the end of Week 7.
5. **Christology (The Doctrine of Christ)** - Due at the end of the course.

QUIZZES

You will be required to complete six (6) closed-book Quizzes.

EXAMS

You will be required to take two (2) closed-book Exams.

READING REPORTS

Each lesson will include a list of assigned reading/listening/viewing for the week. You will report the amount of reading/listening/viewing you completed by the end of each week, indicating which assignments were completed.

DISCUSSION BOARDS

Each student need to be actively involved in discussion with classmates. These discussions will concern such things as controversial viewpoints of various doctrines and the application of doctrine to Christian living.

Assessments

Your grade for this course will consist of:

Assignment	Points
Doctrinal Position Essays (5@50 points each)	250
Quizzes (6@20 points each)	120
Exams (2@100 points each)	200
Reading Reports (8@8-28 points each*)	144
Discussion Boards (10@5 points each)	50
Total	764

*Each reading/listening/viewing assignment for the Reading Reports is worth 4 points.

Letter grades are determined by the following scale:

Letter Grade	Percentage Equivalent	Letter Grade	Percentage Equivalent
A	96% or higher	C	73 - 76.9%
A-	90 - 95.9%	C-	70 - 72.9%
B+	87 - 89.9%	D+	67 - 69.9%
B	83 - 86.9%	D	63- 66.9%
B-	80 - 82.9%	D-	60 - 62.9%
C+	77 - 79.9%	F	Below 60%

Course Resources

Online students have access to the Moody Library. Though students may wish to check out books via inter-library loan, the online database has a number of articles and reviews available for download. You can access the online database by logging into your account at my.moody.edu. If you have not previously accessed the library database you may wish to complete the [database tutorial](#).

In addition to the resources available at the Moody Library, you may wish to visit <http://www.biblicalstudies.org.uk> or www.bible.org. These sites contain content on various topics written by competent biblical scholars. It is also suggested that you download a free version of the NET Bible at bible.org.

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