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## MOODY DISTANCE LEARNING

### Course Number, Name, and Credit Hours

TH-3331 *Survey of Theology 2*, 4 credit hours, MDL only.

### Course Description

This course is a study in theology. The goal of this course is to give you a brief but systematic study of Pneumatology (the Doctrine of the Holy Spirit, including the personality and deity of the Holy Spirit, His work in creation and inspiration, His place in the life and work of Christ, His ministry in the age of grace), Soteriology (the Doctrine of Salvation, including the doctrine of grace, the death and mediatorship of Christ, the doctrines of election, regeneration, justification, sanctification, and eternal life), Ecclesiology (the Doctrine of the Church, including the nature, constitution, and origin of the Church, its relationship to Israel, its present mission, the local church and its organization, church offices, and ordinances), and Eschatology (the Doctrine of the Last Things, including the consummation of the present age, the second coming of Christ, the millennial kingdom, and eternity).

### Course Goals:

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

- Equip you with the basic knowledge and skills necessary to do theology as a disciple of Christ.
- Introduce you to biblical teaching regarding the Holy Spirit, Salvation, the Church, and the Last Things.
- 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 should be able to:

1. Identify and explain key issues involved in the study of theology generally, and in the specific disciplines of Pneumatology, Soteriology, Ecclesiology, and Eschatology.
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.

### SELECTIONS FROM OTHER READINGS (AVAILABLE ON BLACKBOARD)

Erickson, Millard J. "The Work of the Holy Spirit." In *Christian Theology*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 1998.

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Piper, John. "TULIP – Part 1: Introduction." (46:35).

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([https://www.desiringgod.org/ResourceLibrary/Seminars/2707\\_TULIP\\_Part\\_8](https://www.desiringgod.org/ResourceLibrary/Seminars/2707_TULIP_Part_8)).

Piper, John. "TULIP – Part 9: Ten Effects of Believing the Five Points of Calvinism." (49:38).

([https://www.desiringgod.org/ResourceLibrary/Seminars/2709\\_TULIP\\_Part\\_9/](https://www.desiringgod.org/ResourceLibrary/Seminars/2709_TULIP_Part_9/)).

Ware, Bruce. "The Doctrine of the Church – Part 1." (50:46).

(<http://www.biblicaltraining.org/doctrine-church-part/systematic-theology-0>).

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Ware, Bruce. "The Doctrine of the Last Things – Part 1." (1:08:38).

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Ware, Bruce. "The Holy Spirit – Part 1." (1:04:21).

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## Assignments Overview

The following provides an overview of the assignments that you will need to complete in this course. Detailed descriptions and instructions are in the **Schedule & Assignments** folder within the "**Assignments**" section of the Blackboard course.

### DOCTRINAL POSITION ESSAYS

You are required to complete four (4) 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. Essays will take into account the clarity with which you positions are expressed as well as the consistency of your views one with another. [**Warning:** Be careful you do not contradict yourself! For example, if you find that your view regarding the role of the Holy Spirit in the work of illumination and regeneration contradicts your view of the sovereign grace of God in salvation, it would be wise to take this opportunity to think through your positions and reach consistency rather than affirming a contradiction.]

The four (4) essays are to address the following topics:

**ESSAY #1: Pneumatology (The Doctrine of the Holy Spirit) – Due at the end of Week 2**

**ESSAY #2: Soteriology (The Doctrine of Salvation) – Due at the end of Week 4**

**ESSAY #3: Ecclesiology (The Doctrine of the Church) – Due at the end of Week 6**

**ESSAY #4: Eschatology (The Doctrine of the Last Things) – Due at the end of Week 8**

### BLACKBOARD QUIZZES

You will be required to complete six (6) closed-book 10-question Blackboard Quizzes. These quizzes are drawn from the required reading and/or listening assignments from the week. They are intended to aid you in assessing how well you have understood and retained the material from that week's lesson. The submission of each quiz is viewed as your declaration that you have completed the quiz with honesty and integrity. You will have 15 minutes to complete each quiz.

### EXAMS

You will be required to take two (2) closed-book 50-question Exams designed to measure your understanding of the material up to that point in the course. The submission of each exam is viewed as your declaration that you have completed the exam honestly and with integrity. You will have 60 minutes to complete each exam.

### READING REPORTS

You will report on Blackboard the amount of the assigned reading you completed for each week. A portion of the grade will be determined by the amount of assigned reading completed.

### DISCUSSION BOARDS

Each student will 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. For each, it is crucial for you to engage with your classmates, articulating your thoughts, sharing real-life experience, and responding to the thoughts and concerns of others. The questions posed in the Discussion Boards are to be viewed as a means of one student sharpening another, as iron sharpens iron; they do not demand a specific answer nor will you be assessed on a "right vs. wrong" basis. For each Discussion Board, you are expected to make one in-depth post and reply (with either affirmation or challenge) to at least three (3) of your classmates' posts.

## Assessments

Your grade for this course will consist of:

Assignment	Points	Percent
Doctrinal Position Essays (4@50 points each)	200	27%
Blackboard Quizzes (6@20 points each)	120	16%
Exams (2@100 points each)	200	27%
Reading (8 weeks @ 20 points each)	160	22%
Discussion Boards (10@5 points each)	50	8%
	<b>730</b>	<b>100%</b>

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](http://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](http://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](http://bible.org).

The final resource that deserves mention here is iTunes University. Apple has developed a platform for colleges and universities to post audio and video content. There are a number of lectures available on iTunes U, including some on the Old Testament historical and prophetic books. Various schools such as Dallas Theological Seminary, Seattle Pacific University, Duke, and Yale have posted content related to biblical and theological studies. In addition, Covenant Theological Seminary has an Old Testament podcast.

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