Systematic Theology II

# Course Overview

## Description

*Systematic theology answers the question, “What does the whole Bible teach us today about any given topic?”* When we speak of *systematic* theology we mean the orderly arrangement of the study of God into logical, topical divisions. This is the first of three classes. Part II covers the Doctrines of the Christ and Redemption.

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## Expectations and Goals

1. Biblically Grounded
2. Historically Informed
3. Applied for Today
4. Lived Out

# Course Materials

## Source Materials

**The 1689 London Baptist Confession of Faith**

**Systematic Theology, Wayne Gruden (except on the Trinity, Spiritual Gifts, and Millennium)**

# Course Schedule

| Week | Topic | Class Summary |
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| Week 1 | **The Person of Christ I** | The class covers the Virgin Birth, the reality and necessity of Jesus’ humanity, and his sinlessness (Reference 1689 Ch. 8) |
| Week 2 | **The Person of Christ II** | This class will expound upon how the Scriptures reach that Jesus has two natures in one person, and dal with some common misconceptions and false teachings. Scripture. (Reference 1689 Ch. 8). |
| Week 3 | **The Atonement** | The class describes the cause, necessity, nature and extent of Christ’s atonement. (Reference 1689 Ch. 8) |
| Week 4 | **The Offices of Christ** | This class explains how Christ is prophet, priest, and King. (Reference 1689 Ch. 8). |
| Week 5 | **The Work of the Holy Spirit and Regeneration I** | This class explains how the Holy Spirit applies to the Christian what Christ accomplished for His church. (Reference 1689 Ch. 2). |
| Week 6 | **The Work of the Holy Spirit II** | This class focuses on the Holy Spirit as the gift to God’s people in the OT and NT. (Reference: *The Gift of the Holy Spirit***,**by Sam Storms on The Gospel Coalition Essays website). |
| Week 7 | **Election and Effective Calling** | This class addresses the questions regarding when and why did God choose us, and how we respond to His calling. It should also address misunderstandings and objections, as well as the doctrine’s blessings (Reference 1689 Ch. 3, 5, 9, 10) |
| Week 8 | **Justification** | What is justification, and how does it come to us? How is what we believe different from Roman Catholicism? (Reference 1689 Ch. 11). |
| Week 9 | **Adoption** | This class teaches that adoption, to the praise of God’s glory, is the ultimate purpose of our redemption, its highest privilege, and the controlling principle of the Christian life. (Reference 1689 Ch. 12) |
| Week 10 | **Sanctification** | This class covers how we grow in Christian maturity, the differences between justification and sanctification, God and man’s cooperation, and how it effects the whole person. (Reference 1689 Ch. 13) |
| Week 11 | **Glorification & Union with Christ** | This class covers our redemptive bodies and our state in glory, as well as what it means to be in union with Christ now and forever (Reference 1689 Ch. 31-32). |
| Week 12 | **The Return of Christ** | This class covers the three major doctrines: Return of Christ, the Final Judgment, and the New Heavens and New Earth (Reference 1689 Ch. 31-32). |

**Additional Comments:**

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