

HORIZON COLLEGE AND SEMINARY  
Systematic Theology II  
Fall, 2009

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3 credits

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course provides an overview of the following: soteriology, ecclesiology, eschatology.

TEXTS:

Williams, J. Rodman. Renewal Theology. Zondervan, 1988.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

The student who takes this course will have opportunity to:

1. Understand the meaning of the atonement offered in Christ, including:
  - reconciliation
  - redemption
  - conversion
  - justification
2. Grasp the implications of salvation in the area of sanctification, including:
  - personal holiness
  - freedom in Christ
  - aspects of sanctification
3. Examine the following aspects of the church:
  - its nature and mission
  - church structure and organization
  - sacraments and ordinances
4. Consider the following issues in eschatology:
  - approaches to eschatology
  - the last judgment
  - the return of Christ
  - the rapture
  - the millennium
5. Cherish the salvation God has offered us through Christ, and live in awareness that God is "on our side."
6. Have a profound hope in the victory of Christ over sin, death and in the life to come.
7. Appreciate the interpersonal connectedness of the Christian community at worship, in fellowship, and in outreach.
8. Be able to articulate the nature of salvation, and know how to explain basic relevant terms.
9. Be able to give three different views of sanctification, and give reasons for supporting the view one holds.
10. Compare and contrast a variety of views, assess their biblical and theological adequacy, and select

the most appropriate one in the following areas:

- church structure
- approaches to eschatology
- the millennium
- the tribulation
- views on the atonement

TENTATIVE COURSE OUTLINE:

Part One: A Current Trend: The Emerging Church

- I: Defining the Emergent Church
- II: Evaluating the Emergent Church

Part Two: Soteriology

- I: The Provision of Salvation: The Atoning Death
  - A. The centrality of the cross
  - B. The Importance of the Death of Christ
  - C. Theories of the Atonement
  - D. Images of Salvation/Atonement
  - E. Objections to Substitutionary Atonement
  - F. Responding to Theories and Critics
  - G. The Extent of Christ's death

- II: The Application of Salvation
  - Election, Foreknowledge, Predestination
  - Conversion
  - Justification
  - Adoption
  - Sanctification

Part Three: Ecclesiology

- A. The Origin of the Church
- B. Biblical Metaphors for the Church
- C. The Purpose of the Church
- D. Organization of the Church
- E. Forms of Church Governance
- F. Church Ordinances

Part Four: Eschatology

- A. Reasons for Confusion
- B. Importance of the Doctrine
- C. Signs of His Coming
- D. Interpreting the Signs
- E. Order of Events
- F. The Tribulation
- G. The Millennium
- H. The Final State

## REQUIREMENTS AND EVALUATION:

### 1. Midterm exam: 25%

The mid-term will include the following pages from the Text

Vol. I: pages 267-273: Original Sin

Vol. III: pages 221-241: Ordinances—Baptism

Vol. III: pages 265-285: The Church and Civil Government

### 2. Final exam: 40%

The final exam may include some readings from the text

### 3. Essay: 35%

See attached sheet for details and topics

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Essay Topics

Suggestions:

1. Is healing in the Atonement?
2. The Holiness Movement's position on sanctification
3. John Wesley's view of sanctification
4. Is eternal security scriptural?
5. The book of Hosea: A Portrait of Redemption
6. Challenges facing churches in the 21<sup>st</sup> century
7. Hell: Annihilation or Eternal Punishment?
8. The teaching on Entire Sanctification/Christian perfection
9. Your choice—you must clear this with me before proceeding

Observations:

1. Length: 8-10 pages (1800-2000 words)
2. Paper must have a thesis and be underlined. Place thesis as the last sentence of your introduction.
3. Paper must have a formal outline, showing clear divisions of the topic.
4. Because some of these topics have more than one position, be sure to acknowledge the opposition or else you run the risk of comments such as "yes, but . . ." If the opposing view is slight, you can probably dispense with it in your introduction. If the opposition is stronger, you will need a different strategy.
5. Make sure that you do adequate research—a good combination of books, articles and on-line materials.
6. Paper must conform to MLA guidelines that you were so diligently taught in O and R!