

## Syllabus

### BT 252: Bibliology and Theology Proper, Version 2

*(Theologia a Deo docetur, Deum docet, et ad Deum ducit,*

“Theology is taught by God, teaches of God, and leads to God”—Thomas Aquinas)

#### MISSION STATEMENT OF EMMAUS BIBLE COLLEGE

“The mission of Emmaus Bible College is to glorify God through the teaching of the Bible and through educating and equipping learners for service and leadership in their ministries, communities, and vocations.”

#### DESCRIPTION OF THE COURSE

Three major subjects are to be considered: (1) Prolegomena—an introductory consideration of the nature, necessity and method of Systematic Theology, (2) *Theology Proper*—the doctrine of God considered in its two aspects of theism and trinitarianism, and (3) *Bibliology*—the doctrines of revelation, and the inspiration and authority of Scripture.

#### RECOMMENDED TEXTBOOKS FOR THE COURSE

1. **Required:** Wayne Grudem, *Systematic Theology* (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1994).  
J. I. Packer, *Knowing God* (1<sup>st</sup> ed., 1973; 2d. ed. [Americanized], Downers Grove: Inter Varsity Press, 1993)

Louis Berkhof, *Systematic Theology*

Edward John Carnell, *An Introduction to Christian Apologetics*

Lewis Sperry Chafer, *Systematic Theology*, vol. 1

Stephen Charnock, *The Existence and Attributes of God*, 2 vols.

Millard J. Erickson, *Christian Theology*, 2nd. ed. (1998)

John S. Feinberg, *No One Like Him: The Doctrine of God*

Norman L. Geisler and William E. Nix, *A General Introduction to the Bible* (rev. ed.) A valuable volume for the Bible student's library.

Carl F. H. Henry, *God, Revelation, and Authority*, 6 vols.

Charles Hodge, *Systematic Theology*, vol. 1

Don Kistler, ed., *Sola Scriptura! The Protestant Position on the Bible*

Harold Lindsell, *The Battle for the Bible*

Harold Lindsell, *The Bible in the Balance*

Alister McGrath, *A Passion for Truth*

William J. McRae, *A Book to Die For*

John Miley, *Systematic Theology*, vol. 2

Francis Pieper, *Christian Dogmatics*, vol. 1  
 Clark Pinnock, *Biblical Revelation*  
 William G. Rusch, ed. *The Trinitarian controversy*  
 Charles C. Ryrie, *Basic Theology* (2d ed., Moody Press)  
 Robert L. Saucy, *Is the Bible Reliable?*  
 William G. T. Shedd, *Dogmatic Theology*, 3d. ed., ed., Alan W. Gomes (2003).  
 C. Samuel Storms, *The Grandeur of God*  
 Augustus H. Strong, *Systematic Theology*  
 A. W. Tozer, *The Knowledge of the Holy*  
 B. B. Warfield, *The Inspiration and Authority of the Bible*  
 B. B. Warfield, *The Works of B. B. Warfield*, vol. 9: *Studies in Theology*  
 Richard Watson, *Theological Institutes*, vol. 2  
 John Wenham, *Christ and the Bible* (1st ed., 1973; 3d ed., 1994)  
 H. Orton Wiley, *Christian Theology*, vol. 2

See course reading schedule for readings that correspond to the lectures.

- To order a textbook referred to above, please contact our Librarian.  
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#### CLASSNOTES FOR THE COURSE

1. Printed notes and outlines for this course are also available for sale through John Rush (see info. above)
2. The student should purchase a set of the notes before class meets next time. It is suggested that the student buy a three-ring binder for storing his/her notes at a local office supply store. A 3-inch binder should be adequate for the notes of this course.

#### OBJECTIVES FOR THE COURSE

*That the student will:*

1. Develop an awareness of the entire field of Systematic Theology (*prolegomena*).
2. Become familiar with the important areas of the doctrines of the revelation and inspiration of Scripture (*bibliology*).
3. Become familiar with the teaching of the Bible concerning the nature and work of the Triune God (*theology proper*).
4. Develop proficiency in critical thinking in the area of Systematic Theology.

5. Understand the history of the doctrines discussed as well as contemporary thinking about them.
6. Become acquainted with some of the theological literature concerning bibliology and theology proper.
7. Develop a deepening relationship with the Triune God through theological study.
8. Be able in various Christian service settings (personal evangelism, evangelistic preaching, Bible teaching, counseling) to use his/her Bible with confidence in its divine origin and trustworthiness.
9. Be able in various Christian service settings (personal evangelism, evangelistic preaching, Bible teaching, counseling) to articulate and defend the orthodox doctrines of the Christian faith relating to the Triune God of Scripture.

## OUTLINE OF THE COURSE

### I. Prolegomena

- A. The Idea of Theology
- B. The Necessity of Theology
- C. The Method of Theology

### II. Bibliology

- A. The Doctrine of Authority
- B. The Doctrine of Revelation
- C. The Doctrine of Inspiration
- D. The Doctrine of Inerrancy
- E. The Doctrine of Illumination
- F. The Doctrine of Animation
- G. The Canon of Scripture

### III. Theology Proper

- A. The Existence and Knowability of God
  1. The existence of God
  2. The proofs of the existence of God
  3. The knowability of God
- B. The Attributes of God
  1. The attributes in general
  2. The incommunicable attributes
  3. The communicable attributes

C. The Holy Trinity

1. The doctrine in history
2. The doctrine in modern times
3. The doctrine in Scripture
4. The Person of the Father

D. The Decrees of God

1. The doctrine of the decrees
2. The difficulties with the doctrine

CLASS SCHEDULE FOR THE COURSE

**Session Lectures and Assigned Readings:**

- 1      Lecture: Introduction to the Course  
Reading: None
  
- 2      Lecture: The Idea of Theology (Part 1)  
Reading: B. B. Warfield, "The Idea of Systematic Theology." This essay is found in two different volumes on the reserve shelf: (1) B. B. Warfield, *The Works of B. B. Warfield*, vol. 9: *Studies in Theology*, 49–87, and (2) *The Princeton Theology*, ed. Mark A. Noll, 241–61. For the student's convenience, a photocopy is included in the notes just before today's lecture outline.
  
- 3      Lecture: The Idea of Theology (Part 2)
  
- 4      Lecture: The Task of Theology (Part 1)  
Reading: D. A. Carson, "Unity and Diversity in the NT: The Possibility of Systematic Theology," in *Scripture and Truth*, eds. D. A. Carson and J. D. Woodbridge, 65–95. For the student's convenience, a photocopy is included in the notes just before today's lecture outline.
  
- 5      Lecture: The Task of Theology (Part 2)  
Reading: Wayne Grudem, *Systematic Theology*, 21–37.  
Lewis Sperry Chafer, *Systematic Theology*, 1:3–17  
Charles Hodge, *Systematic Theology*, 1:18–33

- 6 Lecture: The Task of Theology (Part 3); An Introduction to Bibliology (Part 1)  
 Reading: Grudem, *Systematic Theology*, 141–44.  
 Laney, *God*, 1–11.  
 L. Berkhof, *Systematic Theology*, 19–28.  
 Chafer, *Systematic Theology*, 1:129–61.  
 Charles Hodge, *Systematic Theology*, 1:191–203.
- 7 Lecture: Introduction to Bibliology (Part 2)  
 Reading: Grudem, *Systematic Theology*, 149–52.  
 J. I. Packer, *Knowing God*, 17–42 (1<sup>st</sup> ed., pp. 13–37).  
 E. J. Carnell, *An Introduction to Christian Apologetics*, 152–87.  
 Laney, *God*, 45–57.  
 Berkhof, *Sys. Theol.*, 29–40.  
 Hodge, *Systematic Theology*, 1:335–49.
- 8 Lecture: Introduction to Bibliology (Part 3)  
 Reading: R. N. Nash, *The Concept of God*, 11–36.  
 C. B. Kaiser, *The Doctrine of God*, 110–28.
- 9 Lecture: The Idea of Revelation (Part 1)  
 Reading: Grudem, *Systematic Theology*, 156–60.  
 Chafer, *Systematic Theology*, 1:187–224.  
 Laney, *God*, 59–83.  
 Berkhof, *Systematic Theology*, 41–56.  
 Erickson, *Christian Theology*, 289–308.  
 C. Samuel Storms, *The Grandeur of God*, 33–45.
- 10 Lecture: The Idea of Revelation (Part 2)  
 Reading: Grudem, *Systematic Theology*, 160–63.  
 Packer, *Knowing God*, 82–89 (1<sup>st</sup> ed., 73–79).  
 Berkhof, *Sys. Theol.*, pp. 57–63.  
 F. Pieper, *Christian Dogmatics*, 1:427–47.  
 W. G. T. Shedd, *Dogmatic Theology*, 274–85.
- 11 Lecture: The Idea of Revelation (Part 3)  
 Reading: Grudem, *Systematic Theology*, 177–80.  
 Pieper, *Christian Dogmatics*, 1:434–40.  
 Berkhof, *Systematic Theology*, 61–63.

- 12 Lecture: The Doctrine of General Revelation (Part 1)  
 Reading: Grudem, *Systematic Theology*, 186–88.  
 Erickson, *Christian Theology*, 289–308. Do this reading only if you have not done it earlier for class # 27.  
 H. Bavinck, *The Doctrine of God*, 175–83, 152–64.
- 13 Lecture: The Doctrine of General Revelation (Part 2)  
 Reading: Grudem, *Systematic Theology*, 168–77.  
 Ryrie, *Basic Theology*, 39–50.  
 Stephen Charnock, *The Existence and Attributes of God*, 1:276–309 (on Eternity).
- 14 Lecture: The Doctrine of General Revelation (Part 3); The Nature of Special Revelation (Part 1)  
 Reading: Grudem, *Systematic Theology*, 163–68.  
 Charnock, 1:310–62 (on Immutability).  
 C. S. Storms, *The Grandeur of God*, 107–16.  
 Bavinck, *The Doctrine of God*, 145–52.
- 15 Lecture: The Nature of Special Revelation (Part 2)  
 Reading: Grudem, *Systematic Theology*, 190–95, 216–18.  
 Packer, *Knowing God*, 90–98 (1st ed., 80–97).  
 Storms, *The Grandeur of God*, 61–84, 97–106.  
 Bavinck, *The Doctrine of God*, 183–99, 241–45.  
 R. Watson, *Theological Institutes*, 1:371–98.  
 Shedd, *Dogmatic Theology*, 286–90.
- 16 Lecture: The Nature of Special Revelation (Part 3)  
 Reading: Grudem, *Systematic Theology*, 197–98, 211–16.  
 Packer, *Knowing God*, 117–37 (1st ed., 106–24).  
 Storms, *The Grandeur of God*, 117–48.  
 Berkhof, *Sys. Theol.*, 70–73, 76–81.
- 17 Lecture: The Nature of Special Revelation (Part 4)  
 Reading: Grudem, *Systematic Theology*, 195–97, 201–202.  
 Erickson, *Christian Theology*, 309–13, 316–18.  
 Bavinck, *The Doctrine of God*, 199–202, 209–15.  
 Shedd, *Dogmatic Theology*, 290–92, 308.  
 Pieper, *Christian Dogmatics*, 1:456–58.

- 18 Lecture: The Nature of Special Revelation (Part 5)  
 Reading: Grudem, *Systematic Theology*, 203–205.  
 Packer, *Knowing God*, 138–75 (1<sup>st</sup> ed., 125–58).  
 Erickson, *Christian Theology*, 323–26.  
 Berkhof, *Sys. Theol.*, 74–76.  
 Pieper, *Christian Dogmatics*, 1:457–58.  
 Bavinck, *The Doctrine of God*, 215–23.
- 19 Lecture: The Nature of Special Revelation (Part 6)  
 Reading: Grudem, *Systematic Theology*, 241–48.  
 Anselm, *Letter on the Incarnation of the Word*.  
 Erickson, *Christian Theology*, 358–67.  
 E. Brunner, *Dogmatics*, vol. 1: *The Christian Doctrine of God*, 205–40.  
 Hodge, *Systematic Theology*, 1:448–78.
- 20 Lecture: Introduction to the History of the Doctrine of Inspiration  
 Reading: Grudem, *Systematic Theology*, 226–41, 248–57.  
 Laney, *God*, 111–23.  
 Chafer, *Systematic Theology*, 1:272–310.  
 Berkhof, *Systematic Theology*, 82–99.  
 Erickson, *Christian Theology*, 346–57.  
 Ryrie, *Basic Theology*, 58–68.  
 Shedd, *Dogmatic Theology*, 219–73.  
 Hodge, *Systematic Theology*, 1:442–48.
- 21 Lecture: The History of the Doctrine of Inspiration (Part 1)  
 Reading: G. H. Clark, *The Trinity*, 1–46.  
 Peter Toon and James D. Spiceland, eds., *One God in Trinity*, 1–41.
- 22 Lecture: The History of the Doctrine of Inspiration (Part 2)  
 Reading: Grudem, *Systematic Theology*, 332–33.  
 Berkhof, *Systematic Theology*, 100–105.  
 Hodge, *Systematic Theology*, 1:535–45.  
 Strong, *Systematic Theology*, 353–59.  
 Laney, *God*, 125–38.
- 23 Lecture: The History of the Doctrine of Inspiration (Part 3)  
 Reading: Berkhof, *Systematic Theology*, 105–108.  
 Hodge, *Systematic Theology*, 1:545–49.  
 Strong, *Systematic Theology*, 359–70.  
 Watson, *Theological Institutes*, 2:380–449 (esp. pp. 425–49).  
 Miley, *Systematic Theology*, 2:254–87.

Wiley, *Christian Theology*, 2:108, 334–57.

- 24 Lecture: The Biblical Doctrine of Inspiration (Part 1)  
 Reading: Louis Berkhof, *Introductory Volume to Systematic Theology*, 116–24.  
 B. B. Warfield, *The Inspiration and Authority of the Bible*, 71–102 (cf. *ISBE*, s.v. “Revelation,” 4 [1939]:2573–82.
- 25 Lecture: The Biblical Doctrine of Inspiration (Part 2)  
 Reading: Robert Saucy, *Scripture: Its Power, Authority, and Relevance*, 21–31.  
 Pache, *The Inspiration and Authority of Scripture*, 7–24, 102–19.  
 B. B. Warfield. Student may read assignment for class 5 if not done for that class.  
 Chafer, *Systematic Theology*, 1:48–60.  
 Clark Pinnock, *Biblical Revelation*, 19–52.
- 26 Lecture: The Biblical Doctrine of Inspiration (Part 3); The Savior and the Scriptures (Part 1)  
 Reading: Saucy, *Scripture: Its Power, Authority, and Relevance*, 35–42.  
 C. C. Ryrie, *Basic Theology*, 31–38.  
 Millard J. Erickson, *Christian Theology*, 177–99.
- 27 Lecture: The Savior and the Scriptures (Part 2)  
 Reading: Saucy, *Scripture: Its Power, Authority, and Relevance*, 45–56.  
 Pache, *The Inspiration and Authority of Scripture*, 27–42  
 Bernard Ramm, *Special Revelation and the Word of God*, 13–52.  
 Erickson, *Christian Theology*, 200–23.
- 28 Lecture: The Savior and the Scriptures (Part 3)  
 Reading: Saucy, *Scripture: Its Power, Authority, and Relevance*, 189–206.  
 Pache, *The Inspiration and Authority of Scripture*, 45–70, 233–47.  
 Norman L. Geisler and William E. Nix, *A General Introduction to the Bible*, 99–131.  
*ISBE*, s.v “Inspiration, History of the Doctrine of,” by G. W. Bromiley, 2 [1982]: 849–54.



- 29 Lecture: The Inerrancy of Scripture (Part 1)  
 Reading: Geisler and Nix, *A General Introduction to the Bible*, 133–99.  
 Erickson, *Christian Theology*, 224–33.
- 30 Lecture: The Inerrancy of Scripture (Part 2)  
 Reading: Grudem, *Systematic Theology*, 73–81.  
 Saucy, *Scripture: Its Power, Authority, and Relevance*, 89–105, 127–41.  
 Pache, *The Inspiration and Authority of Scripture*, 71–101, 224–32.  
 Warfield, *Inspiration and Authority*, pp. 131–66 (also: *ISBE*, s.v. “Inspiration,” by B. B. Warfield, 3 [1939]: 1473–83; reprinted in *ISBE*, s.v. “Inspiration,” 2 [1982]: 839–49).  
 Geisler and Nix, *A General Introduction to the Bible*, 49–64.
- 31 Lecture: The Inerrancy of Scripture (Part 3); The Doctrine of Authority (Part 1)  
 Reading: Saucy, *Scripture: Its Power, Authority, and Relevance*, 109–23.  
 Pache, *The Inspiration and Authority of Scripture*, 215–23.  
 Erickson, *Christian Theology*, 233–45.  
 Geisler and Nix, *A General Introduction to the Bible*, 89–97.  
 R. P. Lightner, *The Savior and the Scriptures* (reprint ed., entitled *A Biblical Case for Total Inerrancy*), 58–103.  
 John W. Wenham, *Christ & the Bible*, 7–37, 109–23 (3d ed., 16–49, 113–27).
- 32 Lecture: The Doctrine of Authority (Part 2)  
 Reading: Grudem, *Systematic Theology*, 90–100.  
 Saucy, *Scripture: Its Power, Authority, and Relevance*, 145–61.  
 Pache, *The Inspiration and Authority of Scripture*, pp. 120–40.  
 Ryrie, *Basic Theology*, 87–96.  
 Erickson, *Christian Theology*, 246–65.
- 33 Lecture: The Doctrine of Authority (Part 3); The Meaning of the Doctrine of Authority (Part 1)  
 Reading: Saucy, *Scripture: Its Power, Authority, and Relevance*, 165–85.

- Pache, *The Inspiration and Authority of Scripture*, 141–58.  
 Harold Lindsell, *The Battle for the Bible*, 161–84.  
 G. L. Archer, “Alleged Errors and Discrepancies in the Original Manuscripts of the Bible,” in *Inerrancy*, ed. N. L. Geisler, 57–82.  
 Pinnock, *Biblical Revelation*, 175–207.
- 34 Lecture: The Meaning of the Doctrine of Authority (Part 2)  
 Reading: Grudem, *Systematic Theology*, 81–85.  
 W. J. McRae, *A Book to Die For*, 68–89.  
 Erickson, *Christian Theology*, 266–73.  
 Bernard Ramm, *The Pattern of Religious Authority*, 18–25.  
 Henry, *God, Revelation, and Authority*, 4:7–23, 68–102.
- 35 Lecture: The Meaning of the Doctrine of Authority (Part 3);  
 The Rivals to Biblical Authority (Part 1)  
 Reading: Rene; Pache, *The Inspiration and Authority of Scripture*, 303–26.  
 Ramm, *The Pattern of Religious Authority*, 26–62.  
 Henry, *God, Revelation, and Authority*, 4:24–40.
- 36 Lecture: The Rivals to Biblical Authority (Part 2)  
 Reading: A. McGrath, *A Passion for Truth*, 66–97.  
 Ramm, *The Pattern of Religious Authority*, 63–101.  
 John H. Armstrong, “The Authority of Scripture,” in *Sola Scriptura!* ed., D. Kistler, 96–150.  
 Henry, *God, Revelation, and Authority*, 4:41–67.
- 37 Lecture: The Rivals to Biblical Authority (Part 3)  
 Reading: Pache, *The Inspiration and Authority of Scripture*, pp. 199–212.  
 Chafer, *Systematic Theology*, 1:105–113.  
 Erickson, *Christian Theology*, 273–85.
- Lecture:  
 Reading: Saucy, *Scripture: Its Power, Authority, and Relevance*, 229–49.  
 Chafer, *Systematic Theology*, 1:114–119.  
 Ryrie, *Basic Theology*, 125–34.  
 Pinnock, *Biblical Revelation*, 208–27.

Lecture:

Reading: Chafer, *Systematic Theology*, 1:120–23.

Robert L. Saucy, *Is the Bible Reliable?* 113–22.

Lecture:

Reading: Grudem, *Systematic Theology*, 54–68.

Saucy, *Scripture: Its Power, Authority, and Relevance*, 209–22.

Pache, *The Inspiration and Authority of Scripture*, 159–85.

Geisler and Nix, *A General Introduction to the Bible*, 203–75.

Lecture:

Reading: Saucy, *Scripture: Its Power, Authority, and Relevance*, 223–26.

Ryrie, *Basic Theology*, 119–24.

Geisler and Nix, *A General Introduction to the Bible*, 277–317.

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