



Course Syllabus
First Baptist Church

Systematic Theology

Course Title	Systematic Theology
Semester	Fall/Spring 2022/23
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Course Purpose Statement

The primary objective of this Systematic Theology class is to address the major doctrines of the faith. The purposes that will flow out of this primary objective are many: 1) achieve a greater degree of comfort in what you believe, 2) experience a richer devotional life, 3) thoughtfully defend the faith in an age of confusion, 4) teach others, etc.

Course Textbooks

The Holy Bible (a translation of the student's choice).

Grudem, Wayne. Edited by Alexander Grudem. *Bible Doctrine: Essential Teachings of the Christian Faith*. 2nd Edition. Zondervan Academic, 2002. ISBN: 9780310124306

Course Expectations

Come to each class prepared. This means that you will read each chapter(s) ahead of time and be prepared to interact with the material during the evening's lecture.

Bring a Bible and pen/pencil with you to each class. A handout will be provided.

Course Schedule (all classes will meet at 7 PM)

Class Date	Reading/Study
August 18, 2022	Chapter 1: Introduction to Systematic Theology
	Part 1: THE DOCTRINE OF THE WORD OF GOD
August 25	Chapter 2: The Authority and Inerrancy of the Bible
September 1	Chapter 3: The Clarity, Necessity, and Sufficiency of the Bible
September 8	Week off / Catch-up
	Part 2: THE DOCTRINE OF GOD
September 15	Chapter 4: The Character of God: “Incommunicable” Attributes
September 22	Chapter 5: The “Communicable” Attributes of God
September 29	Chapter 6: The Trinity
October 6	Chapter 7: Creation
October 13	Week off / Catch-up
October 20	Chapter 8: God’s Providence

October 27	Chapter 9: Prayer Chapter 10: Angels, Satan, and Demons
	Part 3: The Doctrine of Man
November 3	Chapter 11: The Creation of Man Chapter 12: Man as Male and Female
November 10	Week off / Catch-up
November 17	Chapter 13: Sin
November 24	Week off / Catch-up Happy Thanksgiving!!!
	Part 4: The Doctrine of Christ
December 1	Chapter 14: The Person of Christ
December 8	Week off / Catch-up
December 15	Chapter 15: The Atonement Chapter 16: Resurrection and Ascension
December 22	Week off / Catch-up Merry Christmas!
December 29	Week off / Catch-up Happy New Year!

	Part 5: THE DOCTRINE OF THE APPLICATION OF REDEMPTION
January 5, 2023	Chapter 17: Common Grace
January 12	Week off / Catch-up
January 19	Chapter 18: Election Chapter 19: The Gospel Call
January 26	Chapter 20: Regeneration Chapter 21: Conversion (Faith and Repentance)
February 2	Chapter 22: Justification and Adoption
February 9	Week off / Catch-up
February 16	Chapter 23: Sanctification (Growth in Likeness to Christ)
February 23	Chapter 24: The Perseverance of the Saints (Remaining a Christian)
March 2	Chapter 25: Death, the Intermediate State, and Glorification
March 9	Week off / Catch-up
March 16	Week off / Catch-up

	Part 6: THE DOCTRINE OF THE CHURCH
March 23	Chapter 26: The Nature of the Church
March 30	Chapter 27: Baptism Chapter 28: The Lord's Supper
April 6	Chapter 29: Gifts of the Holy Spirit (I): General Questions
April 13	Week off / Catch-up
April 20	Chapter 30: Gifts of the Holy Spirit (II): Specific Gifts
	Part 7: THE DOCTRINE OF THE FUTURE
April 27	Chapter 31: The Return of Christ: When and How Chapter 32: The Millennium
May 4	Chapter 33: The Final Judgment and Eternal Punishment Chapter 34: The New Heavens and New Earth