



BI 353 - Bible Doctrines 3

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I. Course Description:

This course will explore the doctrines of Pneumatology, Hamartiology, Anthropology, and Soteriology. An emphasis will be placed on the Person and work of the Holy Spirit, man's fall and his sinful nature, and God's plan of redemption including justification, sanctification, and the atonement.

II. Course Objectives:

As a result of taking this class, the student should be able to:

- a. Biblically demonstrate that the Holy Spirit has all the attributes of personality and is not an impersonal force.
- b. Biblically demonstrate that the Holy Spirit has all the attributes of Deity and is rightfully called "God the Holy Spirit."
- c. Identify the spiritual gifts listed in the Bible, categorizing them into temporary sign gifts and permanent edifying gifts.
- d. Define and discuss the seal of the Spirit and its ramifications to our position in Christ and our eternal security.
- e. Reasonably compare and contrast the positions of creationism and Traducianism.
- f. Explain how the sin of one Man, Adam, affects mankind today.
- g. Contextually and exegetically answer those who believe baptism is essential for salvation.
- h. List the definitions of the terms behind the TULIP acrostic.
- i. Biblically define words such as *predestination*, *elect*, *foreknowledge*, *foreordination*, and *God's sovereignty*.

III. Course Requirements:

A. Reading:

1. Required reading:

- a. The Moody Handbook of Theology, by Paul Enns. You are to read pp. 245-280; 301-314; 319-341; 475-500 then answer the study questions found on the Reading Work Sheets at the back of the syllabus that are prepared for each section as scheduled below:
 1. Work sheet # 1 (pp. 245-280)
 2. Work sheet # 2 (pp. 301-314)
 3. Work sheet # 3 (pp. 319-341)
 4. Work sheet # 4 (pp. 475-500)

ALL ARE DUE: January 21

B. Topical Papers:

The purpose of these papers is to in-grain the material into your thinking. I am not after "quantity." Rather, the goal is quality! Each paper should be around 500 words.

1. A biblical defense on the cessation of tongues as a spiritual gift. Due Jan 18 by 5:30
2. A biblical argument for the deity of the Holy Spirit. Due Jan 18 by 5:30
3. A summary of the Traducianist and Creationist and which position you take (and the biblical reasons for that position). Due Jan 19 by 5:30
4. An exposition of Romans 5 describing how the sin of one man, Adam, and the sacrifice of one Man, Jesus Christ, affects mankind today. Due Jan 19 by 5:30
5. A summary of what biblical election includes. Due Jan 21 by 5:30



6. A refutation of the Limited Atonement position.

Due Jan 21 by 5:30

2. Guidelines for Papers: The following guidelines are to be used for any papers or projects:
- a. All papers will use the *Times New Romans* font - No exceptions!
 - b. All papers will use size 12-font - no exceptions! Each paper will be double-spaced.
 - c. All papers are to have proper title page, bibliography, footnotes or endnotes. (If you do not know how to format any of these aspects of your paper then make reference to the **Abeka's Handbook of Grammar and Composition**, for the proper formatting. Improper formatting will reduce your grade.)
 - d. All papers must be in a paper cover folder (no 3-ring binders). No loose leaf papers will be accepted.
 - e. All papers MUST BE TURNED in on their due date - no exceptions, ANY PROJECT OR PAPER TURNED AFTER THE DUE DATE WILL RECEIVE A ZERO. If you have a question or an emergency that comes up please talk with me for a possible solution before the due date. ALL PAPERS AND PROJECTS ARE DUE AT CLASS TIME.
 - f. **All papers and projects must be the student's own** work. No one is permitted to work with another person on any paper or project unless the instructor has given permission.
 - g. The following guide is used in grading all papers:
 1. Content - 60 %
 2. Grammar and spelling - 30%
 3. Format - 10%

C. Exams and Quizzes:

1. Quizzes: In lieu of daily quizzes, we will place emphasis on the writing assignments. We will have on quiz on day four of the class.
2. Final examination: This test will be cumulative in nature.

D. Bible Memorization:

- The list of verses will be memorized including their reference, the text and the theme.
- These verses will be part of your final examination.
- These verses were selected for their clear doctrinal teaching as well as for practical application and witnessing. It would only be to your advantage to memorize them.

Verses on the Holy Spirit:

1. The Person and Deity of the Holy Spirit - Acts 5: 3-4
2. The battle of the flesh and Spirit and their fruit - Galatians 5:16-17
3. The Sealing of the Holy Spirit - Ephesians 1:13-14
4. The Spirit fills us - Ephesians 5:18

Verses on Sin and Salvation:

1. **Man's** righteousness is unacceptable to God - Isaiah 64: 6
2. The condition of lost man - Romans 3:10, 23; 6:23
3. **God's just means of saving sinful man** - Romans 3: 24-25
4. Eternal Security - 1 Peter 1:3-5

