

Pennsylvania Bible Institute

203 – Alliance Distinctives

Course Syllabus

Purpose: This course is designed to help you develop a passion for God by having a soul that is filled, led and empowered by God’s Spirit and is experiencing Christ as Savior, Sanctifier, and Healer, and is expecting Him as Coming King. (C&C 1.2.1)

Goals: When you have completed this course you should be able to:

1. Explain how The Christian and Missionary Alliance came into being and why it exists.
2. State your personal position on each aspect of the Fourfold Gospel.
3. Describe the national, district and local church government of The Christian and Missionary Alliance.

Method: This course is a combination of reading, personal reflection, and position papers.

Resources:

1. *All for Jesus* by Niklaus, Sawin, and Stoesz. Christian Publications, Inc., Camp Hill, PA 1987.
2. *A Movement for God*. Church Leadership Academy, 1999.
3. *The Fourfold Gospel* by A. B. Simpson. Christian Publications, Inc., Camp Hill, PA 1987.
4. *Manual of The Christian and Missionary Alliance*, current edition.
Read the sections dealing with the General Constitution and Bylaws (A2), Districts (A4), Accredited Churches (A5), the Regulations of National Church Ministries (E1-E15), and the section on Position Statements (H1-H8). The Manual of The CMA is available on the internet at <https://my.cmalliance.org/resources/books/manual/manual.jsp>.

Student Requirements: When you have read these books, then do the four doctrinal position papers as described on the attached sheet.

All assignments have been completed and the material has been discussed.

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Instructions for the Doctrinal Position Papers

Please write an eight-page paper (double spaced) stating your personal theology on each of the following topics (four papers of eight pages each). You are to include a comprehensive treatment of the items listed below each topic, but you are not limited to those items.

Paper #1 – *Christ our Savior*

- a. The nature of mankind and its final destiny.
- b. The plan and purpose of the atonement.
- c. The means and results of justification.
- d. Your personal experience of Christ as Savior.

Paper #2 – *Christ our Sanctifier*

- a. The crisis and progression of sanctification.
- b. Identification of the believer with Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension.
- c. The ministry of the Holy Spirit in sanctification.
- d. Your personal experience of Christ as Sanctifier.

Paper #3 – *Christ our Healer*

- a. The relationship of divine healing and the atonement.
- b. The significance of anointing with oil.
- c. The ministry of healing in the local church.
- d. Your personal experience of Christ as Healer.

Paper #4 – *Christ our Coming King*

- a. Defend the pre-millennial coming of Christ.
- b. Trace the events surrounding the rapture of the Church.
- c. State the relationship between the imminence of Christ's coming and world evangelization.
- d. Your personal understanding of Christ our coming King.