

Pennsylvania Bible Institute
202 – Introduction to Theology
Course Syllabus

- Purpose:** This course is designed to help you develop the following:
- A passion for God by having a mind that is being transformed by God’s Word. (C&C 1.3)
 - Competency in becoming a communicator of Truth for life. (C&C 2.9)
- Goals:** When you complete this course you should:
1. Be able to state the major areas of the study of theology.
 2. Have a desire to continue your study of Bible doctrine.
 3. Be able to help people with their problems by pointing them to God’s Word.
 4. Be able to apply God’s Word to your own life and ministry.
- Method:** This course is a combination of reading, personal reflection, and writing position papers.
- Resources:** *Lectures in Systematic Theology* by Henry C. Thiessen.

Student Requirements: Write two-page, double spaced position papers on **four** of the following topics:

1. Theism: A person begins to attend your church, invited by a member of the congregation, but this person declares that he does not believe that God exists. How would you help this person to understand who God is and how the person can know Him?
2. Bibliology: A college student in your church says in a small group discussion that the Bible is not relevant for today. How would you answer the student?
3. Theology: What do you consider to be the greatest of God’s moral attributes and why? In your desire to become Christ-like, what quality of God’s character do you need the most?
4. Angelology: If someone comes to you saying that they have had several conversations with an angel, how would you counsel them?
5. Anthropology: A new Christian who is concerned for his unsaved family members asks you where his deceased grandfather, who never heard the gospel, is in eternity. How would you answer him?
6. Soteriology: A person from a Roman Catholic background asks you why you don’t pray to the Virgin Mary. How would you answer that person?
7. Ecclesiology: How does your church compare to the purpose and pattern of the Early Church?
8. Eschatology: How does the doctrine of Christ’s Second Coming impact your personal walk with God?

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

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