

St. Louis Christian College
BTH 102 Christian Theology I
Prof. Larry Doggett
3 Credit Hours

Spring, 2012

Meeting Days: W, F
7:30-8:45 a.m.

MISSION STATEMENT

St. Louis Christian College pursues excellence in the Word and develops servant-leaders for urban, suburban, rural, and global ministry.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course will survey the following Biblical Doctrines (Word of God, God, Angels, Man, and Sin).

COURSE RATIONALE

It might be asked, however, what the value or advantage of Systematic Theology is over just simple Bible knowledge. The answer to this is in part found in that *God-breathed* passage in which Timothy and by extension, all Christians are, exhorted to "*Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needs not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.*" (2 Timothy 2:15; NAV)

BIBLE DIVISION OBJECTIVES

Course objectives are related to the following selected Divisional Objectives which are being addressed in this course:

1. Given instruction in the Bible and in biblical theology, the student will exhibit knowledge of the messages of the various Old and New Testament books and the saving message of the Bible as a whole.
2. Shown how to use tools and sound methods for interpreting the Bible, the student will demonstrate the ability to properly interpret, apply and communicate Scripture.
3. Presented the biblical mandates for worldwide evangelism, the student will communicate the imperative that every person needs Jesus Christ as Savior.

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6. Presented with the Biblical message, mandate and models, the students will know how to witness effectively within various cultural contexts leading to the worship of God.

Read chapters 1- 12 of The Faith Once For All: Bible Doctrine For Today by Jack Cottrell. "Pop tests" may be given periodically over the day's assigned reading. A half page of summary of each Chapter will be due at the time we start the chapter in the classes.

The entire reading assignment has been completed will be asked for on **Friday, April 27.**

A Mid-term exam will be given during the semester plus a comprehensive exam during finals week.

Attendance is expected at all sessions (See comments below).

A final Exam will be given during the week of final test.

COURSE ASSESSMENT:

1. The Mid-term exam will count 20% toward the final grade.
2. You will write a theology paper on one of the major points in this course. This will count for 20% of your grade.

3. Reading and writing a short summary of the assigned chapters in the textbook will count for 10%
4. There will be a Final exam at the close of the semester. This will count for 20% of your grade.
5. Attendance will have a subjective effect on the final grade. You may miss two classes without penalty. There are 27 days for this class, not counting Lab Week. This class will adhere to the attendance policy of the school, which states: a student will fail the class when they have been absent for 25% of the classes. The following are the guidelines to be followed if you miss in excess of two classes: Your percentage points for “Attendance” will decrease accordingly. **Attendance will count for 20% of your grade. Each excess absence over two will reduce your attendance grade by 5% per absence.** 8 absences will result in academic withdrawal from the class with a grade of “F”.

Mid-term exam	20%
Theology Paper	20%
Reading and summaries	20%
Final Exam	20%
Attendance	20%

COURSE OUTLINE:

January 11th – Introduction to the class.

January 13th – The Word of God. **Reading due: Cottrell’s book, The Faith once for all. Chapter 2.**

January 18th - God – The Existence of God. **Reading due: Chapter 1**

January 20th – God –Cottrell Chapter 1 continued.

January 25th -- God - The nature of the Creator God. **Reading due Cottrell Ch. 3**

January 27th - God - The Nature of the Creator God. **Reading: Cottrell Chapter 3**

January 27th - God - The Works of the Creator God. The Works of the Creator God. **Reading due Cottrell CH. 4**

February 1st - Boatman Leadership program.

February 3rd - God - The Works of the Creator God. **Reading: Cottrell CH. 4.**

February 8th – Angels – The Invisible Creation. **Reading: Cottrell Ch. 5.**

February 10th – Angels – The Invisible Creation. Reading due – Cottrell Ch.5.

February 15th - Man – The visible Creation, the nature of man. Reading due – Cottrell Ch. 6.

**February 17th-- Man – The visible Creation, the nature of man.
Reading: Cottrell Ch.6.**

**February 22nd - Man – The visible Creation, the nature of man.
Reading: Cottrell Ch.6.**

February 24th - Sin - The Nature of Sin. Reading Due, Cottrell Ch. 7.

February 29th - Sin - The Nature of Sin. Reading: Cottrell Ch. 7.

March 2nd - Mid-Term exam.

March 7th - Sin - Angelic Sin: Satan and his Demons. Reading due Cottrell Ch. 8.

March 9th - Sin - Angelic Sin: Satan and his Demons. Reading: Cottrell Ch. 8.

**March 14th- Sin - Angelic Sin: Satan and his Demons. Due Cottrell
Ch. 8.**

March 16th – Sin – Original Sin – Or Original Grace. Reading due: Cottrell Ch.9.

March 21st -- Sin – Original Sin – Or Original Grace. Reading: Cottrell Ch.9.

March 23rd – Sin – Original Sin Or Original Grace. Reading: Cottrell Ch.9.

March 28th -- Personal Sin - Reading due Cottrell Ch.10.

March 30th -- Personal Sin – Reading: Cottrell Ch.10.

April 4th - Human Death Reading Due: Cottrell Ch. 11

April 6th – Spring Break, no classes.

April 11th – Sin, the cosmic curse. Reading due Cottrell. Ch 12.

April 13th – Sin, the cosmic curse. Reading: Cottrell. Ch. 12.

April 18th – Sin, the cosmic curse. Reading: Cottrell. Ch. 12.

April 24th - Review

April 27th - Review

May 1-3 Final Exams.

May 5th - Commencement

COURSE BIBLIOGRAPHY

(Abbreviated format)

Campbell, Alexander. The Christian System.

Cottrell, Jack. His Truth.

_____. The Faith Once For All.

_____. What the Bible Says About God the Redeemer.

Cox, Harvey. The Secular City.

DeWelt, Don. The Church in the Bible.

Kinnaman, David. UN Christian

Lewis, C.S. Mere Christianity.

McCaslin, Keith. What the Bible Says About Miracles.

Milligan, Robert. Scheme of Redemption.

Shannon, Robert. The New Testament Church.

Smith, David. All God's People: A Theology of the Church.

Warren, Virgil. What the Bible Says About Salvation.

Welshimer, P.H. Facts Concerning the New Testament Church
(Pamphlet)

Wright, Christopher J.H. The Mission of God.

COURSE POLICIES

1. Turn off all cell phones and place them out of sight. If the teacher can see them, they are in the wrong place.
2. Exams must be taken on the day scheduled. If ill at the time of the exam, the student may make it up without cost. If a student misses an exam without a legitimate reason for doing so, a grade of zero will be given for that exam. It is the responsibility of the student to contact the professor to arrange the test.
3. The typed essay on "The Name of the Church" will be penalized at a rate of 5% per week or any part of a week that it is late. The paper will not be accepted at all after the fourth week it is late.
4. If you have a diagnosed learning disability, please see Room 100 to discuss assessment measures which would enhance your ability to learn.

COURSE INSTRUCTOR CONTACT INFORMATION

Prof. Doggett's - OFFICE HOURS.

TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
7:30-8:45			Theology I Bth102		Theology I BTH102
8: 55-10:10	FACULTY MEETINGS	Office	Office	Office	Office
10:20-11:20		Chapel		WCU	Chapel
12:00-1:15	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
1:30-2:45		Office	Office	Office	
3:00-4:15		Intercultural Communicatio n GSO312	Office	Intercultural Communicati on GSO312	Office
6:00-10:00				Intercultural Ministry GSO312n	

* If I am needed at any other time please make arrangements prior to the time, if not possible please call.

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 Home: 314-524-1747 lnogt@yahoo.com It's OK to use my home phone. However if you want to contact me by email in the evening it is best to use my home email or even both to insure a quicker turn around time on your answers.
 You may also want to transmit your papers by attached "MS Word 2010 or XP.