CTH 410 Christian Theology I

Purpose: The purpose of this course is to help students develop an understanding of the nature and scope of theology, the doctrine of revelation, the nature and work of God, the nature of humanity, and human sinfulness.

Recommended textbook: The recommended textbook for this course is *Introducing Christian Doctrine*, 3rd Edition. The author is Millard J. Erickson. Hardcover, 512 pages. ©2015, Baker Publishing Group. ISBN-13: 9780801049194.



Learning Outcomes: By the end of this study, students should be able to demonstrate an understanding of:

- 1. The nature, scope, and limitations of theology.
- 2. The doctrine of revelation including such topics as general and special revelation, inspiration, the trustworthiness of scripture, and the authority of the scriptures in the life of the Church.
- 3. The nature of God including communicable and non-communicable attributes.
- 4. The doctrines of creation and providence
- 5. The constitutional nature of humanity and the doctrine of sin.

Structure: This course is divided into three sections. Each section has several Areas of Study which correspond to the chapters of the recommended textbook

CTH 410.1 Foundations of Theological Study

First Area of Study: What is Theology?

Second Area of Study: Contextualizing the Christian Third Area of Study: God's Universal Revelation Fourth Area of Study: God's Particular Revelation

Fifth Area of Study: The Preservation of the Revelation: Inspiration Sixth Area of Study: The Dependability of God's Word: Inerrancy Seventh Area of Study: The Power of God's Word: Authority

CHT 410.2 The Nature and Work of God

First Area of Study: The Doctrine of God Second Area of Study: The Greatness of God Third Area of Study: The Goodness of God

Fourth Area of Study: God's Three-in-oneness: The Trinity

Fifth Area of Study: God's Plan

Sixth Area of Study: God's Originating Work: Creation Seventh Area of Study: God's Continuing Work: Providence Eighth Area of Study: Evil and God's World: A Special Problem

Ninth Area of Study: God's Special Agents: Angels

CHT 410.3 Humanity and Sin

First Area of Study: Introduction to the Doctrine of Humanity Second Area of Study: The Image of God in the Human Third Area of Study: The Constitutional Nature of the Human

Fourth Area of Study: The Nature and Source of Sin

Fifth Area of Study: The Results of Sin Sixth Area of Study: The Magnitude of Sin

Academic Credit: Academic credit is earned for this course by passing the Christian Theology I Examination. The exam has three parts which correspond to the sections listed above.