



Theology for Life: Systematic Theology in the Everyday World

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Purpose

Theology for Life is a 6-week course designed to explore key theological foundations of Christianity and understand how these truths relate to everyday life. Using the historic Apostles' Creed as our theological guide, we will work through the biblical doctrines of the Trinity, Creation, Salvation, Christology, Pneumatology, & Eschatology. As we study the Triune God, we will pay close attention to each person's work in creation and salvation. In addition, each class will bridge the theological content to everyday struggles like anxiety, guilt, and pride.

The class format will be a combination of instruction and dialog. Each session will have recommended reading assignments to be completed in advance that will increase your understanding of, and engagement with, the material. I encourage you to bring your questions to class, ready to learn in community.

Course Resources

- [Systematic Theology](#) OR [Bible Doctrine](#), Wayne Grudem
- [Pilgrim Theology](#), Michael Horton (selected readings provided by instructor)

Course Overview

Sep 17: *Sovereign God in an Anxious World*

- Reading: *Systematic* ch. 12 or *Doctrine* ch. 8
- Application: anxiety

Sep 24: *The Trinity in a Fragmented World*

- Reading: *Systematic* ch. 14 or *Doctrine* ch. 6
- Application: a compartmentalized life

Oct 1: *The Person of Christ in a Hurting World*

- Reading: *Systematic* ch. 26 or *Doctrine* ch. 14
- Application: cancer

Oct 8: *The Justice of Christ in a Self-Justifying World*

- Reading: *Systematic* ch. 36 or *Doctrine* ch. 22
- Application: worth in your work

Oct 15: *The Sacrifice of Christ in a Guilty World*

- Reading: *Systematic* ch. 27 or *Doctrine* ch. 15
- Application: lack of repentance

Oct 22: *The Life and Hope of the Spirit in a Hopeless World*

- Reading: *Systematic* chs. 30 & 34 or *Doctrine* ch. 20
- Application: depression, addiction, materialism

This course, as with all our courses, will be integrative. We will combine lecture, community interaction, and personal assignments in order to promote holistic learning. The goal of City Seminary courses is not merely to transfer information, but to transform disciples. Doctrine is for practice. We want what was said of Jonathan Edwards to be true of us: "All his theology was practical, and all his practice was theological." In short, the goal of this course is to help one another *think theologically and live redemptively*.

In addition to the weekly assignments, each person will be expected to interact with our discussion.

Please feel free to contact chad@austincitylife.org with any thoughts, questions, or suggestions related to this course.