

**Student Syllabus**

**SOTERIOLOGY**

**THE DOCTRINE OF SALVATION**

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**Course Objectives**

1. To encourage the students to formulate and to develop their thinking about soteriology/salvation through class notes, readings, and discussions.
2. The student will come to know that the doctrine of salvation encompasses everything from foreknowledge to glorification.
3. The student will gain knowledge of the different views of predestination by Christian reformers such as Calvinism.
4. The student will learn that salvation is a definite act and an ongoing process called sanctification.
5. The student will gain a greater appreciation of how the “Good News” of the Gospel is truly good news.

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

Soteriology is the branch of theology dealing with the study of salvation. The term comes from the Greek word soteria/soterion, “salvation”. Soteria derives from the root word soter, which means savior. The suffix -ology comes from the Greek word logia, which means to study.

Soteriology relates to several other branches of theology, in that the study ask several questions: who is saved, by whom is one saved, from what is one saved and by what means is one saved?

Soteriology guards against false understanding about salvation and helps to make sure we know if we are truly saved from God’s wrath for our sin.

In this course we will look at the biblical teachings on foreknowledge, predestination, atonement, calling, sanctification and more. We will talk about how God redeemed us through the atoning blood of Jesus Christ our savior.

We will also discuss various questions among the World and Christendom such as:

1. Can you lose your salvation?
2. Does God choose some people for heaven and some for hell?
3. How can I know that I am truly born again?
4. What is “saving” faith vs “working” faith?
5. What really gets someone into heaven?

We will take a deep look at this study and get a biblical understanding on what it means and apply it to our everyday lives.

I look forward to having this time together with you in God’s word studying the great teachings of our Christian faith!

**CLASS OUTLINES WEEKLY CHART**

1. Introduction to Soteriology
2. The Definition of Salvation
3. What are we saved from?
4. How are we saved?
5. Who does the saving?
6. The Three Phases of Salvation
7. Past
8. Present
9. Future
10. The Nature of Salvation as the Work of God
11. Atonement – the Blood of the Covenant
12. Foreknowledge and Predestination – God’s Sovereignty and Our Free Will

1. Can you lose your salvation?

1. The Calling – Many are called but Few are Chosen.
2. Does God choose some people for heaven and some for hell?
3. As a Finished Work
4. Conversion and Regeneration – Being Born Again
5. Justification and Adoption – Our Standing Before God
6. Sanctification – A Daily Process
7. The Holy Spirit – Total Empowerment
8. Paul’s Plan of Salvation for the Unbeliever
9. Repentance, Confession and Forgiveness
10. What is saving faith Vs working faith.
11. Union With Christ – Being in Christ
12. Glorification – The Eternal Transformation
13. Total Summation – Soteriology is ALL about the SAVIOR

**Soteriology-**

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**WEEKLY PLAN**

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| **Weeks** | **Reading** | **Topic** | **Homework** | **Exams** |
| June 27, 2023  1st WEEK | Syllabus  Class Outline  Power Point | **Introduction**  What is Soteriology?  Definition of Salvation  Questions: What, How, and Who | Review Power point and define the Keywords | **5 points** |
| July 4, 2023  Independence Day  2nd WEEK |  | NO Class !! |  |  |
| July 11, 2023  3rd WEEK | Power Point  Outline | **Three Phases of Salvation:** Past  Present  Future | Review Class notes  Write 10 points on what you have learned so far.  **(1-3 lines statements)** | **Due**  **July 18th**  **10 pts** |
| July 18, 2023  4th WEEK | Power Point  Outline | **The Nature of Salvation as the Work of God**  Atonement  Foreknowledge  The Calling | Review Class notes  Power Point  Reading: **The Will of God**  By R. C. Sproul |  |
| July 25, 2023  5th WEEK | Power Point  Outline | **As a Finished Work**  Being born again  Our standing before God.  A Daily Process  Total Empowerment | Study and take midterm exam, | **Midterm Due:**  **Aug. 1st**  **60 pts** |
| August 1, 2023  6th WEEK | Power Point  Outline | **Paul’s plan of salvation for the Believer**  **Union with Christ** | **How would you explain the difference between “saving” faith and “working” faith.**  **(Back up with scripture)** | **Due**  **Aug 8th**  **10 pts** |
| August 8- August 15  7th WEEK & 8 WEEK |  | **Continue:**  **Union with Christ.**  **Glorification**  **Soteriology is All about the Savior** | Review Power Points, class notes and additional ready for Final exam | **Final Exam due**  **August 23rd**  **75 pts** |

**Purpose of this Course**

The purpose of this course is to have a soul-changing and life-changing experience. The more we understand the true nature of God’s gift of salvation, the more we will be able to walk through this life with hope, peace, and security in Jesus.

God’s purpose in saving men has always been so that we will not die in bondage. He wants to redeem us with his great love, show us His grace, and bring us all to know Him. In return, we get to enjoy the freedom His presence brings, following Him through this life and into eternity.

**Educational Methods**

* Class lecture
* Question and answers
* Sharing of experiences
* Prayer
* Reading assignments
* Study scriptures
* Written assignment

**Evaluation and Grading**

1. Attendance and Class participation ----------------------------------------------- 5 pts
2. Mandatory Chapel ------------------------------------------------------------------ 5pts
3. Complete all homework given in LMS ------------------------------------------- 25 pts
4. Midterm ---------- ------------------------------------------------------------------ 60 pt
5. Final Exam ------------------------------------------------------------------------- 75pts

Total 170 pts

**Grading Scale**

153 – 170 = A

136 – 152= B

119 – 135 = C

102 – 118 = D

**Attendance Policy**

1. Arrive to class on time. Tardy means arriving after class has started.
2. Please follow all class rules as instructed.
3. Cameras on in all sessions
4. Total absences – two per quarter, maximum
5. Please notify the instructor if you are going to be absent

**Textbooks/ Suggested Readings**

The Bible (NKJV) but you may use the translation you have.

Murray, John. Redemption Accomplished and Applied. Grand Rapids Michigan: Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1955

Morris, Leon. The Atonement. Leicester, England: Inter-Varsity Press. 1983

**Note: all test quotes will come from the New King James Version**

**A Personal Note from Your Instructors**

Total Worship Virtual Academy: Three Academies under one umbrella; Bible, Worship and Prophetic has blessed many individuals from around the globe. Our God is AWESOME and AMAZING. So, as we journey through the next eight weeks, it my prayer that God will illuminate your hearts and minds to receive the richness of His word; and as Paul prayed for the Church at Ephesus:

**“that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love,may be able to comprehend with all the saints what *is* the width and length and depth and height— to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.” (Ephesian 3:14-19)**