

THE251 Theological Foundations Wk 5 Assignments

Weekly Objectives

- Formulate a survey understanding of the Biblical teaching on the nature of Jesus and His work, Christian salvation and life, the Holy Spirit, the nature and mission of the church, and the final consummation of God's work in this world.
- Demonstrate a commitment to reject false lifestyles and to conform their thoughts, affections and actions to God's unique design for them as individuals and God's corporate design for all of human society.

Weekly Outcomes

Cognitive Outcomes

- Articulate a survey understanding of the Biblical teaching on the nature and work of Jesus Christ
- Articulate a survey understanding of the Biblical teaching on Salvation and subsequent Christian living
- Articulate a survey understanding of the Biblical teaching on the nature and work of God's Holy Spirit
- Articulate a survey understanding of the Biblical teaching on the nature and mission of the Church
- Articulate a survey understanding of the Biblical teaching on the coming final consummation of God's work in this world.

Affective Outcomes

- Acknowledge a commitment to conform their life to be conformed to the image of Jesus and pursue His mission
- Acknowledge a commitment to conform their life to the possibility and reality of their own salvation and ongoing sanctification
- Acknowledge a commitment to conform their life to God's ongoing presence and empowerment in their life via His Holy Spirit
- Acknowledge a commitment to conform their life to being a part of God's people in community and on mission
- Acknowledge a commitment to live appropriately and expectantly in light of the eternal destiny of individuals and the coming consummation of God's plan.

Devotional

Scripture Revelation 4:1-5:14

In these two chapters, we are given a sneak peek into God's throne room. And there we see unceasing worship. Not only are the activities of worship described, but we are also

given a few samples of the content of the worship of heaven. In the fourth chapter, the content of worship focuses on the greatness, holiness and glory of God Himself and Deity and creator. This content roughly corresponds to the theological categories covered in week four of this class.

In chapter five, the content of the worship shifts to the greatness and grace of the lamb based on His work of redeeming a people for Himself through His atoning sacrifice. This content roughly corresponds to the theological categories which will be covered in this week.

In each case, it is hoped that you will follow the example seen in Revelation by making your theological work result in doxology. Please prayerfully consider how you can intentionally complete your theological work, not only by bringing it to application in your life and ministry, but also by bowing your heart in worship to our living God. How is God greater in your esteem as a result of what you have been studying? In what ways can you love Him more and express that love more appropriately? How can your theological thinking aid in this goal?

If our theological investigation does not warm our heart with greater esteem and gratitude for our Savior, then we are not yet doing theology well. May the Lord open our eyes to His greatness and empower our heart to respond to Him as we study this week.

Introduction

Hi everyone and welcome back to week five!

This week will be very similar in activities to the previous week. The major difference is the topics which will be studied. We will look in more depth at each of these major theological categories and give you the opportunity to explore further those topics that interest you the most. You will continue to fill in your mental framework. Wherever you start from in each category, ideally your knowledge will grow both in depth and in clarity, and you will be well prepared to go far beyond this class in your understanding.

Preparation

Choose and read 1 chapter from Grudem chs. 14-34

Read the chapter summaries posted by cohort members.

Watch 6 Course Videos

“Survey: Christology” at www.bradcopp.com/THE251/Christology.php

“Survey: Soteriology – Objective Aspects” at

www.bradcopp.com/THE251/Soteriology1.php

“Survey: Soteriology – Subjective Aspects” at

www.bradcopp.com/THE251/Soteriology2.php

“Survey: Pneumatology” at www.bradcopp.com/THE251/Pneumatology.php

“Survey: Ecclesiology” at www.bradcopp.com/THE251/Ecclesiology.php

“Survey: Eschatology” at www.bradcopp.com/THE251/Eschatology.php

Research application contexts relevant to your term project question

Assignments

1. Summary of Textbook reading discussion

- This activity will help you to explore a theological topic of your choice in more depth. You will choose one chapter from this week's material in the Grudem textbook and think through the appropriate applications for your life and ministry. Ideally, you will understand the material and communicate its significance for the benefit of other students in your cohort. And you will share the benefit of understanding gained from other students.

- Read one chapter from the Grudem textbook chs. 14-34. Write a summary of the chapter for discussion, ensuring that the following points are covered.
 - A detailed description of the content of the chapter
 - Your personal reaction to the material.
 - The manner in which this content can be applied in your life and ministry.
 - An interaction with the summary contributions from other students, adding any appropriate application of their content from your life and ministry.

2. Exam on Course Material

- This activity will help you to have a survey level understanding of the course material covered in this week's videos. Ideally, you will demonstrate a conceptual grasp of basic concepts and an ability to apply the general ideas covered in each theological subtopic.

- Write an objective and essay exam covering the theology subtopics covered in this week's material.

3. Term Project Part 5 – Application Paper

- This activity will complete the project that has spanned all five weeks of this course. For this week's activity, you will follow the parts of your personal process for theological investigation, which you wrote in week to, that apply to the application of theological material to all areas of life. This project helps you to learn theology by actually engaging in the work of bringing the theological answer to your chosen question to application in real life. Ideally, you will use skills and approaches you are learning to demonstrate the relevance and impact of the theological truth to its suitable application contexts. Ideally, you will demonstrate understanding of your chosen topic by connecting it with genuine application scenarios in a manner that appropriately flows from the theological answer and the Biblical material.

- Make a mental inventory of all the contexts that are a part of your life. What relationships do you have (e.g. family, friends, co-workers, etc.)? What roles do you fill (e.g. sister/brother, child, spouse, student, lawyer, bus-driver, etc.)? What

are the general categories of activity that fills your days (e.g. school, work, church, social life, etc.)? You should interact with the Jamieson categories, but personalize it to the specifics of your life and ministry.

- Think through how the answer to your question applies according to the fourfold scheme of 1) doctrine-positive (what should be believed) 2) doctrine-negative (what should not be believed) 3) life-positive (what should be done) and 4) life-negative (what should not be done).

- Write a 3-5-page paper describing how the answer to your question applies to all the relevant application contexts. Ensure that the following points are covered:
 - Describe the relevant application contexts.
 - Describe how your theological answer applies to each context, using the fourfold scheme.
 - Describe how each application context would change if your theological answer were faithfully applied.