

THS201 Final Exam Study Guide

The exam is on Friday, Dec 20th at 8:00 am in the usual classroom.

The Final Exam will begin promptly at 8:00 and end promptly at 11:20

For the Final:

Please bring your own pen or pencil. I will provide the exam paper.

The exam will also be available on Populi. Bring your laptop if you choose this option.

You may (should) bring an *unmarked* Bible. This means a Bible without your own notations and without editors notes (i.e. no study Bibles). The exam will be open Bible.

Course Material-

- 1. The Final will cover all of the material from the entire term.**
- 2. The Final will also cover the material from the course textbooks.**
- 3. The Final may contain True/False, Multiple Choice, Matching, Fill in the blank, and Essay.**
- 4. The Final will concentrate mostly on the general ideas (big picture stuff) for each of the sections covered. However, there will be a few questions that delve into more detail (to separate the A's from the B's). Therefore, you should study from general to specific.**
- 5. The Final may include, but not be limited to the following topics:**
 - A. Definition and nature of theology and the theological task
 - B. The necessity of theology
 - C. Epistemology – its definition and comparing Christian epistemology with alternatives
 - D. The procedure and process of doing theology
 - E. Different approaches to theology and the challenge of contemporizing in a postmodern culture
 - F. General and special revelation
 - G. Inspiration, inerrancy and authority of the Bible
 - H. God's attributes: their classification, their nature, Scriptural evidence and relation to one another and to humanity
 - I. The Trinity – the Scriptural evidence, alternative explanations and the significance of this doctrine
 - J. God's plan, providence and interaction with creation and human actions
 - K. God's act of creation – the Biblical evidence and its relationship to alternate explanations of origins
 - L. The problem of evil – the nature of the problem, the Biblical evidence and possible solutions (their strengths and weaknesses)
 - M. Knowing about God and knowing God – how they are different and how they are related, how to know God
 - N. The characteristics of God as described by Packer, and the application of these truths to life
 - O. The great watershed in the Evangelical world – what it is and how one side leads to the Great Evangelical Disaster
 - P. How to “practice truth”, how to be “radicals for truth”, and how to show “the mark of the Christian”

6. Essay Questions: The exam will contain longer essay questions. You may be asked to write in depth on one or more of the following questions.

- A. What is theology? Why is theology necessary? How does one “Know God”?
- B. What is the process of doing responsible theology? Give Scriptural teaching and apply it to life and ministry.
- C. What is the difference between knowing God and knowing about God? What is the point of this distinction? How does one do both?
- D. What is epistemology? Describe a Christian epistemology giving Scriptural teaching and application to theology.
- E. What is the Great Evangelical Disaster? What is the watershed issue that divides the two options? What is it about this issue that causes things which seem to start so close together to end up miles apart? What difference does it make? Justify your answer with Scriptural evidence.
- F. What is postmodernism? What is its impact on theology? How should a Christian respond? Back up your answer with Scriptural teaching.
- G. What is general revelation? What is the Scriptural evidence on general revelation? How does this doctrine apply today?
- H. What is special revelation? What is the Scriptural evidence about special revelation? How does this doctrine apply today?
- I. What is the Scriptural teaching on Biblical Inspiration? What difference does it make for life and ministry?
- J. What is the Scriptural teaching on Biblical Inerrancy and authority? What difference does it make for life and ministry?
- K. What are the Divine Names? What does each tell us about God? What difference does this make?
- L. Define God’s Holiness? How does God’s holiness relate to God’s attributes? How does this apply to our lives?
- M. Define “immanence” and “transcendence” as they apply to God? What is the Scriptural evidence for each? How should this truth change our lives?
- N. What are God’s Absolute attributes? What is the Scriptural evidence for each? What difference does it make?
- O. What are God’s Relational attributes? What is the Scriptural evidence for each? What difference does it make?
- P. How is the Scriptural teaching about God’s wisdom and grace different from typical modern teaching? What difference does it make if we have the correct understanding in these areas?
- Q. What are God’s Moral attributes? What is the Scriptural evidence for each? What difference does it make?
- R. What is meant by God’s plan and God’s providence? How are these two related? How are they related to God’s attributes? What is the Biblical evidence for each? How should we apply these truths?
- S. What is the Trinity? What is the Biblical evidence for the Trinity? How does the doctrine of Trinity apply to the average Christian life?
- T. What does the Bible teach about creation? How does this compare with alternate explanations of origins? How does this apply to life and ministry?
- U. What is the problem of evil? What is the Scriptural teaching that addresses this question? What is the Scriptural conclusion to this issue? How should this be applied to life?