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## STUDYING THE CHRIST ✠ CHRISTOLOGY & EPISTEMOLOGICAL IMPLICATIONS

SYS 502 – Behavioral Objectives

TO COMPLETE THE SYS 502 FINAL EXAM SUCCESSFULLY, YOU WILL NEED TO...

1. Identify the proper name and title of the central character of Christianity. Make sure you distinguish between titles and names by the proper use of articles.
2. List the two key basic prophetic streams concerning the events before the LORD's Second Coming.
3. List the seven multiple elements in the New Testament version of the [Atonement](#) and identify a Scripture from the New Testament which illustrates/documents said element. For example, identify a Scriptural reference to the Resurrection, one of these seven elements of Atonement.
4. Name the four Hebrew Scripture offices fulfilled in the life of the Christ when on earth; i.e., name the title of the gospel and the office exemplified. For example, the gospel of Matthew supported/illustrated the \_\_\_\_\_ title of the Christ.
5. Name the two major aspects of the person of Jesus the Christ (see Philippians 2:6-8 and [an analysis of the Κενοσις \("kenosis"\) problem](#)).
6. Match the correct theological term with the following ideas:

A. A simple being without beginning or end	F. The atoning sacrifice for that which separates us from Deity ("sins")
B. Does not change	G. Before Abraham was, I AM
C. Reconciliation	H. To cover or appease
D. The Christ is honored in heaven	I. All-powerful
E. Omniscience	J. Jesus departs the earth visibly
7. Delineate and list the three parts of the physical nature of Jesus the Christ.
8. List at least four "sinless infirmities" of Yeshua the Christ when He was on earth. For example, He bled, and no you can't use "bled."
9. What "sin"<sup>1</sup> (i.e., that which separates us from Deity) happens if Jesus the Christ is not Deity.
10. Provide a summary of atonement found in Paul's 2<sup>nd</sup> letter to the Corinthians (1 Corinthians 15:3-4).
11. According to Leviticus 22:21, all sacrifices for "sin" had to be perfect to be accepted. There were two specific conditions in the Hebrew Scriptures. Identify them and give the reference for each one.

<sup>1</sup>Sin is anything that separates us from the Lord our God. Ironically, "sin" is its own consequence. It is simultaneously cause and effect; i.e., it is cauffective. God wants His creation close—any parent understands the need for closeness. But, the Lord God knows imperfection will create chasms of relational angst. We have trouble loving the child who abhors us, who ignores us, who denies our existence. Trinity made us in Their image if for no other reason than we would understand Deity's angst when we worship "another." Or, when we murder someone. Or, when we commit adultery.

## JUST WHAT IS SYS 502

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This 3 hour graduate course is focused on the nature and work of Jesus the Christ, primarily His human and divine natures and their relationship. With this emphasis, the course focuses on Jesus' humanity, His deity and who He truly is as both human and God and the doctrine of the Christ and its impact on the church. This course will further examine the Hebrew Scriptures history, typology and prophecy of the Christ and the fulfillment in His life in the New Testament.

### CLASS TEXTS

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Although other reading assignments will be made as requested and needed, these two textbooks will serve as the core of SYS 502 –

- ℵ Maachia, Frank D. Jesus the Spirit Baptizer – Christology in Light of Pentecost. William & Eerdmans Publishing, Grand Rapids, Michigan, 2018. ISBN: 0802879790 (WW879790 – both hard copy and eBook available)
- ℵ Walvoord, John F. Jesus Christ Our Lord. Chicago, Moody Publishers, 1969. ISBN: 0802443265 (WW43265 – both hard copy and eBook available).
- ℵ Key Website for Accessing Additional Readings: <https://DThomasPorter.com/BibleStudies/SYS502>

### COURSE REQUIREMENTS

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- A. Read all textbooks and required reading to meet the minimum 675-page reading requirement and submit a signed affidavit concerning the completion of this requirement (to be provided).
- B. Attendance in all classes is required; the final exam is posed on the last class will be given then unless previous arrangements have been made with me.
- C. Complete a high-quality research paper that reflects the content of the textbooks as well as incorporating any insights from the reading assignment and may focus on a major topic of your choice on the course subject. The paper needs to be submitted one 168 hours (1 week) after the last class session (lateness will cause a grade deduction).
  - 1. Paper must be a minimum of ten (10) content pages in length, not including the title page and bibliography.
  - 2. Grammar, spelling, composition, neatness of presentation and depth of research are considered points of importance.
  - 3. Paper must be one-sided, double-spaced and no larger than 11 or 12pt Times New Roman font on a computer; 1 inch top & bottom, left & right margins.
  - 4. Suggested topics that could be used are:
    - a. Evidence of the Historical Jesus and His Resurrection
    - b. Announcing the Kingdom of God
    - c. For This Cause Jesus was Born
    - d. Fully God and Fully Man
    - e. The Relevance of Jesus Today
    - f. In All Points Such As We Are
    - g. Christ in Eternity Past
    - h. Critical Problems in Studying the Christ (e.g., cultural influences, evidence of His resurrection, or His requirement for absolute faithfulness, etc.).
- D. Because this is a Master's level program of study, the student is expected to demonstrate a high level of insight and creativity in their work. Professionalism and original thought is highly desirable. Generic and vague papers will not be accepted. Expectations of the Master's student are greater than those of the undergraduate student.