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SOTERIOLOGY & PNEUMATOLOGY ☞ THEOLOGICAL & EPISTEMOLOGICAL IMPLICATIONS

SYS 504 – Behavioral Objectives

TO COMPLETE SYS 504 SUCCESSFULLY YOU WILL NEED TO...

1. Identify Who is studied in Pneumatology and how the dual nature of His work works.
2. Be able to list and/or define in normal, readable English these foundational concepts of Soteriology; to wit:
 - a. Vicarious
 - b. Atonement
 - c. Propitiation
 - d. Reconciliation
 - e. Redemption (also “ransom”)
3. Be able to list the three-fold nature of repentance.
4. Be able to identify the gap between hamartiology and theology.
5. Be able to define in normal, readable English these important features of Holy Spirit:
 - a. Personality
 - b. Deity
 - c. Distinctive works
 - d. Gifts
6. Be able to list and/or identify the two aspects of the doctrine of soteriology.
7. Be able to list and/or identify the three characteristics of the reality of the resurrection.
8. Be able to list and/or identify three results of repentance.
9. Be able to list and/or identify the three ingredients which provide the foundation for soteriology.
 - a. Death of the Christ when on earth as Jesus of Nazareth.
 - b. The resurrection of the Christ.
 - c. The Christ’s ascension(s) and exaltation (aka “glorification”).
10. Be able to list and/or define the five characteristics of Holy Spirit’s work; to wit,
 - a. His creative force in the beginning.
 - b. His calling and equipping people for service.
 - c. His work within individuals and humanity.
 - d. His work within and in believers.
 - e. His gifts to believers.
11. Be able to describe these three schools of thought regarding “lapses of grace;” i.e., how humankind is saved:
 - a. Calvinism
 - b. Arminianism
 - c. Porterism (see DiggingDeeper.Life/content/WhatMustIDoToBeSavedOnline.pdf)
12. Be able to list and/or describe at least three of these provisions of salvation:

a. Faith	d. Sanctification
b. Justification	e. Assurance
c. Regeneration	f. Security

JUST WHAT IS SYS 504

This 3 hour graduate course focuses on the nature and work of Jesus the Christ, the Father, and Holy Spirit as they function to design, define, and deliver soteriological significance to sentient human beings. Accordingly, SYS 504 is an in-depth study of salvation doctrine through the Christ. SYS 504 also studies *Paraclayton* (Παράκλητον; aka “Holy Spirit,” who like the Christ, is also a member of Trinity). Our study will help you to understand salvation from a Biblical perspective, beyond tradition, and consider the gifts and fruits of Holy Spirit with emphasis on how He works today.

CLASS TEXTS

Although other reading assignments will be made as requested and needed, these textbooks & readings will serve as the core of SYS 504—

- ℵ Grudem, Wayne. *Making Sense of Salvation*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 1994.
[ISBN: 0310493153](#) (WW493150 – both hard copy and eBook available)
- ℵ Horton, Stanley M. *What the Bible Says About the [sic] Holy Spirit*.
[ISBN: 0882433598](#) (WW433592 – both hard copy and eBook available)
- ℵ Porter, D. Thomas. *Just What Does Save Us: Our Faith or Our “Works?”* D. Thomas Porter Bible Studies, Tampa, FL, 2023. [Available here online](#).

Some Additional Sources You Will Find Useful

- ℵ Our Website for Accessing Additional Readings: DThomasPorter.com/BibleStudies/SYS504
- ℵ Chafer, Lewis Sperry. *Salvation: God’s Marvelous Work of Grace*. 2004 (originally published in 1917).
[ISBN: 0825423481](#) (WW423481 – both hard copy and eBook available)
- ℵ Theselton, Anthony C. *A Shorter Guide to the Holy Spirit*. Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co. 2016.
[ISBN: 0802873499](#) (both hard copy and eBook available)

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

- 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. 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.
- D. 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. The Work of Holy Spirit
 - b. Holy Spirit's Role in Salvation
 - c. Salvation: A Finished, or Continuing Work?
 - d. How Holy Spirit Anoints Believers
 - e. How Holy Spirit Guides Unbelievers
 - f. What Does it Mean to be "Called to Be Holy?"
 - g. Just What Does Save Us: Our Faith or Our "Works?" That is, a critique of the assigned reading with that title.
 - h. Differences in Traditional Views of Salvation (and/or Holy Spirit)
 - i. The Need for Power in the Christian Life