

The Doctrine Course

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Course Purpose

Doctrine fuels our delight in God. It does so by clarifying who God is and what he is up to with the world. Doctrine also upholds us when things are dire. Good, biblical doctrine unearths “the unsearchable riches of Christ” (Eph 3:8) so we can spend them on life with God. When biblical doctrine is studied and believed, it is transformational, devotional, and practical.

This course will expose you to key doctrines of the Christian faith (e.g., Theology Proper, Christology, Pneumatology). Through study, discussion, the key project, and the Spirit’s power, this course will deepen your understanding of the faith and increase your awe over our triune God.

Course Expectations

In order to get the most out of this class, we ask that you:

- Attend 90% of the classes & complete the exercises
- Participate in group discussions & Complete the key project

The final step in learning is to share what you are learning with someone outside the class, e.g. discipleship group, home group, family devo.

Books

Required: Jonathan Dodson, *Doctrine*

Recommended: John Frame, *Concise Systematic Theology*; Dodson, *Here in Spirit*

Course Overview:

1/30: Orientation & Sound Doctrine

- Dodson, ch. 1 & do exercises.

2/6: The Trinity

- Dodson, ch. 2 & do exercises. *Optional*: Frame, ch. 3.

2/13: Theology Proper: Immensity

- Dodson, ch. 3 & do exercises. *Optional*: Frame, ch. 2.

2/20: Theology Proper: Sovereignty

- Dodson, ch. 4 & do exercises. *Optional*: Frame, ch. 1.

2/27: Christology

- Dodson, ch. 5 & do exercises. *Optional*: Frame, ch. 10.

3/6: Pneumatology

- Dodson, ch. 6 & do exercises. *Optional*: Frame, ch. 12-13.
- Turn in *Key Project*

3/13: Eschatology

- Dodson, ch. 7 & exercises. *Optional*: Frame, 22.